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SPLENDID STAMP PRICES

New Issues From Various Countries As Seen In Recent Weeks

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The value of rare postage stamps is an ever increasing quantity. Year by year the standard of condition set by philatelists becomes more and more exacting, until little short of perfection will satisfy the present-day connoisseur of stamps. As a result, specimens that once were accepted as average copies are now rejected, so that the always inadequate supply of philatelic treasures is still further curtailed.

To the greater discrimination of more advanced philatelists is directly attributable the steady upward trend of stamp values that has manifested itself of recent years. The majority of modern philatelists treat their collections as a form of investment, and to this end devote themselves specially to collecting immaculate and unique stamps. Thus it comes about that exceptional copies of quite ordinary stamps, such as the first issue U.S.A., and more especially unsevered pairs and blocks of imperforate stamps, frequently command figures that are out of all proportion to the current market quotations for the normal stamp. Some remarkable prices have been realized recently at London stamp auctions by unusually fine copies and exceptional "pieces" of scarce stamps.

OLD COLONIAL STAMPS.

The sale of the so-called "Mayfair" find of early Colonial and other stamps, in entire or part sheets (Post Office), the property of Lady Naylor-Leyland, was a big event in the philatelic world. While some excellent prices were obtained, it was obvious that many of the items offered were too unwieldy to attract the ordinary collector, for whom compactness and portability are two of the hobby's chief charms. The fact that in some instances the sheets had remained folded up for many years, further detracted from their value in the eyes of "condition cranks." Nevertheless a complete sheet of the 2½d British Columbia 1861 (240 stamps) sold for £750, or just under "full catalogue," and another of the ½d lilac Ceylon 1858, slightly damaged, for £650. A sheet of the first 1d stamp of Grenada in perfect condition fetched £115, but two similar sheets, creased and with only part gum, were knocked down for £70 and £75 respectively.

An almost complete sheet of the 1d orange-vermilion stamp of Queensland, 1862, realized £450 (about two-thirds "catalogue"), while 104 stamps from a lower half-sheet of the 2d blue sold for £325, two of the rows being imperforate between. One of the best prices of the sale was £80 for a mint block of 12 of the 4d pale blue Western Australia, 1854, which included two rare varieties of transfer.

"RECORD" PRICES.

At another London auction room a collection of British Colonial stamps of the Victorian and Edwardian eras, in mint blocks of four, made extremely good prices, establishing a "record" in the case of the Gibraltar "value omitted" error, 1889, the mint block of which realized £225 under the hammer (the catalogue value of a single copy being only £38). Among the modern rarities offered at a third sale, a £25 stamp of Northern Nigeria, mint (unquoted in catalogue), sold for £130, and the 10s Malta (C.A. wmk.) achieved a new "record" at £26 10s.

All this goes to show that the day is past when fine copies of good stamps could be picked up at a considerable discount off catalogue quotations, and that in philately, as in other branches of collecting, the exceptional piece demands an exceptional price.

A special issue of postage stamps has been prepared by the New Zealand Government in connexion with the South Seas Exhibition, which was opened at Dunedin this month. The design includes a general view of the exhibition, and is the work of Mr. H. Lindley Richardson, R.B.A., the artist responsible for the present general series of the Dominion. It is understood that there are three values only in the exhibition set—viz., ½d, 1d, and 4d. This is in accordance with precedent, similar stamp issues having been made in connexion with the exhibitions held at Christchurch in 1906 and Auckland in 1913.

NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION SET

Wilcox, Smith & Co. favor us with a set of the New Zealand exhibition stamps which have just appeared. There are three values, all in the same design, ½d yellow green, 1d carmine

and 4d purple. The inscription "New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition 1925-26" indicates the purpose which the set serves. The Exhibition was opened by the Governor on Tuesday, November 17.

Norway

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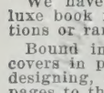

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A very effective study of native cattle grazing, by the Belgian artist Gusto Leys, adorns a new 60 centimes postage stamp of the Belgian Congo, issued to meet a revised postal rate. This stamp has also been overprinted for use in the mandatory provinces of Ruanda and Urundi.

The Territory of Transjordan has just been provided with another long series of stamps, printed in London from the plates of the obsolete series of the E.E.F. post offices, but bearing the distinguishing imprint "Sharq al ardan" in black Arabic characters.

FAMOUS CANADIAN STATESMEN.

Famous Canadian statesmen who are to be portrayed upon the impending series of historical stamps of the Dominion include Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir J. A. Macdonald, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Baldwin, and Lafontaine.

There is prospect of an avalanche of Christmas charity stamps this year. Besides the annual issues from Switzerland and Holland, we are promised child-welfare stamps from both Austria and Germany, while Belgium has in contemplation a charity series in aid of the anti-tuberculosis campaign. The new year is to see the advent of an extraordinary Italian stamp issue in commemoration of the seventh centenary of St. Francis of Assisi.

A very remarkable series of stamps is about to be issued by the Government of Bolivia with the avowed object of obtaining funds for the restoration of the ruins of the ancient Inca temple of the Sun at Tihuanaca. They have been printed in Germany and reproduce the bas-reliefs that are traced upon these celebrated megalithic remains.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

BELGIAN CONGO

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N. Z. ON LITH. WMK. PAPER

A valued correspondent sends us the following information in regard to the New Zealand stamps that have appeared on the new lithographed watermarked paper. He advises us that it is from a New Zealand exchange, which does not enable us to give proper credit. The paper may be the *New Zealand Stamp Collector* or the *Australian Stamp Journal.* Here is the clipping:

The ½d and 1d dues of New Zealand have appeared on the curious lithographed watermarked paper, and these complete the list of this issue. All are very scarce and will be rare.

The paper with lithographed watermark was used as a last resort when all the other suitable paper had been exhausted. Although unsurfaced, it was what is known as imitation art paper, and was supplied from stock by the Government Printer. In order to minimise the possibility of forgery, the Stamp Department instructed the printer to print a watermark on the paper. Trial sheets were submitted with the watermark lithographed, and this method was approved. The Government Printer used a lithograph varnish and, as his instructions, stipulated that the watermark should be clearly visible, it was necessary to add colour to the varnish. Owing to the difficulty of satisfactorily colouring the varnish, it was found impossible to maintain a uniform shade and hence the lithographed watermark is found ranging in shade from pale grey to blue.

A few sheets of the 1d Dominion were issued with the lithographed watermark almost black, but these are very scarce. Although it has been stated that the 3d George was printed with the lithographed watermark, this is incorrect. The only stamps printed on this paper were the ½d and 2d George, the 1d Dominion, and the ½d and 2d postage dues. A small quantity of the 1d Dominion was overprinted OFFICIAL.

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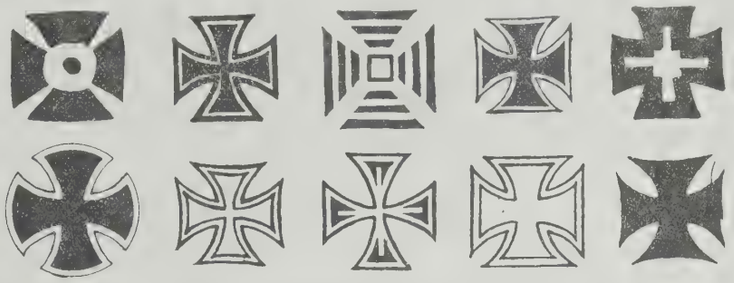

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This type of Cross was probably in use prior to 1861, tho none have been received, and many are perhaps seen on issues later than the Columbians, yet they are common by this time, and on stamps from 1890 on, the designs shown will be in general the prettiest and least common ones only. They appear on many denominations, the 15c American being the biggest value seen.

Crosses come frequently on Departments, also on Postage Due stamps. A 3c Agriculture with cross gives a beautiful color combination of purple and gold. The magenta N. Y. cross with thin pointed ends is a great attraction on one of those Due Stamps, which as a rule are hurried by in any collection.

These designs are from the cancellation collection of Mr. Rogers, and if you may have sent in similar copies, you are not alone in this respect, as they have arrived from all parts of this country—far too numerous to attempt quoting denominations, and issues, and owners.

Some readers will file these groups consecutively, together with the text; others will cut the illustrations from the WEEKLY, and file as they see fit; some will cut them apart and "mount" the cancel as shown along with copies of their stamps bearing the cancel in question. Some will throw their whole paper away—take your choice. A page with a printed illustration of the Kicking Mule, some examples on stamps, and the brief write-up as taken from some philatelic magazine or paper makes an interesting page, with your data right where you can find it.

Please do not frown on our first showing, they are merely to start something, and really Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 8 are not plentiful. Oh, yes, you will see some pretty and unusual cancels before very long. My idea is to have you look this whole layout over critically, then make any helpful suggestions which you think might benefit their presentation for the Forum readers. Is anything omitted? The rarer cancellations will, of course, be handled individually, giving color of cancel, town that used it if possible, denominations, owner, and brief history if known.

Proofs of the first twenty groups are before me, on glancing thro them I can see a number of cancels where the town which used them is unknown. Others are of such unusual design that they must have a meaning not generally understood. You may be called on frequently for the data on some of these unusual cancels, your answers will be printed a couple of weeks from the time received, and can be added to the cancel at your leisure.

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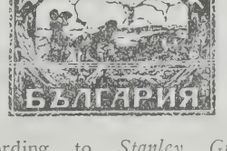

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These changes have sometimes been attributed to me but I must protest any such responsibility. I did not attain to the dignity of editorial work on the catalogue until some years later. In deference to the opinions of collectors of experience and standing, I accepted these semi-official carrier stamps and listed them in my work on United States stamps. But I must confess that, with later consideration of the stamps and profiting by the investigations of Mr. Henry C. Needham and other students, I am today inclined to the opinion that many of them were more correctly placed when they were listed among the local stamps, i.e., as private and not as government issues. It is true that the stamps were issued by men who were employed as United States letter carriers and that they were used on letters to and from the post office. But these stamps were ordered by the carriers, who paid for the printing, sold the stamps and retained the money received for them. The government had nothing to do with the stamps beyond permitting them to be used. In the same way many other local posts were "feeders" of the post office and their stamps have an equal claim to recognition as semi-official carriers.

In old albums that provided spaces for local stamps and in the cheap packets of these stamps which were freely sold for many years, we find a great number of counterfeits, usually including a set of the Charleston carrier stamps of the catalogue types C 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18. They are printed on stout bluish paper, of the same shade for all, whereas the paper of the genuine stamps varies in shade and thickness. The Kingman stamp (type C16) is also printed on green paper but from a setting which differs slightly from that used for the counterfeits on the bluish paper. These counterfeits can be traced a long way back. Records in the collection of Mr. Needham show that they originated with George A. Hussey, founder of Hussey's Post and a dealer in stamps, especially those of the local posts. He was an enterprising individual who endeavored to meet the wants of collectors. He had a large stock, mostly of remainders and reprints. When voids could not be filled otherwise he did not hesitate to have counterfeits made. He also sold duplicates of his dies to dealers and publishers. One or two seem to have used these dies to print imitation stamps. Others employed them merely to illustrate their publications, to which, of course, there can be no objection, since the intention was merely to assist collectors to place any stamps which they might have. These illustrations are to be found in many old catalogues and publications and some of the cuts are in use today.

Collectors who are interested in the United States carrier stamps will probably be surprised to find that the 1926 edition of our catalogue does not list certain of the Charleston carrier stamps which have, for many years, been included among the semi-official issues. There were two reasons for these omissions: First, the conclusion that some of them are not to be found on the paper (white) that has been assigned to them; Second, a lack of evidence that the others exist or have ever existed as genuine postal issues.

Before deciding on these omissions I have tried to find copies of the doubted stamps but have had no success. I have examined old catalogues and files of old philatelic journals in the endeavor to trace the listing of the stamps and their first appearance in philatelic literature. And I have had the invaluable assistance of such students and collectors as Messrs. H. C. Needham, Elliott Perry and A. N. Caspary, to whom I tender my thanks for their aid.

This may be an appropriate place to mention that, when gathering material for my book on United States stamps, I made extensive search for information about the semi-official carriers. I corresponded with leading collectors and everyone who could probably help me. When stamps were type-set, I borrowed every copy I could locate and had it photographed. Apparently I never saw certain of them, as I have no photographs. This suggests that they are either of extreme rarity or non-existent. The following stamps will not appear in our 1926 catalogue:

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With numbers 1827, 1830 and 1835 we have merely to consider the question of paper, which is claimed to be white in each instance. I have not been able to see these stamps myself or to find any collector who has seen any of them on paper which was really white. The general opinion is that any paper that purports to be white is merely the ordinary bluish paper—so generally in use at the period of issue of these stamps—from which the color has been discharged by sour gum, gases, dampness, etc. There seems to be no justification for including any of these stamps on white paper in the catalogue.

The other doubted stamps cannot be so readily dismissed. When seeking information about them, I naturally turned to old publications to see what "the fathers" had to say. I found practically nothing about the origin and history of the stamps, but they were included in all the early catalogues and in the reference lists given in handbooks and articles. The leading early publications that I consulted were:

"The Private Posts of the United States of America," by C. H. Coster, French edition, 1882.

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EDITORIAL.

WHILE an interesting review of the year now in the discard could be fashioned by the analyst or statistician, yet it seems a fruitless thing this year to hark back over the twelve-month, even though deductions of comforting kind would be the chief stock in trade of the historian. The year, 1926, monopolizes the thoughts of the forward-looking collectors and they in contemplation of the future have little time to dwell in the past. This year will be that of the great philatelic comet which will attract the eyes of philatelists all over the world and some of the stamp folks will travel many miles to witness it at first hand. The International Philatelic Exhibition at New York next October now begins "to be about to be" and from today there will be no idle moments for those who have the great enterprise directly in charge. The foundation for the world event has been laid and the place for the exhibition has been secured and is in keeping with the magnitude of the undertaking. It is now a theoretical project and it becomes incumbent on the managers to finance it to practical completion; and a scheme has been adopted through the working of which the hard cash will be gathered.

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WE quote from a letter received from Theodore E. Steinway, chairman of the ways and means committee who appointed the following committee, "whose duty it shall be to solicit funds necessary to finance the Exhibition." T. Charlton Henry, Philadelphia; Chas. K. B. Nevin, Boston; A. H. Caspary, New York; Col. E. H. H. Green, New York; J. Phillip Benkard, New York; Sidney P. Hessell, New York; C. E. Severn, Chicago, and A. H. Wilhelm, San Francisco. It is requested that this committee begin work at once. Mr. Steinway says: "According to the budget as it is at present, we will need between forty and fifty thousand dollars and it is suggested that we obtain donations and pledges to cover this amount. It is manifestly impossible for this committee, constituted as it is, to hold meetings, and I am wondering if perhaps the out-of-town gentlemen would not form sub-committees, which is entirely within their power and raise funds in their own locality so as to bring about the universality of interest and support." The stage is about set for the prosecution of the task of raising the money and it is anticipated that by a systematic canvass, the amount required will be forthcoming. In making an appeal for funds, the solicitor stands on firm ground and unless we greatly misunderstand the disposition of philatelists generally, they will put the Exhibition over the top in a financial way as an affirmation of their faith in the Exhibition itself and what it stands for.

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FEW drives have been attempted in philately's name and it would be unthinkable that the one about to be under way would not meet with a ready response. The loyal collector probably would resent the operation of any plan to ensure the success of the Exhibition by which he would not be called upon to do his bit and it will be a matter of pride with him to be represented in the momentous movement. Each philatelic benefactor will be the arbiter as to how much he will give but each will offer something. It has sometimes been complained that collectors do not always work with unified effort to accomplish measures for the improvement of their pursuit and we are hopeful that one of the fair results of the Exhibition will be to solidify philatelic sentiment and that its influence, in consequence, will have best expression, under the new order of things. The thinking philatelist not only considers the Exhibition, in itself, but he ponders over the effect that it will have; and it is a reasonable prediction that the Exhibition will strike away the remaining shackles that trammel the freest expression of our pursuit. It will show the world that stamp collecting has arrived and that its long period of probation in public estimation is over.

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A LONG letter has been received from Mr. Marchmont L. Dix of New York, who writes to protest against the tendency to belittle recent issues from South America on the score of "needlessness." He makes the statement that he is in touch with these issues and knows that by comparison with some of the issues from other parts of the world, they are worthy of the best collecting consideration. Mr. Dix does not say that he objects to any particular remarks that may have been made but he seems to resent the general tone. We are not aware that the issues that we have commented upon were treated harshly but only such news as was received from sources that were named was given. It is our opinion that collectors have the intelligence to arrive at their own conclusions, but that they are entitled to such information as is to be had. It is not good policy to take a stand antagonistic to any new issues, unless the facts of their origin are so flagrant that it becomes a duty to condemn them.

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IN its junior department, Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* speaks of the interest shown in inverted watermarks by correspondents who send in "something like a hundred letters a year asking why they are not listed." In a milder degree, our readers express themselves on the subject of such stamps and we take the following observations from our contemporary: "Sideways watermarks are usually much rarer than inverteds. It is much less likely that a sheet of paper will be put through the machine sideways than wrong end first, as in the former case, the dimensions are usually different and the mistake would be more readily observed. In sorting common stamps it is well worth while to look out for these watermark errors. They may not be catalogued, but the specialists want them and if they can be bought at the price of the normal variety one can hardly lose on them." When a collector finds something striking or out of the ordinary, it is advisable that he put it to one side as there is a possibility that in the course of time, some sort of development may make the specimen of value. One thing to be considered in connection with fancy or unplaced varieties is that the whirligig of time may give them an interest, as no one knows what a future trend will effect in this regard.

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WE are pleased to see that the private proprietary stamps of the U. S. of the Civil War period have gained a partizan, in the following letter that has come from a gentleman who is not unknown, by any means, in the larger field of literature and from whom we hear occasionally, much to our edification: "Having had occasion to examine the files of one of the daily newspapers covering the 'reconstruction period' I was much taken with the patent medicine advertisements that entered so largely into the advertising columns. In these days, such publicity is almost negligible in comparison with the volume that it once attained. If one wants an uncolored slant on human nature of that time, let him study these ads, which were aimed at the great mass of the American reading public. I have turned to my little lot of the proprietary revenue stamps with the determination of adding to them and I have no doubt that there will be a revival of interest in them by those who are appealed to by American traditions, as it were. The designs, legends and engraving of these stamps tell their story in a manner that must strike a responsive note in the breast of the collector who gives heed to the whispers of the past and its people."

AEROPHILOSEMY

That the above named branch of Philately is rapidly gaining in interest as well as numbers was asserted by Dr. Thatcher R. Kimball at the December meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society.

Dr. Kimball in a most interesting address told of the beginning of the air mail and of the many interesting flights that had been made; each cover as shown bringing out some different story from the last.

Some covers were without stamps, having only the postmarks to tell the story. He showed a cover that fell into the Atlantic when Harry Hawker made his attempt to fly across in 1919. A cover which made the trip later with Captain Alcock and Lieut. Brown was there, as well as one that travelled by airplane from England to Australia. Sir Ross Smith and his brother, Sir Kieth, were knighted for this feat.

Covers that have flown with the Shenandoah, others that were carried by the Los Angeles to Bermuda and Porto Rico, and that crossed the ocean from Germany aboard her when she was the ZR-3, as well as one which crossed the Atlantic on the British dirigible, the R-34. An unused copy of the 24 cent aeroplane stamp of this country with the aeroplane upside down was shown, as well as many of the first flight of the many United States routes.

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Bronson B. Tufts sends us a useful clipping from the London *Times* and also advises us that a nice stamp article appeared in the *New Republic* of recent date. It is entitled "What American Postage Stamps Reveal" and is written by M. M. Ellis.

The "Stamp Herald", published at Kitchener, Ont., Can., expresses its hearty appreciation of our reports of the Third Canadian Philatelic Exhibition. Special mention is made of the report sent in by Charles J. Phillips, of whom Mr. Johnson writes that he is perhaps "the greatest authority on B. N. A. stamps in America."

No. 7 of the "Stamp Hinge", published by the Fellowship Stamp Agency, 433 Rowell Bldg., Fresno, Calif., is interesting not only from the standpoint of the contents of the sheet, but because of the fact that it is mailed in a Clovis, Calif., postmarked envelope, and the postage is paid by a handsome Clovis precancel on the Harding 1½c.

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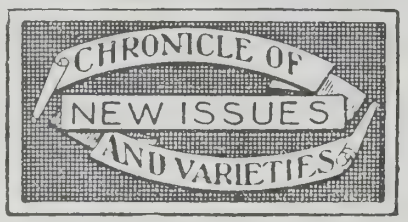

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United States.

17c Woodrow Wilson

As these notes are being written, four of the eight Wilson plates for the new 17c stamp have been completed, stamps have been printed and are ready to be placed on sale on Monday, December 28th, the anniversary of the birth of the late President.

These stamps will be available on the first day as mentioned in this column at Washington, D. C., New York, N. Y., Princeton, N. J., and Staunton, Va. There has been information spread around that the stamps would also be available at Columbia, S. C., but this is not the case. The list as originally furnished in this column was official and correct.

The Department had considered the advisability of placing them on sale at Columbia as a former home of the late President, but they finally decided that the four cities enumerated were the logical places for the stamps to appear.

1922, 1c Rotary Perf. 11

I have received numerous letters not only from collectors but from dealers as well relative to the 1922—1c rotary, perf. 11, which is listed but not priced by Scott as No. 594. There is hardly a want list coming in that does not ask for this stamp and other dealers have found requests for the variety numerous.

Several months back, in this column, we described the appearance of the variety, which was found at that time in used condition. Investigation in Washington proved that upward of a year earlier, imperforated coil waste of the current 1c stamp had been perforated 11 both ways and placed in the regular stock. The stamp had come and gone and been used up before we even learned of its appearance. The Agency received no supply and we do not even know as to what city used them, but supposedly New York or Chicago, where a good portion of the coil waste salvage has gone heretofore.

The variety is not known unused and a scout around among those who have as a rule put away current issues and blocks has failed to reveal the existence of a single mint copy.

The 2c stamp of the same issue is by no means common for the supply was not great and outside of the few distributed by the Agency, I doubt whether any of the others reached the hands of the collectors.

2c Black Harding

Mr. W. J. E. Wyllie submits for inspection the southwest pane of the 2c Harding perf. 11 from plate 14886, wherein the forty-sixth stamp shows a distinct vertical line passing through the back of the white collar. This is no doubt a heavy scratch on the plate and would probably be found on all other impressions from the same pane.

New Provisional Error Envelope

The Scott Stamp & Coin Company have shown me copies of the 2c green on amber, size 5, issue of 1887, with the single line overprint 1½c issued by the New York post office. About twenty-seven copies were found in with the regular stock.

The 1½c on 2c buff round circular type has also been located and about the same number were found. These along with the 1½c on 1½c and the 1½c on 2c on white are the only other error varieties that have come to my attention as yet.

RINCON CENTENARY.

5c rose recently issued with portrait of Gen. F. Rivera. Perf. 11, wmk. "Republica O del Uruguay."

CHARLESTON CARRIER STAMPS.

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not extend back of this date. It should be noted that in these publications all the Charleston carrier stamps were regarded as issues of local posts and none of them were listed as government or semi-official issues.

I find the Honour stamp type C9 listed and illustrated in all the above mentioned works. As no copy is known to collectors today, the inference is that it was confused by the early writers with the similar stamp of type C8. The latter is known on original cover but was not recorded anywhere until I listed it in my U. S. articles in the *American Journal of Philately* for March, 1899.

The Honour type C12 is also listed and illustrated in all the four publications to which I have referred. The illustrations are usually from the Hussey counterfeit. This stamp was probably confused with the genuine stamp of type C11. The latter is authenticated by copies on original covers. It is not mentioned by Coster, is described in the Scott article and in Moens' catalogue, and first illustrated in the Scott catalogue for 1894.

The Kingman stamp 2c black on green is mentioned by Coster and listed but not illustrated in the other three works. It is not known as an original, on cover or off. All copies that I have seen or heard of were the Hussey counterfeit. Some years ago I was offered a copy on a small "valentine" envelope. It was not cancelled, even with a pencil mark. As it agreed exactly with half a dozen of the Hussey counterfeits that I had, I could not accept this cover as proof that the stamp attached to it was genuine.

The Steinmeyer stamp of type C20 was not known to Coster. It was first recorded in the J. W. Scott article in the *A. J. P.* for February, 1889, and subsequently in the other publications. The only thing that I have been able to locate, that in any way resembles the illustration, is a poor counterfeit of it which was shown me by Mr. Needham. The design of C20 suggests an attempt to reproduce the design of the Charleston stamps with the borders of pearls. Probably someone decided that, since four of the Charleston carriers had stamps of this design, Steinmeyer must have used it also. Not finding such a stamp to copy (because none existed), he made an unsuccessful effort to imitate it.

I believe I have presented sufficient arguments against the doubted stamps to justify me, as editor of the Scott catalogue, in dropping them from that work.

It is probably superfluous to state that there is no question of the genuineness of such of the Charleston carrier stamps as have not been mentioned in this article. They are all known on original covers and well authenticated.—*Scott's Monthly Journal.*

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Our old friend, R. S. Nelson of Alabama, offers a nice batch of interesting things, as well as some additions to the list of railroad postmarks.

First a stamped envelope with an 1887 2c green, beside which reposes a 4c Trans-Mississippi. Both stamps are canceled with the circular postmark MIL. P. STA. No. 1, TIENTSIN: CHINA, dated Nov. 7, 1900. And I imagine that if the truth were known more copies exist of Type I 1c 1851 than covers like this. Rare I call it, not scarce.

A registered stamped envelope from Boston, Mass., has a 2c adhesive vermilion embossed stamp, a 2c adhesive vermilion of 1879, and a pair of 3c vermilion, used in 1899, which is long enough ago to believe that it wasn't made up just for a stamp collector. And the oval Boston, Mass., mark on the stamps looks pretty good.

A 2c brown stamped envelope of the 1884 series canceled with EVANS & NASH AGT and the stamp obliterated by a large S, 16mm high.

Two stamped envelopes 2c 1884 brown. One stamp is canceled by three pen strokes and dated in mss., Oct. 25, and the other not canceled nor dated. The first is addressed to Woods Bluff and the second to Davis Bluff. On each is hand stamped in a dull purple ink the mark of a packet boat. These things are hard to describe in words. Outside, a large notched oval. The long diameter is 56mm, and the short one 29mm. Inside is an inscription in six lines, with a picture of a steamboat between the second and third lines. The first line follows the curve of the oval and reads REGULAR WEEKLY. In the center just below this is the word PACKET, then the picture of the steamer below which is

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Here's another. A 3c stamped envelope 1874. Too intricate for me to study out the die and catalogue number. Addressed to Vienna, Ala., with the word "Boat" written in the lower left corner. All the writing in purple ink and undoubtedly all written at the same time by the same person. Marked with a large rectangular packet handstamp in dull purple, partly covering the stamp, which has no other cancellation. The rectangle is 55mm by 37mm made up of small semi-circles with the curve outward. The inscription reads,

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A stamped envelope of the 1864 series is addressed to Grove Hill, Ala. On the left end is printed the return request. Below this is written a name, but as the handwriting differs from that of the address, it was probably written by the receiver and is the name of the person who wrote the enclosure.

In the upper left corner is the stamp of a Packet Boat in dull purple, so clearly impressed that it looks as if it had been printed and not handstamped. This also is rectangular, the frame being formed by straight double lines. This frame is 36mm by 23mm. At the top in the center is the picture of a steamboat. On the left of this picture the word "TUESDAY" and on its right the word "PACKET".

The remainder of the inscription reads:

For Bladon and Demopolis!
Steamer Clara.
Woodie Stone, Master,
S. M. Chidsey, Clerk.

Besides these there are two stamped envelopes of the 1874 issue, one addressed to Woods Bluff, and the other to Pickens Ldg. The first has in the lower left corner "Ruth," and the second in the same position "Lotus #2," both words written by the same hand that addressed the letters, which eminated from the firm of Wm. H. Ross & Co., of Mobile, Ala., as is evidenced by their return request printed in the upper left corner. These are both canceled by the DEMOP & MOBILE AGT postmark and the stamps are canceled by a cut cork obliterator. Evidently Packet Mail and the Agt in these instances undoubtedly means Steamboat Agent, or whatever official title he may have borne.

The towns named in the above Packet stamps are on The Alabama River and these covers show that these Packets were still carrying mail on that river in the '70's, and they are no doubt just as scarce as the covers carried by the Mississippi Packets in the earlier decades. At any rate I do not remember ever having read anything about them in any of the philatelic journals and these are the first ones it has been my privilege to see. Our thanks are due friend Nelson for the opportunity.

Major C. H. Bonestell in sending a package of R. R. cancellations includes some that deserve more notice than simply listing them in the Railroad list. One has the postmark of the So. PUEB. ——S. AGT. The rest of it cannot be read. It also has on the face DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILWAY. On the back is the postmark of the town at which it was received, viz.: FORT ANN WASHINGTON Co. N. Y. JOHN HALL P. M. in circular form between two circles, the outer one being double lined. The outer one is 33mm in diameter and the smaller one inside the inscription is 22mm across. In the center in four lines is the date "Oct—16—1881—10 AM". An unusual and interesting form of this type of postmark.

Also a cover carried by a 3c re-engraved stamp with the railroad cancellation in blue. This reads CHI. MIL & ST PAUL RY. DUNNING, ILL in a circle 32mm in diameter. At the top under the letters MIL & ST PAUL are the letters

C. B. DIV. and below them a horizontal line curved at each end to join an inner circular line running around the remainder of the postmark below. Inside this is the date JUN. 21 1883.

And a 3c re-engraved struck twice by a red postmark in which are the R. R. and the word HIGHLANDS. Too bad it's not on the cover.

Who ever saw a Railroad postmark in green? Not the kind that you're doubtful about, but the kind that everyone would look at and say "green" without hesitation. Well, Mr. S. W. Ritchie is the lucky man this time. It's one of those large envelopes that were used to send legal documents to court houses and on it is a strip of three 3c stamps, each one hit by the L. E. & L. R. R. postmark and for good measure an extra postmark just as verdant as the ones on the stamps. Probably unique hits the mark exactly in the center.

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1847

5c—Several singles in shades—Block of six
Used block of eight (Largest known)
Singles and pairs on cover
10c—Single, pair, used block four
Strip four, pairs, singles on cover

1851

1c—Singles, pairs and blocks
Fine covers, types Ia, Ib, III, IIIa
3c—Many singles, blocks four, block twelve
Block ten and strip of ten both on cover
Railroads, Steamships, etc.
5c, 10c, 12c—Singles, blocks
Covers, including several 12c splits from Chase sale.
24c, 30c, 90c—Superb singles

1857

1c, 3c—Singles and blocks—sheets
Blocks 1c with curl on shoulder
Pair 3c imperf. between on cover
5c—Dozens of singles, blocks
Block six type I
Strip three 5c brick red on cover, etc.
10c—Singles and blocks various types
Several covers
12c—Single, block four, block nine
Block twenty-four with gum (Unusual this way)
Various covers, including block five on cover
24c—Singles, block four
Plate block of twelve
Several covers
30c—Singles, block four, block six
Several covers including combinations
90c—Singles, block four, block six
Reprints—all.

1861 AUGUST

Complete set of singles
Blocks of 3c, 10c
Pair 90c imperf.
Several covers
Strip three 10c on cover with 3c September

1861 SEPTEMBER

1c to 90c numerous singles in shades
Numerous blocks 1c, 3c, 3c pink, 3c lake, 10c, 12c, 24c, 30c, 90c
Numerous covers of importance
Reprints—all

1867 GRILLS

Grilled all over 3c singles and block
13 x 16—3c singles and block, also imperf. block
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11 x 13—All values, singles and blocks
12c "Z" grill, unique block nine
9 x 13—All values, singles and blocks
24c plate block eight, 30c block twelve

1869

1c—Singles, two blocks four, block 32
2c—Singles, several blocks
3c—Singles, blocks, sheet
6c—Singles, block four, block ten
10c—Singles, block nine
12c—Singles, block six, block nine
15c—I, singles, block nine
15c—II, singles, block four, block 20
Invert used
24c—Singles, block nine
Invert used
30c—Singles, block used
Invert mint (Finest known)
90c—Singles, block four
Without grills—all
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Blocks practically complete, including 24c from Worthington Sale described as "Continental"
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Columbian 4c error, 2c imperf. block
1895 imperf.—set in blocks
8c Revenue paper, mint plate strip
Sheet 2c 1890 left cap

1901

Inverts, singles 1c, 2c, 4c
Inverts in blocks 1c, 2c (two known), 4c

1902-1903

Complete in blocks—pair 4c Schermack
2c part perf.—2c San Francisco roulette

1904

Blocks—2c part perf.

1908-1912

Singles and blocks, shades
Blue paper—set complete with sheet margins showing blue paper distinctly
Blue paper—blocks—3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 13c, 15c

1914-1917

Singles and blocks in shades, everything
Every variety including 5c (504a) (two pairs known), 50c (517b) unique—
5c error imperf. in block of thirty (No. 485)

1918-1921

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24c invert, single and block

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It is very evident that certain of our subscribers are making Christmas presents to themselves with memberships in our Five Year Honor Club. Indeed, we have many subscribers upon our list who would have been glad to have Santa Claus remember them in this fashion.

First upon the list this week is James F. Morton, Jr., of New York City. The Managing Editor has known Mr. Morton during the past thirty-five years and both were interested together in amateur journalism and later in cold-water agitation until Mr. Morton shook the dust of Boston from his feet and landed in the great metropolis. He is now curator of the Free Public Library, of Paterson, N. J.

We also enter George Staplin, Jr., of Mannsville, N. Y., as a member of the Honor Club. A remittance from George M. Staplin covering the same is acknowledged with thanks.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of check for $5 from Albert E. Gorham, of Washington, D. C., for membership in our Honor Club. Mr. Gorham was former secretary of the S. P. A., and is now secretary of the Washington, D. C., Philatelic Society. In his letter he calls attention to the second annual stamp exhibit of the society in the Washington Public Library to be held Feb. 1 to 13 inclusive. He predicts that this will be a wonderful event and will give a great impetus to local philately.

Our fourth application for membership in the Club comes from Julius M. Westphal, mortgage investor, Joliet, Ill. Mr. Westphal considers it a nice Christmas present for himself to make sure of the WEEKLY for the next five years.

H. H. Bremer, 4743 N. Hermitage Av., Chicago, Ill., also takes his place as a member of our Honor Club with a remittance of $5 for five years renewal.

Our oldtime subscriber Herbert N. Bugbee, 82 Charles St., Fitchburg, Mass., writes us:—"I have been a subscriber for many years and the pleasure of each week is much enhanced by the perusal of the NEWS. In other words, it 'brightens the corner where you are'." Mr. Bugbee enclosed check for $5 for membership in the Five Year Honor Club.

Charles S. Brenneman, Box 97, Lancaster, Pa., using our regular renewal blank makes his application for membership in the Honor Club with a remittance of $5. We accept the same with thanks.

Our list of applications for membership in the Honor Club is further increased this week by the receipt of $5 from R. K. Thomson, 615 Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, Ga. Thus the membership of the Club continues to grow.

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An important announcement is found elsewhere in this issue. The great Sinkler collection has been acquired by Philip H. Ward, Jr., and is now offered for sale. It will come as a distinct surprise to the trade and this aggregation of superb United States stamps will doubtless attract the attention of the entire philatelic world.

Price-lists are at hand from two stamp firms. The Metropolitan Stamp Co., 1482 Broadway, N. Y. City, submits two, one a price-list of the postage stamps of Ecuador and the other listing special sets of stamps from all countries. Albert H. Goetz, 7 W. 42 St., N. Y. City, issues a price-list of single stamps, sets and packets. No doubt these firms will be pleased to send copies of the lists upon request.

The Midwest Stamp Co., 720 Delaware St., Kansas City, Mo., has issued a neat 8 pp price-list which can be had for the asking. It is full of interesting items.

The Managing Editor is profoundly grateful to the many friends who have remembered him with Christmas and New Years Greetings. Doubtless his two co-editors will voice the same gratitude.

Our special number for Jan. 25 is already shaping up well. Advertising space is being allocated and many extra copies of the issue will be mailed.

Remember in your correspondence with the WEEKLY a few facts. All money to Beverly. For missing papers and changes of address write Portland. Our department editors should be addressed direct but take care and follow instructions.

May 1926 be good to you and yours!

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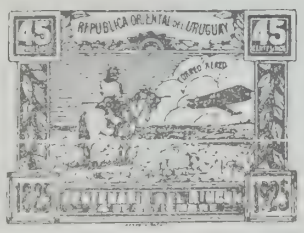

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

The Philatelic vacation is a short affair now, and we are soon back again in the midst of the rush of sales and other activities. Some exceptionally fine lots are coming under the hammer this autumn, but as regards the scarcer modern Colonials, these will in no degree satisfy the demand, especially in rare Georgians, which are everywhere being sought after.

A glance at certain Continental auction catalogues is quite instructive, as we see here not only the catalogue value, but also, in every case, the reserve price, below which no bids are accepted. These latter are interesting, and, if reliable, show prices to be higher than here, not only for Europeans, which might be expected, but also for modern Colonials. A few examples of these minimum reserves may be worth recording, being higher in some cases than the stamps can be bought for in the Strand and elsewhere. A few examples:—

Virgin Islands, 5sh K. Edward	19sh
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Curacao, 1923, 5 gulden	£7 10sh

The latter price is remarkable. This Jubilee set is comparable to the St. Kitts Tercentenary set of the same year, and had a somewhat similar history, although it was never boycotted to the same extent. The 5 gulden should be worth not more than the 5sh St. Kitts 1923, as of the former 4000 were sold as against only 3068 of the latter, so that the figure given *is* remarkable. Even if Dutch Colonies have a wider vogue on the Continent, British West Indies are more sought after in America, and, of course, this country. In a recent article in the *Philatelic Magazine* these Dutch Jubilee high values were tipped as a good buy, but it was meant at reasonable prices up to 4 or 5 times face; within the last year the above mentioned 5 gulden was obtainable in London at 10sh, and more recently at 30sh to 40sh.

It is a curious fact that a few years ago (1919-20) when prices for Edwardian Colonials were very high, prices on the continent were much lower (owing to the exchange rates falling suddenly), and large numbers came to England; the position now appears reversed and the highest prices are being fetched abroad. This shows that catalogue prices are not always reliable, and in a yearly list tend to lag behind with either a rise or a fall. As an example, taking one of the rarer Edwards, the 5sh Cayman Is. salmon and green when only catalogued 50sh (a few years ago) it was fetching 45sh to 50sh in auction. Now, when catalogued 70sh, it is fetching about 40sh.

Cyprus.—It is to be hoped that collectors at all keen on the financial side took the tip about Cyprus stamps. Startling increases have occurred in the Georgian emissions.

In the 1921 Script set, all values from 9pi to £1 are especially desirable; the later stamp is likely to become almost unobtainable. The lower values are also increasing proportionately, and money invested in this set may well show a thousand per cent. profit.

Nor should the 1912 issue be neglected. At the present prices the 6 and 18 piastres will turn out profitable. The Edwards have also been in demand, and the two rarities missing from most collections are the 9 and 45 piastres, of which only about 2600 were printed. A rise is overdue in these stamps.

Southern Nigeria.—The Georgian set of Southern Nigeria has not improved as much as was expected. The best values, proportionate to face, are the 2½d, 4d and 5sh, which are getting scarce. The 3d is rather over-catalogued, and is much commoner than the 2½d, especially used. The Georgian £1 value does not seem to be following the Edwardians in price tendency. It is curious that all three Edward £1's are priced the same in the catalogue, although not all of equal rarity. The first or single CA stamp is actually easily the scarcest, as less than 1000 were issued, which is less than most Edward or Georgian high values, and it is a wonder that it is not priced at £10. It is the only S. Nigeria stamp that has fetched a "fiver" at auction. The last 5sh Edward in the universal colours seems to be the best of this denomination in the Colony, and is gradually rising in value, and, despite the attractions of neighbouring colonies, such as Gambia, will eventually come into its own. The whole group of West African colonies, if we take the emissions since 1900, is a very fascinating one to take up for specialization, as used copies are usually much easier to obtain than of that equally fascinating group, the British West Indies.

Mauritius.—It is curious how the introduction of the King's head type in this colony helped to popularise it, when a few years ago interest was waning; and its 20th century emissions have been in favour ever since. It is doubtful, however, if the boom over the Edward issues ever assumed the proportions attained by the Georgians, some of the old watermarked varieties of which are increasing astonishingly. The 50c often referred to in these notes, when obtainable for 2s6d is now selling at a pound or over, whilst certain other varieties may show nearly as sensational rises when properly listed and priced. As a tip, buy the 25c orange-buff and pale yellow Die I; you will soon find how scarce they are, whilst the 5 rupee in all three varieties (not catalogued yet), are bound to be very good indeed. The 10 rupee on experimental paper is probably the greatest rarity of the 20th century issues, and is worth full catalogue price—if you can get it! The motto for the modern Colonial enthusiast is buy now, or tomorrow may be too late; prices that appear high today may seem very low in six months' time.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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CHAPTER VIII.

Adding to One's Album.

Some of your relatives and friends probably have old envelopes or receive mail from abroad. If they themselves are not philatelists, they will doubtless pass the stamps on to you on learning of your interest in the hobby. However, you cannot depend entirely on your relatives and friends to feed your hungry album.

In an earlier chapter you were shown ten ways for increasing your collection. Ways Nos. 6, 7 and 8 may be put into practice without any other cost than that of time, and as your hobby is primarily intended to utilize leisure time for pleasant recreation, research and acquisition of specimens, you need not feel niggardly.

But ways Nos. 6, 7 and 8 have their limitations. Although they may lead you to lay your hands on desirable "finds," they cannot help you to obtain all the specimens for which you have set your heart.

As you acquire more specimens for your album, you will be also acquiring duplicates. These should never be discarded. Every bit helps. Good duplicates may be turned into profitable use by being utilized in exchanging with other collectors. And "exchanging with other collectors" is way No. 4, while "trading with philatelists in other countries" is way No. 10.

If, in your town, there is a stamp collectors club, you should join it. There you will meet other enthusiasts, from whom you may learn much about the hobby, and with whom you can secure additions to your album by giving some of your duplicates in exchange. The basis of exchange is usually the pricings of a standard catalog, but sometimes the arrangement is by mutual prior agreement for the occasion.

A convenient way to show your duplicates is to either mount them on loose sheets, in exactly the same manner as you mount your specimens in the album. Or, you may use specially-made cards or books for the purpose. These are so arranged that the duplicates are neither pasted nor mounted, but held down in their spaces by strips of transparent or opaque paper affixed lengthwise. The smaller sizes are known as "pocket-books" and the larger ones as "stock-books," ranging in capacity from about 300 stamps to 35,000.

Should there be no local philatelic club where you live, you are not debarred from membership in a club located in some neighboring town. Or, if you feel yourself equal to it, you may organize a local club. Many now active and successful local clubs have been brought into being by novices originally; every novice is a potential expert.

In addition to local clubs or societies, there are national philatelic organizations. Membership is usually open to respectable candidates residing anywhere; the fees are not burdensome, while the privileges are worthwhile. Names and addresses of prominent clubs or associations may be readily found among the advertisements of any publication devoted to chronicling philatelic news.

Trading stamps with philatelists in other countries is always interesting and instructive, although not always profitable. In every flock there are black sheep. Likewise, among philatelists here and elsewhere there are those who do not seem especially familiar with the golden rule. However, on the whole, philatelists abroad are, as a group, quite honest and willing to do the right thing at all times. Most of the difficulties may be traceable to the language obstacle and the time element. If you wish to practise your French, or Portuguese, or German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Scandinavian, etc., corresponding with collectors in their own tongues is one of the best practical aids.

CHAPTER IX.

On Buying Specimens.

We have dealt with five of the ten ways enumerated for adding specimens to one's album. There remain the other five, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 9, all of which use the transitive verb "to buy."

There is a difference between buying by a collector and buying by a stamp dealer. The former buys specimens for his or her collection, the latter buys stamps for re-sale.

You should, therefore, right here understand properly one fundamental thing relative to your hobby. It is this: When you see a stamp advertisement, figure out as best you can if the message is intended for you, a collector, or if it is for a stamp dealer. If the "copy" emphasizes re-sale profit possibilities, or offers lots of several specimens of the same stamp, or describes "dealers' parcels," then the message should be unheeded by you unless you contemplate at some future date to undertake dealing in stamps.

The importance of this suggestion should be obvious. If you buy "dealers' bargains" you are likely to load yourself, a collector, with duplicates and stock that you are unequipped to dispose of conveniently.

For the beginner, buying from stamp auctions is not recommendable.

He should also avoid buying single stamps from the standard catalogues, because, at this stage in his philatelic career, there are available for him many other means and opportunities for securing specimens at considerably less than catalogue prices. But he can safely buy the catalogue publishers' packets, provided judgment is exercised.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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We are advised by the H. W. Doscher & Co. firm that it is now well located at their new address, Room 209, Pacific Bldg., 4th and Market Sts., San Francisco, Calif. The firm's advertising re-appears in this issue.

Some of our subscribers have been kind enough to ask that the WEEKLY *be sent to Launcelot Reeves during 1926 prepaid by them. We thank all for their interest, but beg to say that the coming year has been provided for.*

From time to time complaints are recorded with us concerning the removal of stamps from mail in transit. In fact, our own office mail suffers much in this direction. The latest complaint comes from the Fellowship Stamp Agency of Fresno, Calif., and we quote Mr. Lampson:—"Recently we mailed a large quantity of catalogs prepaid with stamps of unusual value, only to have several of the packages arrive with the stamps removed. This was all the more annoying to us because we had advertised that such stamps would be used." Mr. Lampson also notes similar depredation with Norse-American stamped mail and in his indignation he asks that something drastic be done by the P. O. Department.

The fine precancel 3c Victory collection of Wm. H. Field, Charleston, W. Va., was recently stolen from the office of the Rotnem Stamp Co. It was sent on consignment and the firm has liquidated the full value, $500.

Alfred Spicer, in renewing his subscription, submits a 15c Morocco Agencies printed on the new watermarked paper. Three values have thus far appeared, the 15c, 50c and 1fr.

Through Francis Greeley, Sec. of Branch No. 1 of the Society of Philatelic Americans, we learn that 74 Christmas Cheer Packets were distributed to worthy shut-ins. The WEEKLY *is thanked for its assistance.*

GREENLAND PARCEL POST STAMPS

Valdemar Weiergang of Washington, D. C., writes us as follows regarding the Greenland parcel post stamps:—"Parcels can be sent from either the post-office or the Royal Greenland Commerce Co. in Copenhagen. When sent from a post-office the ordinary domestic postal rate is charged and the parcel sent to the company's office for forwarding to its destination. Parcels sent direct from the company's office have a special label attached and are franked with the Greenland parcel post stamps issued by that company. As this way is much cheaper than through the post-office it is used to a large extent. The stamps were first issued in 1905, 1 ore olive green, 5 ore brown, 10 ore blue and in 1914 2 ore orange, 15 ore lilac and 20 ore red were added to the set. The cancellation in violet or black is a crown with Danish inscription meaning 'Administration of the Colonies in Greenland'." We thank Mr. Weiergang for this very fine explanation of the use of these parcel post stamps.

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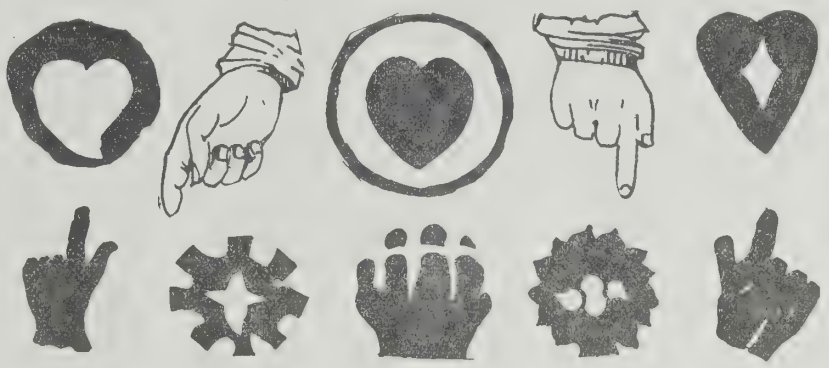

No.	Design.	Issue.	Town.	Color of Cancel.	Reported by
1.	Heart	3c 1861	Boston, Mass.	Black	Dr. R. W. Payne
2.	White Hand	10c American	?	"	Dr. Wm. Evans
3.	Heart	6c 1873	?	"	H. P. A.
4.	White Hand	2c 1883	?	"	A. Bode
5.	Heart	3c 1869	Guilford, Ct.	"	H. P. A.
6.	Black Hand	3c 1867	?	"	Dr. Wm. Evans
7.	Oddity	3c 1851	Canton, Miss.	"	H. V. Swallow
8.	Black Hand	3c 1879	?	"	A. Bode
9.	Buzz Saw	#2406 Env.	?	"	J. D. Cox
10.	Black Hand	3c 1867	?	"	Dr. Wm. Evans

On reading over this list you may know where No. 2 or No. 4 comes from, as it has not yet been seen on a cover. If you will please let the Forum know where any of these cancellations with the question marks following may have been used, it will help complete our data.

In many cases the same cancellation has been sent in by several collectors, and I have given credit to the first sender, or the one whose copy was most clear as the case may have been.

This system of showing the cancellations will be followed hereafter unless some better method may be suggested, and suggestions are welcome always. I did not make special mention that the cancel was on cover, for if the town is given, you may generally assume that it is taken from a cover. Also note that in case a cancel falls on a stamped envelope the Scott Catalog Number of that envelope will be given, rather than the year etc., as it saves space.

There are many forms of Heart cancellations. Types similar to No. 3 without circle are often found on 3c '61's from small towns. This No. 3 as shown is also seen on 7c vermilions making a very attractive item. Nos. 2 and 4 have not yet been shown to me on 3c greens, they seem to come mostly along in the '80's, and are uncommon.

Companies who made these cancellers sold to postmasters from illustrated circulars, and certain forms sold well in certain sections of the U. S. A. The grid and target are among the most abundant of these commoner forms. The shaded star, and Maltese crosses found much favor in the late '70's and continued in use for many years. The Dakotas were very fond of these Maltese Crosses.

No. 7 is an interesting affair, and is from Canton, Miss., which brings to mind that celebrated Carroll Hoy correspondence, which is perhaps better represented in our collections than any find ever to come to philatelic notice. I have heard many tales of this marvelous "find", and if any reader has the authentic information, and will send it for publication in the Forum, it will be very readable matter. It was found in New Orleans, and we are so far away that the story has been so magnified in the telling around here that I could not accept it as authentic as told to me by many enthusiasts.

In the '50's this Canton pmk. deluge started, and no single town seems to have given as interesting a lot of cancels. I once saved up 17 different in that period, tho many were on the stamped envelopes—Nesbits. The two types of lyres, and the Odd Fellow are among the better known varieties of their odd postal markings. They would make a fine group from one town.

The 1847 issue gives us almost no "odd" cancels, the '51's start us, and the Civil War issue give us a wonderful range, continuing into the Bank Note issues, and later. Odd cancels began to die away from that period on, till now we must save machine cancellations or nothing, for our regular blobs of ink are just that, and it is well that so few towns use them.

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STATE GROUP DIVISIONS.

The collecting of precancels is a pastime that is coming to the fore. Because of its popularity, some consideration should be given it. The problem of what to collect is a vital one in this, as well as the regular postage field. General collectors of regular postage, that is, the seriously inclined, are now scattered. Where there is one collector giving his attention to the issues of all countries, there are a hundred centering their activities on a continental group, a colonial group or a single country.

General collectors of precancels are finding that they have tackled a huge proposition. They need a flock of albums, a wealth of time, and a sizable bank balance to keep up with the new varieties. Some have turned to the issues of the cities in a single state. These state specialists face the opposite extreme. They soon find it difficult to acquire enough new material and their interest consequently slackens. A happy medium between the two extremes of precancel collecting should be found and outlined so as to guide those wishing to derive the ultimate enjoyment from the hobby. That happy medium, in our opinion, is not to be found in the collection of a single issue, such as the 1902, 1917 or 1923, nor in specializing upon certain values, such as the one-half and one and one-half, or the thirteen and fourteen, or the two cent Harding, nor in giving all one's attention to the field of special issues and commemoratives.

We firmly believe that the sanest and most fascinating way of collecting precancels is according to State Groups. In whatever part of the country one calls his home, there lies an interest in that section. Not only in the home state but in neighboring ones. One need not ignore the precancels of states outside his chosen district, for this would work against him in corresponding with his fellow collectors. It is well to have an interest in all precancels, for a knowledge of them will stand in good stead. Precancels of high grade that are not from the chosen district, will come one's way often but they may be in demand by the specialists of other districts. Exchanging is therefore desirable and to intelligently exchange, one finds need of a good general knowledge of all precancels.

The question arises, can divisions be made geographically which will be fairly equal groups for precancel specialization? Yes, we think a suitable grouping system has been formed and submit it at this time.

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We will appreciate the reaction of interested readers to our suggested groupings.

ODD BITS

James F. Duhamel, when renewing his subscription, writes us as follows concerning the Washington (D. C.) Philatelic Society:—"This Society has jogged along for some years with a limited membership, renting quarters twice a month, but some of the members came to the conclusion that permanent quarters should be secured. One year ago a large room in the heart of the business section of the city was rented, the yearly dues being raised to meet the expense. This was followed by regular Wednesday night meetings for auctions, exchange relations and general activity. It resulted in twenty new names being added to the membership. The local papers have generously reported our meetings and our large room is generally overcrowded. Our boys' meetings at 2 P. M. Saturdays also draw large numbers of young enthusiasts. We are looking forward to our second exhibition, to be held at the Public Library the first week in February. When in Washington on Wednesday night you will be welcome at Room 6, 1333 G St., N. W."

A kind friend has sent us a clipping from a New York paper in which reference is made to Revillon Freres as responsible for an article "Plain Tales of the North." Can any subscriber advise us where to address this firm in order to secure the privilege of using this copyrighted article?

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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JAMAICAN PICTORIAL, 3d

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Announced in the official *Gazette* of April 7, 1921 (Vol. 44, No. 19), Jamaica's 3d pictorial was issued April 8, 1921. Horizontal rectangular in shape, 27x22 mm., it was printed in pale blue and green, from line engraved plates, in sheets of 80 stamps (8x10), on white paper watermarked multiple Crown and Roman CA upright, perforated single line 14.

"Stamp Office, 6th April, 1921.

The following is a description of the three penny adhesive stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on 8th April, 1921.

The design of the stamp represents the landing of Columbus on the Island on its discovery.

The denomination 3d is shown on a shield (with laurel leaves beneath) in the left and right corners at the top.

Below the denomination is printed

JAMAICA
Postage Revenue

Above the word 'Jamaica' is a row of pineapples. At the bottom of the design are the words and figures—

'Jamaica Discovered by Columbus, 1494.' and underneath these words there is another row of pineapples.

The border of the stamp is blue, and the center green.

Signed, C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

Between shields on laurel wreaths in the upper corners containing the value 3d, is "JAMAICA". "Postage—Revenue" immediately below conforms to the arched vignette opening lettered at the bottom "Jamaica Discovered by Columbus, 1494." The lettering is colorless. A row of ten and twelve miniature pineapples is at the top and bottom respectively of the design.

The vignette represents a crescent shaped bay with headland and three ships (the Nina, and her two consorts), in the distance, and nearer, several canoes. On the shore, in the foreground, is the landing party, with two dogs, and several fleeing Indians. In design the stamp resembles the 3d of Newfoundland's Cabot series of 1897. The vignette plate number 1 is in the left margin, outside the double marginal line, and is usually cut from the sheet in trimming to size.

Jamaica was discovered by Columbus on May 3, 1494, while sailing south from Cuba, and was named by him St. Jago. As he neared the island, a number of carved and painted canoes crowded with Indians came out to meet him a league's length from shore. After giving them presents, Columbus sailed on, and dropped anchor in a place which he named Santa Gloria (probably St. Ann's Bay), on account of its extreme beauty. Passing the night there, he sailed westward to find a closed port in which to careen and caulk up his vessels. About four leagues further on, he found such a port, resembling a horseshoe in shape, and which he named Puerto Bono. It was here that on May 4, 1494, their first landing in Jamaica was effected, of three boatloads of men accompanied by the pioneers of those hounds which afterwards did such fearful execution among the poor Indians. The horseshoe shape of the harbour and other evidence point to Dry Harbour, in St. Ann's as being Puerto Bono, and the place of Columbus' first landing in Jamaica.

Printings on Roman CA watermarked paper totalling 12,239 sheets of 80 (979,120 stamps) were dispatched to Jamaica. Script CA watermarked paper was first used for the 1d and 2½d of Bermuda's first Legislative Tercentenary series, issued Nov. 11, 1920, and prior to June, 1921, the 3d pictorial of Jamaica had been printed on script CA paper, and dispatched to the island. The stamp was released to stamp dealers by the Crown Agents in August, 1921, but was not put on sale until March 6th of the following year. Printings on script paper were from a new vignette plate numbered 2, which numeral is in the same position on sheets as the numeral 1 on the Roman CA printings.

3d pale blue and green. Jamaica discovered by Columbus, 1494. Single line perf. 14.

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THE advertising of Harold C. Brooks, mayor of Marshall, Michigan, in the newspaper press has been noticed by many of our readers who have called attention to it. Mr. Brooks, it will be remembered, attended the convention of the American Philatelic Society, held in Detroit in 1924, where he exhibited many fine specimens of U. S. in particular, among which was a New Haven provisional that received high acclaim. Mr. Brooks is a very busy man with various interests that crowd upon his attention and so he did not yield at once for our importunity for the story of his New Haven, but finally he has favored us and here we have his recital, word for word: "The last issue of the WEEKLY proves of especial interest to me owing to the comment regarding the death recently of Mr. E. B. Sterling and particularly in connection with his discovery of a New Haven envelope in 1892. I paid more than ten cents for the one that I secured from the south last year, but feel sure that my good fortune is directly due to the publicity that attended Mr. Sterling's find. About ten years ago, I purchased from Mr. John Klemann a large number of bound volumes of old philatelic journals, including the *American Journal of Philately* dating from 1868, the *Philatelic Journal of America*, the *Post-Office* and others. Being troubled with insomnia, I used to depend on late reading to induce sleep. Many of these old volumes contain very interesting material and one article that impressed me was that in which Mr. Sterling's find was chronicled in the *Post-Office*. Subsequent issues of this same magazine contained communications from Mr. Sterling and others regarding the proper spelling of the name of the sender of this particular New Haven envelope, the dispute being over the question of whether it was Silliman or Silleman. Not being satisfied with the ultimate decision that 'Silliman' was correct, another correspondent tried later to raise another point, that of the identity of the Professor Silliman who wrote the letter. It seems that there were two professors by this name at Yale, father and son. Whether this weighty question was ever settled cannot be shown by later issues of the *Post-Office*. Possibly the publisher concluded that it was about time to let the Silliman family rest in peace. Later, continuing my midnight reading, I had one of the bulky volumes of the WEEKLY propped up in bed, looking at advertisements quoting prices that nearly tempted me to take a late chance and write anyway, also enjoying youthful portraits of Messrs. Deats, Severn and others, when my eye focused on the name of Silliman! This was an item to the effect that Professor Silliman had passed away, probably never having realized the furore that he once caused by the innocent mailing of a letter from New Haven. This last notice appeared, I think, either in 1903 or 1904, but did not say whether he was the father or son. Personally, I think that he must have been the grandson; and no doubt there is still a Professor Silliman at Yale."

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"YES, yes," we say with bated breath, the while Mr. Brooks pauses for breath; and now give ear: "My sleeplessness was finally conquered, but the name 'Silliman' made such an impression on my mind that it really resulted in the discovery last year of the New Haven, blue on white paper, a hitherto unknown variety. On opening up a large package of covers sent me from an old southern home, I found a few mediocre Confederates together with a great many folded letters without stamps running from 1835 to 1850. As the hand-stamps on these were very ordinary I threw them aside, but before returning them took one final look, a leisurely curiosity leading me to unfold a few, for stamps have been found tucked away in such apparently valueless letters. The second one opened was postmarked, 'New Haven, Ct. Jul. 7' and I experienced a slight shock when I saw that the letter was written and signed by 'B. Silliman, Sr.' This letter, dated July 7, 1843, was addressed to Dr. James F. Sowell, Athens, Alabama, and solicited financial aid for the purpose of securing a certain valuable collection of geological specimens for Yale. Regretting my luck in finding only this echo of a name that figured so prominently in the philatelic world thirty years previous, I carelessly slithered through the rest of the lot when —bang!—my eye caught that famous signature, 'E. A. Mitchell.' If ever I had a real thrill, it was right then; and I was especially pleased to find later that this particular envelope constituted a variety unknown up to this time. I do not think I would have found this envelope (which had been caught in the fold of one of the letters) had it not been that the name of Silliman in some psychological manner urged a further search, even though I had no hope. Unfortunately, no letter was in it, but the chirography is identical with that on the folded letter written by Professor Silliman. I have never seen an illustration of the New Haven discovered by Mr. Sterling and it would be interesting to compare that one with mine as a further verification of the coincidence. If such an illustration was published in 1892, I would greatly appreciate a temporary loan of the magazine containing it. Perhaps if the name, Silliman, finds tenacious lodgement in other minds, it may some time lead to further discoveries. It has been my experience during the past three years that to successfully bring to light good things from original sources, it pays to follow up communities or individuals simply on the strength of a possible connection of names or circumstances." Comment on this readable bit of philatelic history seems superfluous.

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MR. CHARLES SYDNEY THOMPSON, philatelist and naturalist of renown, weaves ornithology and philately in an instructive manner in his analysis of a recent Bolivian issue; and he heads the story, El Condor: "Bolivia has been producing some weird issues lately, not the least of these being a stamp issued ostensibly to honor the first centenary of the republic. This production is a large oblong, showing a condor grasping the pinnacle of an Andean peak, while he spreads his wings and gazes towards the Pacific. This bird is a strange specimen of ornithology, as he has but seven primaries in each wing instead of the legitimate dozen. Furthermore, each of these 'feathers' has the outline of a sabre blade. This, combined with the delightfully-Latin expression, 'Hacia el Mar,' is likely to produce anything but approval from both Chile and Peru, who are alleged to be holding a little plebiscite to determine who is going to retain Arica and the adjacent territories, which originally were part of Bolivia. The 'Hacia del Mar' part of it may be translated conservatively as 'Look to the sea' or liberally as 'Forward to the ocean,' or as a member of the late A. E. F. would say, 'Where do we go from here?' In any event, this stamp is no triumph of diplomacy. The value is 25c and at the bottom, the stamp bears the dates, 1825-1925 and 'Bolivia, Centenario de la Republica,' perforated 14 and engraved and printed by Perkins Bacon and Co."

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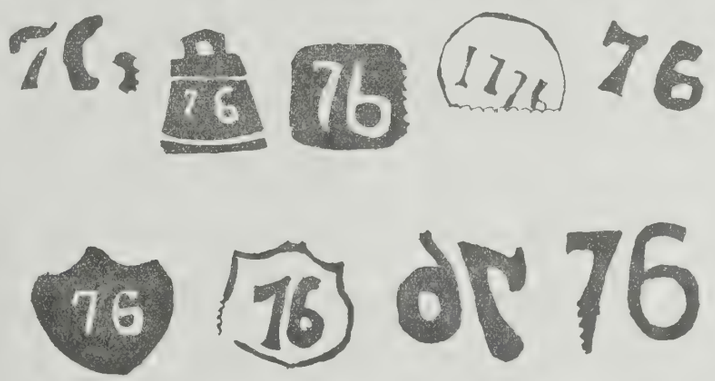

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Fifty years ago Philadelphia celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, by holding an exposition which everyone called, "The Centennial."

Every philatelist knows about the red and green envelope stamps issued to commemorate it, and most of us know that all the stamps that the Government had issued up to that time, were reissued and sold there at face value. We also know that a special postmark was used at the same time. This was not much different from the postmarks in general use and was very simple in design. It consisted of an outside circle, with CENTENNIAL at the top, PHILADA, PA. at the bottom, and the date of the month and hour in the center. The obliterator was simply a cut cork or a quartered design on wood.

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It may be of interest to those readers who are collectors of U. S. provisional envelopes surcharged 1½c on 1c to know that the Post Office at Holyoke, Mass., while not surcharging any of their own stock, did overprint 20,000 envelopes for a local concern. The die used for this operation was sent from the Department at Washington, and as far as is known, was not used on any other stock in or near Holyoke.

The concern in question is the C. F. Church Manufacturing Co., toilet seat makers, located in Willimansett, Mass., a suburb of Holyoke. So far as is known, all the covers were white, size 13, and all bear the firm's card in the upper corner.

Those collectors who wish to include Holyoke in their sets of 1½c on 1c will have to search for these covers, as they were the only ones surcharged at Holyoke, and they are sent all over the world. They were first surcharged in September, 1925.

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1913-16, 2sh 6p, cat. $90 ..... .38
Hong Kong 1912-14, 20c ..... .05
Hong Kong 1921, 30c ..... .05
1921, $1 ..... .24
Jamaica 1921-23, 2½p, 3p, 4p, 6p, 1sh .. .21
1921-23, 2sh ..... .25
India 1911-13, 5R ..... .20
1911-13, 10R ..... .40
Iraq 1923, 2a **Service** ..... .05
Mesopotamia 1918-20, 3a ..... .08
Morocco Agencies on G.B. 1917, 1fr ... .15
Nigeria 1914-15, 2½p, 4p ..... .16
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United States.

17c Black Wilson

The 17c Wilson printed in bank note black was placed on sale as scheduled on Monday, December 28th, the sixty-ninth anniversary of the birth of the late President. The stamps appeared at Washington, Princeton, New York and Staunton, these cities having received 100,000, 20,000, 1,000,000 and 20,000 copies respectively, in addition to the delivery of 50,000 to the Philatelic Agency. There was ready at the Bureau at the time 21,000,000 which will be distributed throughout the country.

I can hardly say that the stamp is of pleasing appearance but it is different from any other portrait variety that we have ever had and is of unusual appearance. The portrait used is not the official portrait as approved by the late President and which was filed at the Bureau during his administration as the portrait by which he desired to be remembered by posterity, but is a portrait selected by Mrs. Wilson, which I understand was taken during the latter part of Wilson's first administration. He looks much younger from the stamp than he had ever appeared as President.

The die proof from which these stamps were made was approved by Postmaster General New on November 30th. Eight plates have been engraved bearing numbers 18021-18028. I have not had an opportunity of checking up the plates for varieties but no doubt minor plate items will be discovered.

13c Green Harrison

While in Washington I had the opportunity of viewing the die proof of the new 13c green, bearing portrait of President Harrison. This proof was approved by the Postmaster General on December 14th and the portrait is the same one to be found on the 13c, issue of 1902, but is much larger. The frame is made to agree with the lower denominations of the current series and the stamp will make its appearance on January 11th at both Washington and Indianapolis, as well as the Philatelic Agency.

New Rotary Stamps

From the plate list given below, it will be seen that new plates for the 7c, 8c and 9c rotary stamps have been made and I can hardly say that they will appear in short order, for I was informed in Washington that these have not as yet been ordered from the Bureau but will probably make their appearance this Spring. When these three denominations appear, the complete series from 1c to 10c will be on sale. They do not contemplate making the ½c rotaries for there is a substantial supply of this stamp on hand at the Bureau, sufficient to take care of all needs for many months to come.

No Change In The Postal Laws

By a joint resolution of Congress the recent report of the Postmaster General recommending changes in the Postal Laws and Regulations, as well as rates, has been deferred for one year so that the postal rates which went into effect April 15th last will remain in force until at least the next session of Congress, which starts in December, 1926.

Plate Number Data

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to December 21, 1925. In this list the first plates of the new 13c and 17c make their appearance, as well as the first of the rotary plates for the 7c, 8c and 9c.

Plate No.	Denom.		Class.	Series.	Subj.
17602-17609	2c		Ordinary	1922	400
17610-17613	10c		" Cvd.	"	170
17614-17615	10c		" "	"	400
17616-	3c		" "	"	400
17617-17620	11c		"	"	400
17621-17624	7c		"	"	400
17625-17628	10c	Sp. Del.	"	"	200
17629-17632	2c		"	"	400
17633-17636	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17637-17644	10c	Sp. Del.	"	"	200
17645-17648	2c		"	"	400
17649-17650	10c		" Cvd.	"	400
17651-17652	5c		" "	"	400
17653-	3c		" "	"	400
17654-17661	2c		"	"	400
17662-17665	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17666-17673	2c		"	"	400
17674-17675	2c		"	"	170
17676-17679	2c		"	"	400
17680-17681	1½c		" Cvd.	1925	150
17682-17686	20c		"	1922	400
17687-17690	2c		"	"	400
17691-17692	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17693-17694	10c		" "	"	400
17695-17702	2c		"	"	400
17703-17704	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17705-17712	2c		"	"	400
17713-17716	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17717-17724	2c		"	"	400
17725-	20c		"	"	400
17726-17737	2c		"	"	400
17738-17739	4c		" Cvd.	"	400
17740-17759	2c		"	"	400
17760-17761	4c		" Cvd.	"	400
17762-17763	5c		" "	"	400
17764-17771	2c		"	"	400
17772-17773	5c		" Cvd.	"	400
17774-17777	2c		" "	"	170
17778-17785	2c		"	"	400
17786-17787	7c		" Cvd.	"	400
17788-17791	2c		"	"	400
17792-17793	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17794-17797	2c		"	"	400
17798-17799	7c		" Cvd.	"	400
17800-17801	2c		" "	"	170
17802-17805	2c		"	"	400
17806-17807	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17808-17815	2c		"	"	400

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17818-17821	2c		"	"	400
17822-17827	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17828-17831	2c		"	"	400
17832-17833	8c		" Cvd.	"	400
17834-17845	2c		"	"	400
17846-17847	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17848-17851	2c		"	"	400
17852-17853	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17854-17855	9c		" "	"	400
17856-17857	2c		" "	"	400
17858-17859	2c		" "	"	170
17860-17871	2c		"	"	400
17872-17873	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17874-17877	2c		"	"	400
17878-17879	2c		" Cvd.	"	170
17880-17883	2c	Book	"	"	360
17884-17885	9c		" Cvd.	"	400
17886-17889	2c	Book	"	"	360
17890-17897	2c		"	"	400
17898-17901	3c		" Cvd.	"	400
17902-17905	2c		" "	"	170
17906-17909	3c		" "	"	170
17910-17913	2c	Book	"	"	360
17914-17915	2c		" Cvd.	"	400
17916-17920	8c		"	"	400
17921-17926	3c		"	"	400
17927-17930	2c	Book	"	"	360
17931-17934	15c		"	"	400
17935-17936	2c		" Cvd.	"	400
17937-17940	4c		" "	"	170
17941-17944	2c	Book	"	"	360
17945-17948	5c		" Cvd.	"	170
17949-17950	2c		" "	"	400
17951-17958	2c	Book	"	"	360
17959-17960	2c		" Cvd.	"	400
17961-17964	10c		" "	"	170
17965-17966	2c		" "	"	400
17967-17968	6c		" "	"	400
17969-17972	2c		" "	"	400
17973-17976	2c		" "	"	170
17977-17980	2c		" "	"	400
17981-17982	2c		" "	"	170
17983-17984	4c		" "	"	170
17985-17988	2c		" "	"	170
17989-17990	4c		" "	"	400
17991-17992	2c		" "	"	170
17993-17994	2c		" "	"	400
17995-18004	2c		" "	"	170
18005-18012	2c		" "	"	400
18013-18020	2c		" "	"	170
18021-18028	17c	Woodrow Wilson	"	1925	400

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18029-18030	6c		" Cvd. 1922	400
18031-18032	12c		" "	400
18033-18034	10c		" "	400
18035-	5c		" "	400
18036-18037	6c		" Cvd. "	400
18038-18039	4c		" " "	400
18040-18041	2c		" " "	170
18042-18045	2c		" " "	400
18046-18055	2c		" " "	170
18056-18057	2c		" " "	400
18058-18059	10c		" "	400
18060-	5c		" "	400
18061-18066	2c		" Cvd. "	400
18067-18078	2c		" " "	170
18079-18081	10c		" "	400
18082-18083	4c		" Cvd. "	400
18084-18087	4c		" " "	400
18088-18091	2c		" Cvd. "	170
18092-18095	2c		" " "	400
18096-18099	10c		" "	400
18100-18105	2c		" Cvd. "	170
18106-18113	13c	Benj. Harrison	" 1926	400
18114-18115	3c		" Cvd. 1922	400
18116-18119	7c		" "	400
18120-18123	3c		" "	400
18124-18125	2c		" Cvd. "	400
18126-18127	3c		" " "	400

ALBANIA. — Mr. Benjamin Cadbury calls our attention to the 10q stamp, type of A20, which he has with the diagonal surcharge "Repuqlika" instead of "Republika". Mr. Cadbury adds that this is evidently not merely an inverted type as the "q" differs from the "b" in design. The stamp came on a letter as regular correspondence and is not a philatelic cover, there being one of the 5q and 2 of the 10q stamps, the latter showing the error.

DANZIG.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 15pf red and 35pf blue of the type of A19 have been surcharged "Dienstmarke" in two lines as in the 1924 issue.

DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade calls our attention to the 30ö dark blue and 40ö orange, in current design, which he has just received. This is a changing around of the colors of the two values. Changes of color are further expected in the 20 and 25ö values and a new design of its own is expected to take the place of the present "Gebyr" surcharge.

FALKLAND ISLANDS. — Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 6p, line engraved, script watermark in bright orange color.

FINLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the 20p brown, 60p red violet, 2m dark blue and 5m red violet and grey which have been issued on watermarked multiple Swastika paper.

FRANCE. — Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 3fr violet and blue, in the design of the franc values of the 1900 issue.

Whitfield King & Co. send us the 40c rose red and the 60c green in the postage due series.

GERMANY. — We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 50pf Eagle type, in orange, watermarked chicken wire.

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2sh 6p and the 5sh stamps with the "Saorstat Eireann 1922" with a closer setting than heretofore. The "1922" is 5mm long instead of 6mm, Bradbury printed.

Mr. Roberts also adds that he is informed under date of the 7th inst, last, that the 10sh of this setting has not yet been put on sale at the G. P. O. in Dublin.

LATVIA.—In a recent letter from Mr. Karl Koslowski we are advised that two new stamps will shortly be issued in this country. They are the 5Lat and 10Lat. The color is not announced, but the shape, design, and size, is to be like the present high values of the "Arms" type. Mr. Koslowski further informs us that the stamps are very much needed to avoid the annoyance of very valuable mail being covered up with stamps to meet the value of the postage demanded.

MALTA.—Mr. Joseph Bosmici and the Economist Stamp Co. send us copies of the current 3p stamp with the surcharge "Two pence halfpenny" in two lines in black.

MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that a new value has appeared. It is a 1fr 5c in red lilac, type of the 40c of the 1923-24 issue.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—Mr. W. T. Wilson reports the appearance of the 15c and 50c stamps surcharged on the 1½p and 5p stamps of Great Britain of the new Waterlow print and watermark.

NEW ZEALAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle three values of the Dunedin Exhibition stamps. They are all of the same design, oblong in shape and picture an esplanade with an exhibition building in the distance. Each stamp bears the inscription "New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition 1925-26" in a three line label with the figures of value in each lower corner. The colors are ½p light green, 1p red and 4p lilac.

SIAM.—We are advised that the new air mail stamps will shortly be overprinted in Siamese with an inscription signifying "Siamese Kingdom Exhibition," and that the issue will consist of 100,000 copies only.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

SWITZERLAND.—Copies of the new Pro Juventute series of 1925 have been received from Whitfield King & Co., the Economist Stamp Co. and Mr. R. Roberts. There are four stamps all printed in sheets of 100 watermarked Crosses, perf. 12: 5c+5c violet, black and green on buff; 10c+5c green and black on buff; 20c+5c carmine, black, blue and yellow on buff and 30c+10c blue and red. The former figure denotes the value allowed for postage purposes and the latter amount goes toward the annual charity.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 1sh black on green, type of the 1922 issue, on script watermarked paper.

TRANSJORDANIA. — Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a copy of the 1m dark brown, watermarked Crown and Script CA stamp of Palestine with a two line surcharge in black of native characters which they report as a postage due stamp. They also advise that they have received the 2m yellow, 4m pink, 8m red, 13m dark blue and 5 piastres all surcharged in like manner.

CANADA

Another Collection Just Purchased

I have just purchased the large collection of Canada stamps formed by Mr. H. J. Brook of Simcoe, Ont., Canada.

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	3d, No. 121	.75
	4d, No. 122	1.00
	6d, No. 123	1.20
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	½d, No. 128	.04
	1d, No. 129	.06
	2½d, No. 131	.15
	4d, No. 133	.36
	6d, No. 134	.60
	1sh, No. 135	1.10
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	1d, No. 142	.06
	2d, No. 143	.12
	2½d, No. 144	.30
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A constitution was adopted along the lines of the one used by The Rubber City Stamp Club. The dues of the organization are $1.00 per year, payable in advance, and said amount must in all cases accompany the application for membership. Stamp collectors over the age of 20 are eligible for membership.

Meetings will be held each Friday evening at 8 o'clock, commencing with Jan. 8, 1926, at the Southern Hotel, until the membership votes to meet elsewhere. Out-of-town collectors in our city on any Friday evening will always be welcome and are urged to attend our meeting.

We would appreciate it greatly, if you would assist us in publicly thanking Mr. C. A. Bensinger, Sec'y-Treas. of The Rubber City Stamp Club, to whom we are indebted for the model of our constitution.

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44	3c	Rose	.05	.04
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152	15c	Orange	1.20	.90
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154	30c	Black	2.25	1.75
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328	1c	Green	.04	.03
329	2c	Carmine	.02	.01
330	5c	Blue	.17	.14
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332	2c	Carmine	.01	.01
333	3c	Deep Violet	.02	.01
334	4c	Brown	.01	.01
335	5c	Blue	.02	.01
336	6c	Red Orange	.02	.01
337	8c	Olive Green	.04	.03
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378	5c	Blue	.01	.01
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415	9c	Salmon Red	.05	.04
416	10c	Orange Yellow	.02	.01
417	12c	Claret Brown	.04	.03
418	15c	Gray	.03	.02
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425	2c	Carmine	.01	.01
426	3c	Violet	.02	.01
427	4c	Brown	.02	.01
428	5c	Blue	.02	.01
429	6c	Red Orange	.02	.01
430	7c	Black	.05	.04
431	8c	Pale Green	.04	.03
432	9c	Salmon Red	.06	.05
433	10c	Orange Yellow	.02	.01
434	11c	Dark Green	.09	.08
435	12c	Claret Brown	.05	.04
436	12c	Copper Red	.05	.04
437	15c	Gray	.04	.03
438	20c	Ultramarine	.05	.04
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463	2c	Carmine	.02	.01
464	3c	Violet	.25	.20
465	4c	Orange Brown	.03	.02
466	5c	Blue	.03	.02
468	6c	Red Orange	.04	.03
469	7c	Black	.04	.03
470	8c	Olive Green	.04	.03
471	9c	Salmon Red	.07	.06
472	10c	Orange Yellow	.03	.02
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FICTITIOUS VALUES.

It is difficult for a person who does not know the technique of postage stamp collecting to understand the high prices paid for the postage stamps. Here's this from the Rutland *Herald:*

"Speaking of factitious values, think of a postage stamp, made in Vermont, selling for fifteen hundred dollars. Yet five copies of the Brattleboro stamp brought from two hundred to fifteen hundred dollars at the sale of a rare collection in Paris recently."

There are hundreds of postage stamps which have sold for even more than fifteen hundred dollars for spot cash at auction sales. The top notch record is the 1-cent British Guiana stamp on red paper issued in 1856, which was bought by Arthur Hind of Utica, N. Y., for $32,500.00 at an auction sale in Paris. It is the only known copy of this stamp. Several early United States stamps have sold at auction for $10,000.00 or more. These prices may be fictitious but for Mr. Hind (worth many million dollars) to pay $12,000 is no more in comparison than for a boy collector to pay ten cents. The sale of the Ferrari collection by the French government has been completed and the entire lot brought over two million dollars.

It is difficult for a non-collector to understand where the "kick" comes in with stamp collecting. It is simply the eternal chase for something. One person is out to make a record in sports, another wants the fastest horse, a woman wants to be the best dressed or have a purely exclusive hat, others go in for public life. Costs money. Of course. Everything costs money — radio, music, the movies, sports, the clubs, socials, etc.

Measured in terms of amusement there are no more fictitious values in stamps than in other forms. There is a fictitious value in paying a couple of hundred dollars for a woman's hat. There is a purely fictitious value in horse racing and thousands of dollars have been lost in developing horses that never made a record. Stamp collecting is a hobby but no one can see anything in it until the "bug" gets in its sting. Thousands of people can see nothing in golf, but it is interesting to those that know and play the game.

There is money in stamp collecting if the right ones are picked. A United States 5-cent stamp issued in 1860 now sells for $150 in unused condition. Hundreds of others show a like proportionate increase. True, the value may be fictitious, but they sell for those figures just the same. If anyone thinks it easy to get together a single copy of every stamp issued by the United States government just let him try it even among the big dealers. It will be a bigger job than getting a seat in Congress or being made governor of Vermont—and it will cost a great deal more.

It is true that the value of stamps is fictitious as the *Herald* states, but there is always a ready sale for cash of rarities and there is every evidence that the hobby will increase. But there are unreal values in other things as well.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The annual election of the society was held December 17, 1925, and the following officers were successful at the polls: President, J. Max Golding; Vice-President, F. J. DeWitt; Secretary, J. A. Zalud; Treasurer, C. F. Mann; additional members of the Board of Directors, Messrs. Hennan, Severn, Voorhees, Boehm and Lauritzen. Nearly fifty members were present at this closing meeting for the year and much interest was shown at the election; the regular ticket with a single exception was victorious. Mr. Golding, the new president, is a popular collector and he has devoted his time and energy to the promotion of local philately. He has many ideas for the extension of collecting interest in his city, as he realizes that the best field for cultivation is one's home city; and the indications are that his administration willl be a progressive one. The society under the direction of the retiring president gave a good account of itself for 1925 and the new year certainly will establish a record for activity. Votes of thanks were given the retiring officers and the editor of the WEEKLY was honored by a special vote, a tribute that he appreciated.

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FUTURE OF ENVELOPE STAMPS

AGITATION AT WASHINGTON INDICATES ENVELOPE STAMPS MAY BE DISCONTINUED

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

At the present time there is considerable agitation in Washington relative to the Departmental stamped envelope which manufacturers of envelopes have desired discontinued. The lobby is also being carried on by the printers who claim that they lose considerable business through the furnishing by the Government of stamped envelopes with return cards.

The Chairman of the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads of the House of Representatives requested the views of the Postmaster General upon the subject and under date of December 9th Mr. New replied in great detail, first calling attention to the fact that stamped envelopes are manufactured by a private concern under contract with the Government, and that the procedure has been followed by thirty-one Postmaster Generals through an unbroken period of more than seventy years. He states that organized efforts to have these envelopes discontinued have been made periodically for more than fifty years and that in the case of the present campaign, communications were received by the Department from envelope manufacturers and others, including the unsuccessful bidder for the present stamped envelope contract, the latter protesting strongly against the practice of the Government in furnishing these envelopes.

The statement is made that the demand is mostly from professional men, fraternities, county and municipal organizations, country banks, churches, farm organizations, colleges, dairy enterprises and individuals on rural free delivery routes, and that more than 72% of the orders received by the Government for return card imprints are purchased in lots of five hundred and one thousand. The Postmaster General states that he has no recommendation to make which would disturb this present service.

For the benefit of the Committee, the Postmaster General calls attention to the fact that it has been authorized by law to enter into four-year contracts for furnishing the postal service with stamped envelopes, and that in proceeding to award such a contract, more than one hundred proposals were sent out on June 28th to envelope manufacturers and allied enterprises inviting bids for supplies for four years beginning January 1, 1925, the bids to be submitted not later than August 7th. Only two proposals were received, one from the International Envelope Corporation of Cincinnati, which was unsuccessful, and one from the Middle West Supply Co., of Dayton, Ohio, to whom the contract was awarded, the latter firm quoting in the neighborhood of a million dollars lower. It is estimated that more than ninety million pounds of paper will be required to execute the present contract.

An agent of the Department with a small corp of assistants is on duty at the Dayton factory to see that the exacting requirements of the contract are fully complied with.

The issue of stamped envelopes was first authorized by Congress in 1852 and express authority for printing return directions or "corner cards" as they are commonly known, was given to the Post Office Department by Act of March 3, 1871. It will, therefore, be seen that this postal facility is one of the oldest facilities of the service antedating such special services as rural free delivery, postal savings and parcel post.

The Act of June 26, 1906, provides that no envelope shall be sold by the Government containing any lithographing or engraving or any printing nor advertising except a printed request to return the letter to the writer.

Prices for stamped envelopes are fixed by the Postmaster General under authority of the act of July 12, 1876, which provides that stamped envelopes "shall be sold as nearly as may be at the cost of producing them (including all salaries, clerk hire, and other expenses connected therewith), with the addition of the value of the postage stamps impressed thereon."

The Postmaster General admits that the prices at which these can be furnished are much less than the same envelope could be bought by the small user in the open market, but calls attention to the fact that the small user if he had to pay a private printer to have the corner card printed would naturally do without it and this would work as a disadvantage to the Department. With the corner cards considerable saving in time and expense is made for the letter may be promptly returned to the sender instead of the slow process of first advertising it at the office of delivery and then forwarding it to the dead-letter office where perhaps weeks will be required for its return even if it is possible to return it at all. Upward of twenty-two million letters found their way last year to the dead-letter office and all of these would have been returned without expensive delay to awaiting senders without going to the dead-letter office, had the corner cards been present. Upward of a million of these communications contained property

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of value. It is felt that if the corner card service is discontinued, the quantity of dead-letter mail will vastly increase.

Statement is further made that from an examination of the record during the period of the past twenty years, there has been no loss whatsoever of stamped envelopes through dishonesty or casualty while in the process of manufacture or in the custody of the contractor. Train robbers have broken into stamped envelope packages in a few instances only to leave them scattered around. Their bulk and the tell-tale "corner cards" destroy their value as loot.

In closing his communication, the Postmaster General states that practically every postal development has won its way into our fixed and efficient service over the stubborn opposition of interests who set up the cry of unfair competition with private business. The money-order service encountered the hostility of the banks, as did the postal savings; and parcel post found express companies relentless foes. Now, after more than fifty years of increasing usefulness and favor, Congress is called upon to lay an additional burden upon hundreds of thousands of citizens to meet the narrow purposes of a comparatively few. The attack by the country weeklies is the more indefensible when it is recalled that this class of publication has enjoyed for many years the privilege of free county circulation of their newspapers.

In view of all these facts, Mr. New states it is inconceivable that Congress will seriously consider so radical and backward a step in postal progress as to abolish this facility.

HEAR YE:—

The Chicago *Tribune* recently published a large picture of a scene of philatelic action, over the text: "Boys auction off their stamps to be Good Fellows. Boys of the Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club raising $50 at the Hyde Park department of the Y. M. C. A., at 1400 East 53rd St., to aid poor families on the south side." All hail, ye philatelic philanthropists, who we can attest are fitly represented by their energetic leader, H. Heumann.

The *Air Post Bulletin*, London, has a "U. S. A." edition for November, which is replete with notes on the subject nearest the hearts of many collectors, "flown covers."

The holiday card received from Mr. Frank Godden, the dealer of London, is an artistic creation indeed, showing, as it does, the old stage coach in danger of becoming snow bound, "in the good old days."

The Collectors Club has issued its program, scheduling events up to May 19, 1926, when the Hon. E. R. Ackerman will show early British on covers used abroad, in addition to other British. The program fairly exudes philatelic talent.

The following letter has been received from Mr. Edward H. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.: "I wish to thank you for your kind letter of recent date and to tell you how much we appreciated the splendid editorial you wrote about my father."

Mr. R. D. MacGuffin, Narbeth, Pa., has written an excellent little booklet: "The Most Important Thing in Philately," with the further explanation: "Wherein is contained comfort and encouragement for philatelists of all kinds, not only the expert, but the novice." The pamphlet of sixteen pages is published at Mr. MacGuffin's own expense and is a remarkable analysis of the investment and other phases of philately. The writer speaks plainly and has the courage of his convictions which are based on the necessity as he says of "holding the new recruit after he has made his start."

The Capital City Philatelic Society of Harrisburg, Pa., signalized its first meeting last November with a dinner. Weekly meetings are held and looking over the roster it strikes one that collecting interest is at high tide in Harrisburg.

On April 22, 1926, W. F. Slusser, whose name is inseparably connected with the American Stamp Dealers' Association, Inc., will sail for Hawaii, where at Fort Kamehameha, nine miles from Honolulu, he will serve his country.

Mr. R. L. Hustis, ole M. T. Dome, of Milwaukee, always has a riot of ideas in his noodle and now he asks why the week of January 25 to 31, 1926, should not be devoted to philatelic proselyting, making it a Missionary Week. Further, he tells how the occasion could be launched, as it were. Something should be done with the suggestion and that, soon. All those in favor of such a week, say in April, say, Aye.

Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, Ind., sends a copy of the *Star* of his city, that shows on the pictorial section of The Boys' and Girls' Page, a copy of the V.R. one penny black with the explanation: "V.R. official penny stamp black. Put into practice in England, Jan. 10, 1840." This description is somewhat fanciful but we wonder where the cut of the V.R. originated; the stamp was never placed in service.

Mr. Shirley Moisant, Kankakee, Illinois, writes that on his visits to Hartford, Conn., he always called upon Silas Chapman, Jr., whose death was mentioned some months ago; and that they had many a chat on philately of the time when both were active collectors. From an insurance paper we learn that Mr. Chapman left an estate valued at over a million dollars.

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In the early days it was necessary in forwarding a letter to pay the same amount of postage for this service as the original postage. Just when this practice was discontinued is not apparent, but it was certainly before 1870. And yet there seem to have been those who believed it necessary in the '80's. An instance of this has come to hand. Mr. Roy H. Huetson in submitting some R. R. covers included one bearing two copies of the 2c red brown of 1883. It is addressed to Atchison, Kan., and re-addressed to Chicago, Ill. The original postmark is partly covered by one of the stamps. The part visible reads CHI. R. P. O. O. DIV. The first stamp was half cut away when the letter was opened. The Atchison postmark has a later date than the R. P. O. and the second stamp is canceled by a large S. It was evidently put on for forwarding purposes. Why?

Mr. Robert Weber submits some very fine examples of damages to plates, or foreign bodies on the plates, which caused marks on the stamps. Two copies of the 2c red-brown of 1883 show identical flaws which are doubtless due to some damage to the plate. The stamps both have straight edge at the right, which indicates that they are both from the same plate position and as one of them has an arrow at the lower right corner that position is No. 100 of the left pane. The flaw begins about the center of a line drawn from the lower right angle of the shield horizontally inward to the pearls of the oval surrounding the white frame of the vignette, and consists of about three rounded spots of color, the bottom one of them almost obliterating the perpendicular stroke of the T of CENTS. The middle one shows plainly in the diagonal white frame of the shield, and the top one is inside the shield. Just below each of the two upper ones is a little white spot, curved around the lower border of the colored flaw.

A 3c Continental has a heavy horizontal line of green 4mm below the upper right angle of the stamp, extending across the white perforated margin into the design. It is 2mm long and looks as if the next stamp to the right must have had an extension of it.

Another 3c Continental shows a series of colored spots beginning just to the left of the white oval about on a level with the chin and extending almost horizontally across to the white oval on the right. Looks as if something had hit the plate on the right side and bounded across it leaving a mark at each bound and there are nine or ten of them. Peculiar and unexplainable.

A pair of 1c re-engraved shows a horizontal heavy blue mark at the lower left corner of the left stamp, 2mm long, and extending nearly from the edge of the perforated border into the design. It is 4mm above the lower right angle of the stamp.

Marks of the character of these are not unfrequently found on the lower values of these issues. Some of them are no doubt due to damage to the plate, and others are without doubt due to foreign bodies on the plate, such as a tiny piece of the material used to wipe it, which escaped the eye of the workman. These would in all probability be removed the next time the plate was wiped so that only one stamp would show the effect of its pressure. But a damaged plate would print each time the press was operated and duplicates of its printings might be found. They are all interesting and have a place in a collection, though probably not adding greatly to the value of the individual stamps.

Besides these it is not unusual to find blurs of ink on some of these stamps varying in size from mere dots up to blots two or three millimeters in diameter. Sometimes a stamp shows only one and then again a copy will be found showing a number of them. These are produced by improper wiping of the plate. The ink was not removed at these places and was transferred to the paper.

We also sometimes find copies of the 3c green that look as if they had been printed on green paper. The border and the part of the stamp that should be white is green, and this is due to the fact that the plate was not properly wiped, and enough ink was left upon it to stain the paper and give it this appearance. Of course none of the stamps were printed on green paper, and a glance at the back of these copies will soon dispel any thought that the paper is other than white, or with a pale yellowish tinge, and even that is doubtless due to age, and was not the original color of the paper. Those of us who have collected the 3c 1851, remember seeing copies part of which show the design clearly and distinctly printed, and the rest blurred by insufficient wiping of the plate, but I do not recall having seen this peculiar condition on any of the stamps issued after 1870. This doesn't prove that they do not exist since I haven't seen quite all of the stamps printed since that date. Some of you may have been more fortunate and if so, you will confer a favor by sending on your copies for inspection. Any stamp issued between 1870 and 1900 is included in this request except revenues. Our field in this quest will include the Department stamps as well as the postage.

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The Permanent Stamps of 1906.

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All sixteen stamps bear the date 1906 and the inscription "REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI". The 1c and 3c values of the internal set and the 2c, 5c and 20c of the external series are alike in design and show a portrait of Nord Alexis in the centre. The two remaining values of the inland set and the 1c and 50c denominations of the foreign series also correspond and show the Arms of the Republic with motto as a central device.

The other values of the set for foreign postage provide a number of local views, viz.:—3c, the Market Hall of Port-au-Prince; 4c, the castle or fortress of Sans Souci, built by Henry Christophe; 7c, the Independence Palace at Gonaives; 8c, the entrance to the Catholic College at Port-au-Prince; 10c, the Catholic Monastery and Church at Port-au-Prince; 15c, the offices of the Departments of Exterior Relations, Public Instruction, etc., in Port-au-Prince, in front of which is a monument to Alexandre Petion; and the 1 piastre, a view of the President's Palace.

The stamps are all oblong in shape, were engraved in *taille douce* and printed in sheets of 100 (ten rows of ten); and every stamp shows the imprint of the manufacturer's at the base in tiny capitals, i.e., "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO., N. Y."

The paper is white wove, the gum yellowish, and the perforation gauging exactly 12 is the work of single-line machines.

CHAPTER XXII.

The Provisionals of 1907-08.

From October, 1907, until about the middle of July, 1908, Hayti suffered from an epidemic of surcharging. It is said that the many provisionals were due to a shortage of 1c and 2c stamps, but it seems more probable that a mistaken sense of economy afflicted the postal authorities so they decided to use up the remainder of the Nord Alexis issue of 1904. As 1c and 2c stamps were in most demand, what more reasonable than to reduce the value of the old stock and thus effect a speedy (and profitable) sale?

The two handstamps used in 1906 were resurrected and the officials had a merry orgy striking these in red or black as fancy willed on the unwanted 5c, 10c, 20c and 50c stamps of 1904. Mr. Crouch says the red surcharges appeared first and that none of the black ones were issued until 1908. We cannot find any definite authority for this statement and there appear to be no official statistics available. Apparently the inks used got badly mixed at one time for all four varieties are known with a "brown" surcharge formed by a combination of red and black inks. Occasionally, too, some exuberant spirit struck the handstamp on the wrong pad so that surcharges of a blackish-red or reddish-black color are found.

Most of the varieties are known with inverted and double surcharges and also in pairs, one with surcharge omitted; these, so far as they have come under our personal knowledge, being fully recorded in our check list.

We have seen the 1c on 20c orange with violet surcharge and though the variety is duly listed in Scott, we can learn nothing about it. It was certainly unknown at the time the provisionals actually appeared and may possibly be a posthumous and unauthorized variety. Gibbons lists the 1c surcharged in black on the 50c and says it is only known inverted. This is apparently the variety already referred to in Chapter XIX and listed by Scott as belonging to the 1906 provisionals. We must confess profound ignorance as to the actual status of this variety.

The 1c on 10c is known in horizontal pairs, imperforate between the stamps.

CHAPTER XXIII.

The 1910-11 Issue.

In 1910 new 2c, 5c and 20c stamps for foreign postage and a 1c for interior letters were issued bearing a portrait of President A. T. Simon, who had, some little time previously, been elected to the Presidential chair. The stamps are all printed in two colors like those they replaced, the portrait of Simon being in black in all cases and having below it "A. T. SIMON 1909" in very tiny letters and numerals. The borders are exactly similar to those of the corresponding denominations of the 1906 issue and it is very evident the same plates were used. These stamps were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York and bear that firm's imprint under each stamp. The sheets were the same size and the paper, gum and perforation are all similar to those of the corresponding values of the series of 1906.

In 1911 the 2c stamp of the series for domestic postage was issued in yellow instead of orange and the 3c intended for foreign postage was issued in orange instead of brown. The stamps were in all other respects exactly similar to the corresponding denominations of 1906.

CHAPTER XXIV.

The 1912 Issue.

President Simon's tenure of office was not a lengthy one for 1912 saw the appointment of C. Le Conte. A 5c stamp for foreign postage, bearing the portrait of President Le Conte was issued in July, 1912, and in September of the same year 1c and 2c stamps for domestic postage appeared with his effigy. The portrait on all three values is the same but the treatment of the borders is distinctive in each case. The 1c value shows "RE-

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Clinton L. Chalfant believes that a news item giving a list of "plebiscite" issues would be appreciated by the general run of collectors. If any subscriber is interested enough to dig out this information we shall be glad to use it.

We have received from Albert C. Gakenheimer, a copy of *The Forester*, published by the students of the Forest Park High School of Baltimore, Md. It is a very fine publication and especially creditable for a year-old effort. One of the students, Henry Suter, has an interesting article on the Canada map stamp.

"The Scrantonian," published at Scranton, Pa., has a stamp department entitled "Philately". It is edited by Alexander Cope. What Mr. Cope has done in Scranton may be done in any locality, as the average editor is keen in realizing the value of stamp news.

The Pathe Stamp Co., Atlanta, Ga., whose advertisement will be found in this number, has contracted for regular space in the WEEKLY. Mr. K. Pathe, the owner of the business, informs us that he is operating his stamp shop from the clubroom of the Atlanta Collectors Club, 303 Walton Bldg. He states that his trade has grown to such an extent that he has found it necessary to open a local shop. He is a member of the A. P. S., No. 6586, and of the S. T. P. A. No. 156. The firm has a large stock of U. S. and British Colonials including many sheets, blocks, etc.

H. P. Husom of Laramie, Wyo., can get no replies to letters addressed to R. V. Rich, 820 W. 27 St., Norfolk, Va. If anyone else is similarly situated please communicate with Mr. Husom. Rich advertised in Adlets, November 30.

THE NEWSPAPER STORY

The sale of the stamps discovered recently by a lady in her Mayfair mansion attracted a very large attendance to the auction rooms of Mr. H. R. Harmer, at 6 Old Bond Street, yesterday. The anterooms and passages were crowded with people who failed to secure admission to the large sale-room, and in the sale-room itself the buyers at the back found vantage points on tables and ledges. The 118 lots of stamps sold realised a grand total of £7,707 6s, of which the portion found in the lady's attic realised £5,525 6s. These stamps cost their original collector rather less than £30, but they had lain forgotten for over sixty years. A sheet of 240 2½d stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island realised £750, the purchasers being Messrs. F. B. Smith, Ltd., of the Strand. A pane, or quarter-sheet, of the same stamp, was sold to Sir Hildebrand Harmsworth for £160. An intact sheet of 120 halfpenny Ceylon stamps, imperforate, was bought by Mr. J. Lee at £650, and a similar sheet, but lacking two corner stamps, went to Messrs. F. B. Smith for £530. A sheet of the halfpenny orange stamps of the Ionian Islands brought £110 (W. Houtzamer).

One of the most remarkable lots in the sale was a nearly complete sheet of 229 Queensland penny stamps, which Sir Hildebrand Harmsworth secured at £450. Another large part of a sheet with ninety-two of the stamps sold to Mr. T. Allen, of Wanstead, for £185, the same purchaser securing a block of 106 of the two-penny blue stamps of the same issue for £325. A halfsheet (100 stamps) of the 15 cents orange, first issue of Holland, was sold to a Dutch buyer at £450.

Included in the sale were a few items from another remarkable find, consisting of Uruguayan stamps discovered in Manchester. These eight lots brought a total of £1,055, most of them being secured by Mr. J. Lee.—London *Daily Telegraph*, Nov. 10, 1925.

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FROM a copy of the San Francisco *Examiner*, we learn that Mr. A. F. Merell has been instrumental in introducing A. H. Wilhelm, the president of the American Philatelic Society to radio audiences. Too, "the stamp man," as Mr. Merell is now called by the newspapers, succeeded in securing Mr. K. A. Millican, manager of the Pacific National Bank, as a radio attraction, and withal Mr. Merell proceeds on his way dutifully, enlightening the youth of his section by his regular talks. Mr. Merell is quoted as saying: "The interest that I have aroused through my talks astounds me. I have been forced to move to larger quarters in order to accommodate the people who call on me all during the day and if the interest increases proportionately during the next few months, I am afraid that I will find it necessary to occupy the Civic Auditorium." Here is an example of devotion to the cause of philately and under his ministrations, Mr. Merell's acorn is growing so rapidly into the mighty oak that the authorities on arborculture are sitting up and wondering.

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MR. RUPERT RAWLINSON evidently has a keen eye and a mind in keeping for the symbolism of stamps and we are glad to submit the following readable description for its own sake and to prove that there is something in and on stamps: "The Phrygian Cap. The lover of stamps is apt to allow his imagination to run riot on color and design. He may be the regular space-filler, who, we must admit, is the orthodox philatelist, but we heretics get much of our pleasure in responding to the thrill of a variant shade, a change of perforation or an elusive watermark. Those who know British colonials are adepts at perforation and watermark; and this is a saving grace to these somewhat tiresome arrays of perfection in printing and design. On the other hand, the gorgeous panoply of Uruguays from 1856 down to 1922 were never disturbed with watermarks and this is true of Nicaragua with its volcanoes, classic buildings, prosaic ship docks, scrappy statesmen, with mustachios and goatees, except for the issues here and there. The ugly little design so messed up of 1898, with its ill-fashioned geometric figure in the center may be purchased by the set, mint, for a few cents, but these are Seebecks! The genuine is on thin paper, instead of thick and bears the Phrygian Cap as a watermark. When you have one of these you have a good little stamp, used or unused. The Phrygian Cap is always pictured on the head of Paris, the bowman of the Trojan war. He it was who caused the war by abducting the beautiful Helen. These defeated Trojans or Phrygians are said to have settled early Rome where the Phrygian Cap appears as the symbol of liberty, but a more interesting probability in tracing the history of the liberty cap is that of the Emperor Julian, the glorious heretic of the early Christian era and himself a native Phrygian, changed the name of Lutetia, Roman settlement on the Seine, to Paris, where in the stormy days of the Commune, the Phrygian Cap again came forward as the national symbol of liberty. France has never discarded it. In the days of the French Revolution, Dr. Franklin and Mr. Jefferson were in Paris, and the idea so impressed them that the head of the American Columbia has always been adorned by the Phrygian or cap of liberty. Our troubles with Spain came to a head in 1898 and it does not seem utterly impossible that the Nicaraguans took the occasion to covertly express their feelings in the controversy by inserting the Phrygian Cap in their little stamps!"

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THE following "dirge" appeared in Riq's column in the Chicago *Post*, where it caught the eye of several of our readers:

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WE chronicle the death of J. H. Prince, Chicago, one of the oldest friends of the WEEKLY, with much regret. He passed away at a hospital after a short illness, but maintained his interest in stamps to the end, almost. Latterly, he had been much attracted by precanceled stamps and found pleasure in spending his time on them. For many years he took our paper, for which he showed an affection of no ordinary kind.

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FROM Mr. Anoir A. Mariam Khan, Baghdad, Iraq, we have received by air-mail *via* HAIFA, the following letter: "I was fortunate enough to have just received from Persia the enclosed set of six provisionals, of which there was but a small number issued, according to my correspondent. The stamps are revenues of Persia, surcharged in gilded letters, in order to make them valid for postal use. They were placed on sale on November 9 and 10, 1925, when parliament declared Persia a republic and Riza Khan Pahlawi, its president; and on the very day the royal family was given twenty-four hours' notice to clear out of Persia. The surcharge may be translated: 'Post of Temporary Govt.—Pehlevy—1925. 9th Abanmah. 1304.' The values range from 1ch to 1 kran." The Persian *coupe-d'etat* naturally would have philatelic consequences and it may be that the set that Mr. Khan has sent for inspection is the advance agent of others to come.

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AN interesting half-tone has been shown us by a correspondent that pictures the original cover carried by the Pony Express that enclosed the tidings of the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. The envelope is endorsed on the face with "Election news. Lincoln elected" and bears the address: "W. Benham, Esq., Julesburg, for the *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver." The pony express impression on the envelope is dated St. Joseph, Nov. 8, and the other marking is the usual one: "The Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Company, Nov. 8, St. Joseph, Mo." The original of this illustration is not unknown to fame and it has been the subject of many accounts that graphically described the furious pace at which the important letter was conveyed. It is evident that the sender clipped the reproduction from a book, as on the reverse side of the paper a reference is seen to Robert Haslam, who as "Pony Bob" shared honors with Buffalo Bill as an intrepid carrier. The stage line to Denver was called the Pikes Peak Express; and as readers may remember, the Pony Express was under way on April 3, 1860, the day on which a rider left Sacramento and another started from St. Joseph, the eastern terminus. An advertisement of the express in the New York *Herald* of March 26, 1860, was headed: "To San Francisco in Eight Days by The Central Overland California and Pike's Peak Express," and was signed by W. H. Russell, President, Leavenworth City, Kansas, March, 1860." If one had all the printed references to the Pony Express in one's possession, a whole shelf of the library would be necessary for the accommodation of the scrap-books.

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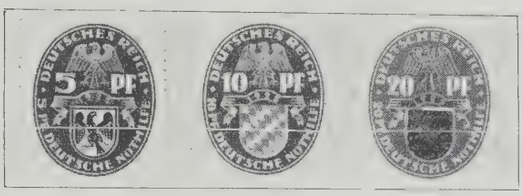

Arns & Schrott submit for our inspection a set of the new German charity stamps. They were placed on sale December 15, and will remain on sale until January 15. After March 31 they will have no postal value.

The purpose of this set is similar to that of the Swiss pro juventute sets issued each year at Christmas for the benefit of suffering youth and people without work. The nominal values of these stamps are 5, 10 and 20 pfennig, but they are sold at double the prices indicated. The stamps may be used for inland and foreign post of all kinds. The 5pf shows the arms of Prussia, the 10pf Bavaria and the 20pf Saxony.

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DO YOU KNOW?

THAT the Hoover Stamp Auction in sending out some auction advertising to their patrons enclosed a 1926 calendar. Thanks for the copy sent to this office.

THAT the San Francisco "Examiner" of December 19 had an interesting article commenting favorably upon the evening talks given by A. F. Merell on the radio KFRC. Recently Mr. Merell obtained the services of President Wilhelm and Kenneth A. Millican, manager of the Pacific National Bank, to assist him in an evening's broadcasting. A letter from Mr. Merell contains the information that a great deal of interest is being manifested in his radio talks.

THAT Argentine will issue a commemorative set of four stamps July 1, the first centenary of the establishing of the Post Office and Telegraph Departments. There will be four types:—
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Mr. L. J. Schaunessy has made an intensive study of plate varieties, and can probably identify correctly as many "locations" as any specialist.

Messrs. J. F. Schartle and P. P. Wentz also have unusually fine specialized collections of U. S., while Mr. J. R. Dunfee is specializing in covers without stamps.

On the occasion of the writer's recent visit there the "boys" gathered at the residence of Mr. Thomas on Saturday evening. The "evening" session broke up at 2.30 in the morning, to be resumed at 10 o'clock, and it was with difficulty that they were persuaded to close with fifteen minutes to catch the train for home.

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NOTE.—In lieu of regular U. S. notes this week Mr. Ward contributes the article elsewhere in this issue, "Future of Envelope Stamps." This article is well worth the special display accorded it.—W. O. W.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. — The centenary of the introduction of the postal service in the Argentine (by Bernardino Rivadavia) is to be celebrated in July next by the issue of commemorative stamps. According to M. Champion, the designs will include portraits of prominent personalities and a picture of the first Argentine post office in 1826 or of the present-day G. P. O. in Buenos Aires. — *Stamp Collecting.*

BELGIUM. — Owing to the sudden increase in the inland rate from 25c to 30c, many letters have had to be surtaxed double the deficiency, with a consequent big demand for 10c Postage Due stamps. It seems that a few days ago the stock of these at the Charleroi G. P. O. was entirely exhausted, and authority was given, for three days only, to use the ordinary postal adhesives bearing a hand-stamped letter "T."—*Stamp Collecting.*

BELGIUM.—We have received from Mr. Henry Hooreman the 1fr, type of Scott's A59, in blue.

Mr. Hooreman also sends for chronicle a set of three stamps bearing the words "Pro Tuberculatis Belli" with the usual red cross just above. The three values are, 15c+5c lilac, 30c+5c gray green and 1fr+10c blue.

CAPE JUBY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5c red violet, 10c blue green and 20c violet of the 1922-25 series of Spain with the surcharged "Cabo Juby" in black, in the same manner as the 1919 overprint.

DENMARK.—Mr. R. Roberts forwards a copy of the 2kr grey and claret, watermarked multiple crosses.

Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of 30o and 40o orange, type of Scott's A16, perf. and watermark as before.

FRANCE. — During October Caen, in Normandy, indulged in a Philatelic Exhibition all to itself, the proceeds being intended for the benefit of the Post and Telegraph Orphange. A special post office was installed in the Exhibition hall and letters deposited there were postmarked "Caen * 25-10-25 Kermese Postale." For the occasion the War Orphans stamps of 1917-18 were placed on sale and accepted for postal use on all such letters.—*Stamp Collecting.*

GERMANY.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us three new Charity stamps, watermarked chicken wire and perf. 14. They are 5+5pf green, yellow and black (Arms of Prussia); 10+10pf red and light blue (Arms of Bavaria) and 20+20pf dark blue, pale brown and black (Arms of Saxony).

HEDJAZ.—Our Alexandria correspondent, Mr. A. Sempad, having previously advised us that no errors were to be found on the sheets of the 10 piastres stamps with the year overprint on the left, now informs us that he has just discovered a sheet of this adhesive with the following varieties:—Counting from right, the 20th, 27th, 46th and 50th stamps have the year inverted and the 14th, 37th, 48th and 50th have the "5 Rabi el Awal" also inverted.—*Stamp Collecting.*

HOLLAND. — The 9 cent, foretold in *Stamp Collecting,* No. 629, has not yet appeared. The 1 gulden and 5 gulden are to appear very shortly in the current type of the lower values. The 2.50g will, however, not be re-issued for the time being on account of the large stock on hand of the present type.

The postal authorities state that there is a large stock of the first printing of the current 35c still on hand, that since October 1st the quantity sold has fallen off considerably (presumably in consequence of change of postal tariff), and that consequently further printing will be suspended for the time being; there is no definite intention to withdraw it at present.

We are indebted to our Rotterdam Special Correspondent, Mr. P. Gordon, for the foregoing. He also informs us that the 1 cent has now appeared with the syncopated perforation. — *Stamp Collecting.*

HUNGARY.—From Continental sources we learn that Hungary is to have a new currency, the "pengö," as from January 1, 1927, but the idea does not seem to be popular with the Magyars, for the reason that the necessary mental calculations will involve the following operations: multiply the value in *krone* by eight, strike out the two noughts of the total, and divide the result by one hundred. Cross word puzzles won't be in it!

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ark; five of them will go to the American dollar, twenty-seven to the pound erling, twenty-five will equal 100 French ancs, and twenty-four equal 100 Italian e to present exchange. Needless to say, w stamps will be a necessary corollary. *Stamp Collecting.*

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us at the 10sh stamp with the Saorstat reann overprint of the 1922-23 issue has peared with the year date 5mm in gth instead of 6mm as heretofore.

ITALY.—Messrs. Bright & Son report e 1 lira, brown and green, of 1901, perf., in a used block of 4 on cover. is does not seem to be listed in the icial Italian catalogue. *L'Echo* states at the 70 on 60c rose, Express, has been ught at a Padua post office, with surarge inverted. — *Stanley Gibbons onthly Journal.*

ITALIAN COLONIES. — The recently ised King's Jubilee stamps of 60c and lira have been overprinted for Tripolania, Cirenaica, Eritrea, Italian Somaliid and Jubaland. Our agent states t they are being issued in Rome, the e being at present restricted to five sets ten varieties to each purchaser.—*Whitld King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

JAPAN.—Messrs. Yuasa & Co. state t improvements are to be made in the rforation of the 3 sen, the value in greatest demand for inland use. A Gerrotary machine, which both prints d perforates the stamp, is to be emyed, instead of the old hand-perforatmachine. The gauge will be the same, t the registering of the perforation will better, and the holes will be slightly ger. — *Stanley Gibbons Monthly rnal.*

LUXEMBURG. — From Mr. R. Roberts nes the new series of Charity stamps, four values, bearing the picture of a rse ministering to a wounded man. e values are, 5c plum, 30c orange, 50c wn and 1fr blue.

MOROCCO AGENCIES ON GREAT BRITAIN. —Mr. R. Roberts sends the following ues with the new watermark: 10c on 15c on 1½p, 50c on 5p.

PANAMA CANAL ZONE.—Another error been found on the sheets of the curt issue, this time it is the one cent value. The error is to be found on the 30th stamp on the lower left-hand pane, the word "Zone" being inverted.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

PERSIA. — Our agent writes that the Postmaster informs him that in consequence of the deposition of the Shah, the current stamps bearing his portrait will shortly be overprinted with a Republican inscription.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

SALVADOR.—The new Centenary of San Salvador issue arrived too late to be put on sale during the celebrations, hence the issue of the 2c provisional, previously listed. The plates of the Centenary issue have been destroyed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., in the presence of the Consul for Salvador. All these stamps have been largely speculated in by Post Office officials.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

SPAIN. — In the November *Bulletin Mensuel* we find the terms of a decree, dated October 12th, authorizing the preparation and issue — in March next — of postage stamps to commemorate the sixty-second anniversary of the foundation of the Spanish Red Cross. The denominations will be the same as those of the current series, and they will be valid for postal service only on March 1st, 2nd (the actual anniversary), and 3rd next, the proceeds being shared by the Red Cross and the Spanish Postal Workers' Orphanage.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ST. VINCENT.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 2½p blue, on script watermark paper.

SWEDEN.—Copies of the 85ö deep green, 115ö terra cotta, and 145ö bright yellow green, imperf. x perf. 10, in the design of Scott's A20, have been received from Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts.

STAMPS FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.—The Belgians collect old stamps, corks, silver paper, etc., and send them to church-training colleges, where they are sold for the benefit of national missions. The mission workers have just counted up how much these little objects have produced from 1891 to 1923, and have discovered the nice sum of 425,000 francs. Of this amount, 300,000 was produced from old stamps, the collecting of which is the particular work of Liege. With this money the Belgian Congo is richer by six villages, one hospital and thirty-nine farm chapels—Balto *Sun.*

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Scott No.	Condition Fine.	Cat.	Pr.
*283-90	**U. S.** Omaha 1898, 1-10c..	2.83	1.50
*294-99	— Pan Am. 1901, 1-10c..	1.64	.90
*323-27	— Louis.Purch.1904,1-10c	2.13	1.25
*339	— 1908, 13c blue green ...	.75	.45
*339	— Same, mint block of 4..	..	2.00
397-400	— 1912, Pan-Pac. 1-10c	.25	.15
480	— 1916, $5 green, v. fine ..	1.75	1.10
520-2	— 1918, Airmail, 6c,16c,24c	.65	.40
523	— — $2 or'ge & blk., good	2.50	1.40
523	— — Same, very fine	2.50	1.75
524	— — $5 grn. & blk., good	2.50	1.25
524	— — Same, very fine	2.50	1.75
547	— 1920, $2 carm.&blk.,v.fine	.50	.35
572	— 1923, $2 blue, fine	1.00	.50
*620-1	— 1925, Norse-Am. 2-5c..	.17	.14
620-1	— Same used	..	.14
1890	— 1885, Spec. Del. 10c blue	.40	.25
1896	— 1908, Sp. Del. 10c green	.50	.30
1896	— Same mint	.60	.35
*1-6	**Alaouites** 1925, 0.10 on 2 to 1pi 50 on 30	..	1.10
*7-15	— 2pi on 35 to 25pi on 5fr	..	4.50
*16-21	— 0.50 on 10 to 4pi on 75c	..	1.20
*25-37	— 0.10 to 25pi complete..	..	1.75
*201-4	— Airmail, 2/40 - 10pi/2fr	..	2.00
*205-8	— — 2pi - 10pi complete	..	.45
*301-5	— Dues, 0.50/10 - 5pi/1fr	..	1.30
*306-10	— — 0.50-5pi complete	..	.25
*21-4	**Antigua** 1903, ½ to 2½p ..	1.50	.90
* 35	— 1908, 1sh viol. & ultr. ..	.90	.60
*164	**Arg. Rep.** 1910, 4c blue & grn.	.15	.08
201	— — 1p blue & rose	.25	.15
284-5	— 1921, 2-5c	.20	.12
*286-9	— — 3c-12c complete ..	.88	.50
*1-5	**Ascension** 1922, ½ to 3p ...	1.23	.75
* 6	— — 8 pence	1.25	.75
* 7	— — 2 shillings	3.50	2.20
* 8	— — 3sh viol. & blk.	5.00	3.60
* 9	— — 1sh green	1.75	1.00
*1-5	**Belg. E. Afr.** 1922, 5-50c cpl.	2.50	.90
*160	**Belgium** 1921, 5fr brn. viol.	3.00	2.00
*163	— 1924, 5fr red brown	2.50	1.25
*166-78	— 1925, 10c - 10fr compl. ..		4.00
40-8	**Bermuda** 1910-19, ½p-1sh	2.46	1.40
51	— 1917, 10sh red & green..	5.00	2.75
75	— 1921, 2½p ultram.	.35	.20
136	**Bolivia** 1923, 1b red brown..	2.00	1.00
*164-5	**Cameroons** 1924, 25/2&on 5fr	.40	.25
*170-89	— 1925, 1c to 5fr compl.	2.89	1.50
*301-11	— — Dues, complete..	.76	.35
* 8	**Cayman Isl.** 1905, ½p green	.50	.30
* 9	— — 1p carm. rose	1.50	.80
* 10	— — 2½p ultram.	1.50	.80
* 11	— — 6p chocolate	3.00	1.75
* 12	— — 1sh br. orange	4.00	2.25
*101	— 1917, 1½ on 2½p ultram.	4.00	2.00
* 80	**Congo** 1922, 10/5c grn. & blk.	.50	.25
* 81	— — 25/40c br. red & blk.	1.00	.40
* 84	— — 10c/1fr ol.bistre & blk.	1.00	.50
* 86	— — 25/30/10c carm.& blk.	4.00	1.50
* 87	— — 25/30/10c carm. & blk.	4.00	1.50
*301-4	— Airmail, 1920, 50c-5fr	2.20	1.00
* 93-9	**Cyprus** 1924, ¼ to 2¾pia, obsolete	..	.75
* 93	**Danzig** 1922, 9m rose, r. & or.	1.50	.80
* 94	— — 50m gold & red ...	.80	.45
* 95	— — 100m green & red ..	1.25	.70
*615	— Official, 5m gr., r. & blk.	1.50	.80
*105	**Denmark** 1918, 27 on 16 olive	4.00	2.60
*106	— — 27 on 50 blue	3.00	2.00
*107	— — 27 on 70 carm.	4.00	2.60
*108	— — 27 on 100 lilac	4.00	2.60
162-73	— 1924, 10-20c, in blks. of 4, showing the 4 types	1.28	.75
* 59-65	**Dominica** 1921, ½-6p ...	1.19	.75
* 67	— — 2sh ult. & viol.	2.50	1.90
* 68	— — 3sh red & blk.	3.50	2.75
* 69-77	— 1923, ½p - 1sh, 9 var. ..		1.30
1	**Dutch Ind.** 1864, 10c lake ...	5.00	3.00
2	— 1865, 10c lake	10.00	6.00
120	— 1912, 2½gld carmine ...	1.00	.50
141	— 1923, 80c orange	.25	.15
143	— — 12½c rose	.30	.15

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19 or 20	**France** 1853, 80c rose or lake	.60	.30
77	— 1876, 2c green	.20	.10
* 23	**Gilbert & Ell.** 1912, 2sh	1.00	.65
6	**Gt. Britain** 1847, 1sh green..	3.00	1.75
15	— **Mor. Ag.** 1907, 4p br. & gr.	1.50	.75
*138-41	**Italy** 1923, 20c to 11 cpl.	2.25	1.35
151	— — 5l blk. & blue	.40	.25
* 18-21	**Lebanon** 1924, 50 on 10 to 2.50 on 50	2.60	1.30
* 37-40	— — 50 on 10 to 2.50 on 50	3.25	1.60
* 45-9	— 1925, 0.75/15 to 3pi/60c	4.50	2.50
* 50-62	— — 0.10 to 25pia cpl.	2.28	1.25
* 17-19	**Leew. Isl.** 1902, 1 on 4p to 1 on 7p	2.75	1.35
34	**Malta** 1904, 4p br. & blk. ..	1.25	.65
44	— 1907, 4p scarl. & blk. ...	.75	.35
63	— 1915, 4p black	.60	.30
* 79	— 1921-2, 3p violet on yel.	1.00	.60
* 80	— — 6p violet	1.25	.75
* 92	— — 6p violet	1.00	.60
46	**Monaco** 1922, 2fr scarlet ...	2.00	1.00
49, 50, 52	— 1923, 10c, 15c, 25c..	.50	.30
55	— — 50c ultramarine	1.50	.60
*152-3	**Morocco,** Airmail, 1922, 1fr, 2fr	.75	.40
*155-6	— — — 50c, 75c	.33	.18
119	**Netherlands** 1920, 2½/10gld	2.00	.90
142-9	— 1923, 2c-50c blk., cpl.	.62	.40
150	— — 1gld red	.75	.35
154	— — 1gld on 17½c	1.00	.40
*232-4	— Charity, 2c-10c	.70	.35
253	— Airmail, 60c deep blue..	.60	.25
*117-18	**New Caledonia** 1924, 25 on 2fr & 5fr	.45	.25
36	**Newfoundland** 1876, 2c green	3.00	1.50
61-70	— 1897, 1c to 15c, 10 var.	3.35	1.60
*202	— 1919, Airmail, $1 on 15c	6.00	3.50
*122-30	**New Hebrides** 1912, 5c-1ft	3.43	1.50
*131	— — 2fr violet	1.50	.75
*132	— — 5fr brown red	4.00	1.75
*141-3	— 1924, 10 on 5 to 50/25c	2.50	1.25
94-105	**Nyassa,** ¼/2½ to 20/200r	9.00	2.50
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263-4	**Russia** 1924, 30k, 40k	.60	.30
290	— — 1r red & brown	.35	.20
292	— — 3 rubles br. & green ..		1.50
*129-31	— 1917, 3½r to 7 rubles	.70	.35
* 94-8	**Saar** 1921, 75c to 5fr	2.55	1.30
* 44	**St. Kitts** 1922, 2sh	2.50	1.50
* 50-6	— 1923, ½p to 6p	5.50	3.25
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99	**Sierra Leone** 1907, 1sh green	1.00	.50
*433-6	**Switzerland,** Charity, 1924, 5-30c	.46	.25
*139-42	**Syria** 1924, 50 on 10 to 2.50 on 50	2.50	1.30
*158-61	— — 50/10 to 2.50/50..	2.50	1.30
*163	— — 1p 50 on 30c orange	2.50	1.25
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The same reader asks for my views on the recent Egyptian "Geographical Congress" stamps. I believe our Publishers are still able to supply these at half a crown a set, but there are very few on the market. On the other hand, though the numbers printed were not large, it must be remembered that there are plenty of speculators in Egypt, who probably took the bulk of the issue, so that no very startling rise need be looked for as yet. Probably they will steady down at between 3s 6d and 5s.

A group which received renewed attention of late consists of British East Africa, Zanzibar, and Uganda. All issues of these countries are now in steady demand. Another country which should be watched is North Borneo. Many of the once despised Pictorials are getting very short in unused or postally used condition, and stocks are depleted. The old-time prejudices against certain pictorial and unnecessary issues have been broken down during the past few years, probably because they are now numerically unimportant in comparison with the flood of new issues of the past ten years, while the passage of time tends to give them the dignity of age.

A New Zealand correspondent tells me that there are no stocks of the recently withdrawn 8d, Official, in the Dominion, so that it should pay to pick up a few if they can be found in English stocks.

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40.	12, used	12.50	5.00
41.	14-20, used (no 17)	12.00	5.00
42.	21-27, used	8.50	3.75
43.	40-45	8.62	3.75
44.	46-48	6.25	2.75
45.	66-73	3.18	1.40
46.	74-81	4.22	1.80
47.	**Caymans**, 1-6 & 12	9.50	4.25
48.	101-102	4.75	2.00
49.	**Ceylon**, 109, 110, 112, used	14.00	6.00
50.	132	2.50	1.50
51.	155-163 (2 used)	10.10	4.25
52.	309-321, used	8.01	3.00
53.	**Cyprus**, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10	3.85	1.60
54.	26	7.00	3.00
55.	31-37 (1 used)	5.18	2.10
56.	**Grenada**, 3-6 (shades; used)	14.00	6.00
57.	8-11 (3 used)	9.00	4.00
58.	27-28	7.00	3.00
59.	31-32	3.25	1.50
60.	32a	8.00	3.50
61.	301-307, used	7.30	3.25
62.	**Hong Kong**, 60-69	6.32	2.75
63.	**India**, 2, 2a, 5, used	6.75	2.75
64.	**Lagos**, 40-46	26.35	12.00
65.	**Leewards**, 17-17a-18-18a-19..	9.75	4.00
66.	**Malta**, 4, used	10.00	4.00
67.	6, used	5.00	2.00
68.	**Montserrat**, 4, used	6.00	2.50
69.	**Nabha State**, 23	13.50	6.50
70.	24	13.50	6.50
71.	25	15.00	7.00
72.	**Nevis**, 9	6.00	2.50
73.	**New Brunswick**, 1, fair, used	17.50	5.00
74.	2, damaged, looks o. k.	50.00	10.00
75.	5-10	4.97	2.00
76.	**Newfoundland**, 1	7.00	3.00
77.	1a	9.00	4.00
78.	3	5.00	2.25
79.	3, used	10.00	4.00
80.	5	5.00	2.25
81.	5a	9.00	4.00
82.	8	20.00	9.00
83.	8 (small thin spot)	20.00	6.25
84.	8, used, no margins	30.00	9.00
85.	11	20.00	9.00
86.	17	10.00	4.25
87.	18, used	7.50	3.00
88.	19	3.50	2.00
89.	20, used	5.00	2.00
90.	21	5.00	2.50
91.	22	6.00	3.00
91a.	25	30.00	12.50
92.	25, used	20.00	9.00
93.	31	10.00	4.25
94.	33	17.50	9.00
95.	33, used	15.00	7.00
96.	33, used, small tear	15.00	4.50
97.	35	6.00	2.50
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100.	**Niger Coast**, 1-5, used	4.65	2.00
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106.	2, on cover	7.00	5.00
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117.	22	5.00	2.00
118.	Between 43 & 63, 15 stps.	5.45	2.25
119.	82	20.00	15.00
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121.	**St. Helena**, 17	10.00	4.25
122.	25-28	10.00	4.25
123.	**St. Kitts**, 1-7	7.45	3.25
124.	**St. Lucia**, 8, used	6.00	2.75
125.	9, used	6.00	2.50
126.	12, used	5.00	2.00
127.	13, used	5.00	2.00
128.	14a, used	6.00	2.75
129.	15, used	5.00	2.00
130.	21, used	6.00	2.50
131.	24, used	7.50	3.25
132.	40, used on piece	5.00	2.50
133.	**St. Vincent**, 14, used, poor	7.50	2.50
134.	27, used, poor	15.00	5.00
135.	47, used	6.50	2.75
136.	55-61 (shades)	8.85	3.75
137.	**Sierra Leone**, 11-16, used	7.75	3.25
138.	18a	12.00	5.00
139.	**Straits**, 93-101	6.85	2.75
140.	105-110	3.03	1.25
141.	**Johore**, 3	5.00	2.00
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143.	30a-36a (1 unused)	8.20	3.50
144.	37-45 & 51-53	8.52	3.50
145.	54, 55, 57, 58	12.75	5.25
146.	59-67	7.10	3.00
147.	**Kedah**, 14, used	6.50	2.75
148.	**Pahang**, 6	8.00	3.50
149.	**Perak**, 2-3	5.50	2.25
150.	42-52&60-68 (no 61; 5 used)	7.12	3.00
151.	**Sudan**, 313, used	8.00	3.25
152.	**Tobago**, 1	5.00	2.25
153.	3	6.00	2.75
154.	8	6.00	2.75
155.	9, used	6.00	2.50
156.	**Transvaal**, 19, used	15.00	6.50
157.	252-265 (2 used)	9.12	3.75
158.	**Transjordania**, 64-72	11.55	4.50
159.	**Turks**, 47-55 (no 51)	6.62	2.75
160.	**Virgin Isds.**, 1	7.50	3.50
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RANDOM NOTES:—

Recently F. B. Turpin of London advertised some Cayman Island stamps, and unfortunately Yvert's numbers were quoted instead of Scott's. We make this statement at the request of Mr. Turpin, who believes that the advertisement in question may cause him some embarrassment.

J. L. Riedel of Nurnberg, Bavaria, writes us from Paris under date of Dec. 22, and sends us the advertisement, which appears elsewhere in this issue. We quote from his letter:—"I am in Paris at present and although business is not as brisk as the low value of the franc would indicate, it is much livelier than the next biggest countries from the philatelic point of view, viz.:—England and Germany. I came here for the first time seventeen years ago when I was but a young fellow. Many things have changed since, but the charm of the Ville Lumiere is and always will be the same."

The veteran dealer, J. E. Handshaw, is now wintering in Florida, where he has a splendid plantation. He is enjoying excellent health and is still dealing in stamps, as will be noticed from the advertisement in this issue.

We have received a set of Belgian Charity stamps from J. L. Riedel. The stamps were issued Dec. 15, and there are three values in the set:—15+5, 30+5 and 1fr+10.

Alois von Isakovics, Monticello, N. Y., A. S. D. A. 324 and S. P. A. 3770, who has used considerable advertising space in recent months, announces that in the future he will operate under the name of the Alvonis Co. He informs us that the WEEKLY has been a profitable advertising medium.

Amongst our numerous holiday greetings was a letter from W. T. Wilson of Birmingham, England, accompanied with a copy of one of the best British Christmas annuals, the "Sphere." It is certainly a handsome production. Many thanks.

A clipping is at hand from Francis M. Bothelho, Ph. D., taken from the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin.* It deals with the interest that Henry Lewis Appleton takes in stamp collecting. Mr. Appleton is a member of a large hardware concern in Philadelphia and his interest in philately has extended over a good many years. His collection fills twenty-three large volumes in his library.

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240	1893,	50c Columbian 12.50		10.00
253	1894,	3c purple	1.25	1.10
269	1895,	4c dark brown	1.25	1.10
271	1895,	6c dull brown	5.00	4.25
279b	1898,	2c orange red	3.50	2.50
287	1898,	4c Omaha	1.75	1.40
288	1898,	5c Omaha	3.00	2.40
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Some wrote in that they had a Maltese Cross not shown among the ten in our first lot. There are possibly 100 Maltese Cross cancels. If you have a pretty, or unusual type, that is not in our designs, let it come and welcome.

Under "Town" heading you will see that we have five of this group listed, a percentage better than normal. When you see a town with "?", it will be appreciated if you can send the name of this town for future listings in a group every month or so. Have had no criticism of this arrangement of groups, so this will be the "layout" right thro the whole gamut of cancellations.

No. 1 in this group is made in the same style as Nos. 2 and 4 in Jan. 11. Pretty cancels. Albany, N. Y., is the home of many handsome designs, many of patriotic nature. Am sorry that I could not find a copy of the Lincoln on cover in order to show it complete. They used U. S. in a circle with stars cut in this circular frame right much, and it makes a pretty obliterator.

Many birds have been sent in, some so indistinct that I was unable to draw them—or even see them! Please send only the birds that have two wings, and look like birds! Have had butterflies (?) with all the way from one to five wings, will not bother to show them to you. Sometimes a stamp will be lapped over another on a cover, and if the two stamps are heavily hit this will leave a series of small points (where the perforations were on stamp above) looking like sawteeth, and often mistaken for a "saw". Pen cancels are sometimes called "Folded umbrellas" or "canes" etc. Often a pen cancel is made like our dollar mark ($), and you'll sometimes see them in the same

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409	1912, 2c, Center cross line block of four	1.25
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481	1917, 1c, Plate number block of six	.25
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482	1917, 2c, Plate number block of six	.25
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483	1917, 3c, Plate number block of six	.50
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576	1922-25, 1½c, Center cross line block of four	.50
577	1922-25, 2c, Block of four	.12
577	1922-25, 2c, Plate number block of six	.25
577	1922-25, 2c, Arrow block of four	.30
577	1922-25, 2c, Center cross line block of four	.60
612	2c Harding, Block of four	.16
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In addition to these we have scattered about in approval selections or in stock but not plated another score or more. Most of these rate "very fine"; none are poor. There are a few pairs, a strip of three, and many fine covers. Of minor varieties we note, 3 copies of the shift in **POST OFFICE,** both X shifts, and the shift at bottom; there is the **HAIR LIP** (which we first mistook for a pencancelled copy), several SHORT TRANSFERS, some split and overdrawn frame-lines.

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2.	Flag in Circle	3c 1851	Newark Valley, N. Y.	Red	H. P. A.
3.	Dove of Peace	3c 1861	Rockford, Ill.	Blue	Dr. Wm. Evans
4.	Flag	3c 1879	Schodack Landing, N. Y.	Black	Dr. A. D. Pierce
5.	"LINCOLN"	3c 1861	Albany, N. Y.	"	H. V. Swallow
6.	Eagle and Shield	3c 1861	No. Cambridge, Mass.	"	F. Allen
7.	Eagle	2c 1883	?	"	A. Bode
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9.	Flying Bird	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. F. Chambers
10.	Eagle	3c 1879	?	"	H. F. Metz

form with the bottoms of the two vertical lines thro the S united, making a monogram US, which is said to be the forerunner of the $ sign.

Mr. D. H. Stafford has shown me a 3c 1851, cover pmkd. "Jul 11 1853, New York", has anyone an earlier copy, or one dated later than July 26, with the 1853 year date inside the pmk.? He also has a very neat design on 3c '61 cover from Old Point Comfort to N. Y. City with MISSENT in a curve with a flat base containing the word FORWARDED, while the AND comes inside the space between the curve and bottom base. It is a very neat design.

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line reads "ROLLING PRAIRIE WIS." in small thin capitals, while the line below shows the date, probably "Jan 16, 1858", to judge from the dated letter inside, which is from the home of our dear old friend "Matilda Ann", Beaver Dam, Wis. The letter goes to Folsom, Calif. The writer says that his farm is on the Milwaukee & LaCrosse R. R. and he is delighted with the location, even as I am with this beautiful cover.

Mr. Louis Sinise has sent in two documents dated 1857 and 1870. These are Postage Receipts, about the size of a pocket check of today. At left in an ornate frame we read "POSTAGE DUE". That of 1857 has a printed form with the P. M.'s name, and the town, Hollidaysburg P. O., Pa. It reads "Box 130 to P. M., Dr., To letter postage .03; To Newspaper Postage .20; To Box Rent .25; Total .48 for July to Oct." This is receipted by the Hollidaysburg pmk., and the word "PAID", as we see it so frequently falling on covers and stamps.

Mr. Franz Miller has shown me the oldest stamp album in printed form that I have seen. It looks not unlike our Scott Specialized in its leather cover, tho it has a flap held in place by a strap around the little volume as a civil engineer's field book. The fly leaf reads "THE POSTAGE STAMP COLLECTOR'S POCKET ALBUM, WITH A COMPLETE TABLE OF ALL THE KNOWN STAMPS. SECOND EDITION, ENLARGED AND CORRECTED TO THE PRESENT TIME."

If you would like to know exactly how many stamps there were at this time (1864), this book lists them all—Europe 901, America 557, Asia 53, Africa 52, and Oceanica 126, Total 1689. It was published by "D. Appleton & Co. 1864". The pages are stamped in pink, and the pages are made to hold either 8 or 15 stamps. There are some beautiful Ceylons, and early U. S. The pmks. of note are an O.K. on 1c 1869, and three P. O. Dept. stamps, one having pale blue "quarterings", the other two with pmks. in same color, one reading "STAMP DIVISION P—— Nov 17 1877". This ring is about 26mm, and some of you may be able to supply the missing portion. It is a very neat little affair, and a great contrast to the albums of today.

FAR AND NEAR:—

Herman W. Boers of Detroit, Mich., in renewing his subscription, calls our attention to the fact that he is one of our oldtime subscribers. He first subscribed when the paper was published in St. Louis, and this was 29 years ago. Mr. Boers mentions a score of dealers who advertised in our columns in 1896 and of the number only Morgenthau, Bartels, Wolsieffer, Scott Co. and E. T. Parker are now actively dealing. Mr. Boers is publicity representative of the Michigan Stamp Club and has contributed a great deal of matter to the philatelic press. His name is a familiar one to the readers of our publication.

We are indebted to Gerald D. Bliss of Cristobal, Canal Zone, for a very interesting airmail cover. It was posted at Cristobal 7 A. M., Dec. 29 per Plane No 41 and received a San Jose, Costa Rica, postmark the same day. The inscription of the San Jose postmark reads as follows:—"San Jose—Servicio Aero—DIC—29—1925—Recibo", in six lines. The cover reached Beverly January 11. On the reverse side of the cover is a postal marking as follows:—"San Jose—Servicio—Aero—Transito".

A 13c Harrison mailed from Washington, D. C., Jan. 11, the day of issue, has been received from Albert E. Gorham. Thanks for the courtesy. Mr. Gorham also advises us that he recently addressed a stamp club at the Central High School, numbering about thirty of the students. Also that Fred S. Gichner has surprised the Washington Society by making and presenting a handsome metal hat and coat rack.

"I am sure it would interest your readers to know that the Philatelic Society of the Oranges obtained a warrant for the arrest of Chas. E. Cowell, former salesmanager, on a charge of embezzlement. As yet we have been unable to locate Cowell, but believe he is operating in the New England States. Should any of your readers know of his whereabouts they should notify the East Orange police or F. E. Tappan, 108 Riggs Place, West Orange, or both."—J. G. JEWETT.

Plans are progressing nicely for the second annual stamp exhibit of the Washington Philatelic Society to be held in the Public Library, Feb. 1-14 inclusive, under the able leadership of Col. W. N. McKelvy, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, who, by the way, is scheduled for the next talk before the Society on the Stamps of Hayti. The lecture recently given by Vice President James F. Duhamel being a revelation on the discovery, settlement and development of the stamp issuing countries of Africa. There has been so much interest manifested in the meetings of the Society that they are now being held weekly instead of 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, in the new headquarters, 1333 G St., N. W. Meetings of the committee on exhibit are also being held weekly, and the Post Office Department and Philatelic Agency will co-operate with exhibits.—ALBERT E. GORHAM.

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I am both flattered and embarrassed in appearing before you tonight. I can not help having a sensation of extreme pleasure that so many of you who have known me so long and who have so often listened to my chatter regarding my own especial hobbies should have turned out tonight to listen to me again. At the same time I am embarrassed because of necessity many of the things I shall say to you tonight I have told over and over again.

It is rather odd that at the very time I am withdrawing from activity in the pursuit of the Three Cent Green I should be talking to you on the subject of the Bank Note issues. However, my reason for discontinuing my activities in specialization is simply that the time has come when my business demands practically all my time and not because of any disloyalty. It happens that I am so constituted that I cannot be happy to have a certain collection in my possession unless I can be continually devoting time to it and to increasing it.

However, as most of you know, I am not withdrawing from the philatelic field. I have selected for my future pastime a sideline that does not require anywhere near the time or study that my Three Cent Green Collection did. I find that by now I am even more interested in this sideline and expect to get a maximum of pleasure at a minimum of cost, both of time and money.

Three or four years ago I made the assertion in print that specialization in the lower values of early United States stamps had been sadly neglected. I modified this statement by saying that while probably just as much had been printed about early low values before 1890, most of which are comparatively cheap in price and accessible consequently to the average collector as had been printed about the five and ten cent 47 and other costly gems, the editors of the stamp press had not given the cheaper stamps anywhere near the play they merited by reasons of the great interest in them on the part of the majority of collectors.

Right away the editor of MEKEEL'S rose up to say that if I would supervise the editing of the kind of material I spoke of he would print it. You all know the results. Today our good friend Atherton and others are carrying on the work most wonderfully and there is scarcely an issue of any stamp magazine of merit that does not carry articles that will help almost any fellow to turn to his accumulations of stamps that sell for a dollar or a few dollars a thousand and have a lot of fun looking for some heretofore unknown variety.

In spite of the vast increase in interest in specialization in these lower priced stamps that has been evident in recent years, I say to you tonight that I believe the subject is still in its infancy.

The other day I heard a fellow say that a friend of his told him he had met a fellow who had said he heard a dealer say that the collecting of cancellations was on the wane. Really, that makes me laugh.

Another said that there were four or five collections or accumulations of United States stamps so vast in themselves that when, at some future time, they came on the market it would result in a material lowering of prices. Again, it is to laugh.

What about the unloading of the Ferrari accumulation. Did that lower prices? Not by a jugful. Stamps that he bought many, many years ago for tens of dollars brought thousands. It probably did more than anything else to strengthen the market and raise prices. And I say to all of you who are commercially minded that the unloading of any future accumulations will only serve to establish new high marks in the value of similar material that you own and there will always be enough collectors to absorb anything that comes onto the market.

As for cancellations being on the wane, I cannot see any reason for the statement. The craze for them seems to be getting stronger and stronger all the time, old supplies and stocks are being absorbed into thousands of collections and each year we see thousands of old time collectors turning to specialization.

One future development that we will all see will be a greater interest in minor varieties. More and more collectors will turn to an intensive study of plate, paper and printing, and the interest in dots, scratches, double transfers, cracked plates and the like will grow in intensity every year.

The big reason why I make this statement in absolute confidence is that I find that about nine out of ten collectors are to some degree commercially minded.

Now I don't mean to belittle or commercialize our hobby. We all, or at least most of us, enjoy the aesthetic side of collecting. The stamp collector is a combination of the artist, poet and connoisseur — he loves his stamps as the Eastern potentate might love his collection of precious stones. The pastime educates him, inspires him to greater accomplishments in his outside life, brings him delightful companionships and makes him a broader man.

But aside from all that if it wasn't for the fact that most of us know that our money, conservatively and wisely invested in certain kinds of postage stamps, will bring us an ever increasing return as the years go on, I don't think many would accumulate valuable collections.

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153	1870	24c purple	4.50	2.25
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excellent to them, we discover a pin point or hairline that we alone know about and right away we magnify the value in our own minds. The result is that the seller thinks he is holding us up and we have that pleasurable thrill which only comes when we feel we are getting the best of the other chap. And not because this tiny bit of printed paper with its pin point or hairline is worth any more than it was before, but because of our own foolish but at the same time divine faith in the accuracy of our own opinions we make it worth what we believe it to be worth and in time others come to agree with us. Therefore a profit has been made and that I hold is one of the big fascinations of the game.

Now what I speak of can be done with almost any stamp there is. But really, there's not much fun doing it unless it is a stamp in which a lot of our friends or acquaintances are interested in. I tried it once with Mexico. I had a nice collection of plate varieties and district cancellations, freak perforations, ruled papers, watermarks and the like and enjoyed them greatly for a time. Then I brought them around to the stamp club and the first fellow I met drew a long face—you know the expression I mean—and said: "Hum, yes, those are nice, but you can't sell 'em—nobody wants them." The next fellow yawned and said: "Why don't you collect black Jacks?" And finding nobody interested in them I got rid of them and decided to collect something the other fellow was interested in.

Right here in our own country everyone is interested in United States, just as our British cousins go wild over penny blacks. And because the volume of the present and late issues is so tremendous that a fellow would have to devote a lifetime to them to make any kind of a decent showing, the greatest interest naturally is in the earlier issues, especially the rarer ones.

There was a time when no specialist could see any merit in any United States stamps after 1869. But in the last ten or fifteen years so many thousands of collectors have turned to specialization in one form or another and the very earliest issues have been absorbed so fast that there has been a turning to later issues and today even the most hardened of hardshell oldtime collectors will admit that any United States before 1890 is good property. In the decade to come we may expect to see the interest extended to the Columbian issue and others up to about the beginning of the present century.

From the experience I have had and the sense it has given me of the things philatelic I want to prophesy to you tonight that you'll find the Bank Note issues during the next few years the most profitable investment you can make.

Bank Notes are still much undervalued. Some denominations it is true are still available in thousand lots and a few in tens of thousands, but go out and try to turn up an absolutely unpicked lot of 5,000 of any of them and see how long it takes you to get it.

In my pursuit of the Three Cent Green I have made some lucky finds. But really I only found a few scattered unpicked lots. Someone had gone over most of them and removed the kicking mules, the skulls and crossbones, the unsevered blocks and other valuables.

But when it comes to minor varieties, the situation changes. Many of the lots that were not prolific in yielding valuable cancellations brought me stitch watermarks, shifted transfers, double papers and many other valuable varieties.

One of the finest and scarcest things I know of, the big gash on Washington's throat on the 1879 three center came to me out of the poorest little lot you ever saw—it made me sick to look at them at first.

Another piece that I consider of extreme rarity—a pair of the 1879's showing the line through the bottom labels on both stamps, crossing the margin in the center, was likewise an original find of mine.

I bought a shifted transfer in the 1873 issue that I call the all-over shift from a

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Bargains Bargains

I have sold considerably over half of the famous "Duveen Collection" and I am now authorized to offer a discount of 20% on the marked prices of all the approval books I have on hand and priced up.

This discount will not apply to the groups of countries which have not yet been broken up.

The following are only a few examples of the bargains I can now offer.

United States

	Cat. Price.	New Net Prices
Baltimore, 5c on white, canc. "PAID" in blue....$	800.00	$ 488.00
10c on bluish, on part cover, canc. 10 in oval in blue but piece torn off left corner, extending to the "m" in James	10,000.00	2,000.00
St. Louis, Plate 1, 10c	200.00	120.00
Plate 1, 10c, others, short margins	200.00	80.00
Pelure, 10c	1,000.00	560.00
Pelure, 10c penstr. and short margins	1,000.00	360.00
Carrier, New York, 2c red (Type C 26), folded across centre	500.00	160.00
Baltimore, 1c blue, unused (Type C 2)	150.00	72.00
Louisville, Ky., 2c bluish green, block of 9	135.00	72.00
2c blue (Type C 22) on cover	50.00	29.00
1847, 10c unused, no gum	150.00	80.00
10c with gum, yellowish paper	150.00	128.00
5c brown, block of four, gum	400.00	320.00
August 1861, 10c with gum	125.00	55.00
24c with gum, brilliant	200.00	144.00
Sept. 1861, 5c buff, no gum	150.00	72.00
5c brown-yellow, no gum	200.00	72.00
90c pale blue, with gum	50.00	22.00
90c dark blue, no gum	40.00	18.00
90c ultramarine, no gum	no price	40.00
1869, 24c, Inverted picture, slight damage at bottom	600.00	290.00
30c, Flags inverted, fine and well centered	2,000.00	1,260.00

New Brunswick

	Cat. Price.	New Net Prices
3d red, mint .....$	50.00	$29.00
3d red, pale to deep shades, no gum	50.00	$22 to $26.00
6d yellow, fine, no gum	125.00	$72 to $92.00
6d yellow, used, fine	50.00	$29 to $36.00
1s violet, very fine, no gum	750.00 } 1,000.00 }	$400-$432.00
1s violet, used, rare canc. "dots"	300.00 } 375.00 }	$180.00
1s violet used, pale rosy-mauve	300.00 } 375.00 }	180.00
6d yellow, "half" used for 3d on whole cover and well tied on	200.00	87.00

The above are only a few out of the hundreds of "bargains" now on sale in the 110 Duveen approval books I have for sale with 20% discount on the marked prices. These original marked prices are generally 20% to 30% below catalogue and now with 20% more reduction collectors can get hundreds of fine stamps, especially those priced from 50c to $10.00 at **half catalogue prices.**

Among the books now available are:—

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Natal	**British African Colonies**
Oldenburg	**Austria**
Baden	**Lombardy-Venice**
Colombia and States	**Mexico**

and many others.

In general, these books include issues to 1890 only, postage only, no Officials, Postal Fiscals, etc.

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Scattered through this issue are numerous advertisements of the Hussman Stamp Co., a firm which has patronized the WEEKLY through a long term of years. Some two years ago the firm re-organized its business and Mr. Calman, the new manager, has put pep into the affairs of the concern. One cannot fail to note the offerings in this issue.

Mr. Watson of the C. S. Watson Co. informs us that Mr. Polk, the firm's office manager, was seriously injured in the crash at the Pasadena grand-stand on New Year's Day. This will come as news to many of Mr. Polk's Boston friends, who will sympathize with him.

Our old friend J. H. Houston, the veteran dealer of Washington, D. C., is advertising in this number. While not as active as in former days he nevertheless likes the dealing atmosphere. In a letter just at hand he encloses a picture taken outside the Capitol building. Mr. Houston will be 76 years old July 4.

The two-column advertisement of the Metropolitan Stamp Co., is but the beginning of a series of advertisements of this character. After running the same, our Portland printshop will make reprints for a price list. Other firms will do well to consider this method of obtaining a price list at a low figure, combined with the profit that must result from circularizing our entire mailing list.

The Contract Air Mail Service announces that first flights from Chicago to Detroit, Cleveland to Detroit, Detroit to Chicago, and Detroit to Cleveland, scheduled for Feb. 1, 1926, have been postponed to Feb. 15. Thanks to Albert E. Gorham.

The Saturday Afternoon Stamp Club (N. Y. City) will hold its annual dinner at the Pierrette Tea Room, 15 S. Williams St., N. Y. City, Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 P. M. Interested parties will please communicate with the Secretary, C. H. Fournier, 226 W. 25th St., N. Y. City. Price of dinner tickets will be $1.50.

CINCINNATI'S PROGRAM

The Cincinnati Collectors Club holds its meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Business Men's Club. The features for the coming meetings are so varied that we are pleased to publish a list of them, believing it will furnish some suggestions for other stamp club programs:—

Feb. 18—Stamp Lotto. Mr. L. J. Flerlage will exhibit parts of his collection.

Mar. 4—Junior Night. Grab bag special exhibits, and talks for the young folks with the older collectors to entertain them.

Mar. 18—Postal Currency. A talk on this interesting side line by Dr. L. D Peaslee. Stamps will be exhibited by Messrs. R. C. Beazell and E. Uchtman.

Apr. 1—General Exhibition. Open to all Cincinnati collectors. Prizes will be awarded.

Apr. 15—Auction. Stamps will be exhibited by Dr. L. D. Peaslee.

May 6—An Evening of Stamp Games Dr. L. G. Tedesche and Mr. E. J Rudolph will exhibit stamps.

May 20—One Page Exhibit. Nomination of officers. Dr. A. E. Hussey will show his collection.

June 3—Election of Officers. Mr. R H. Plump will show his collection.

June 17—Banquet.

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BRIEF PHILATELIC GLOSSARY

Adhesive.—A stamp to be attached to a ...tter, as apart from one impressed upon ...e envelope, etc.

Aniline.—Colours of chemical origin ...pecially soluble in water.

Bisect.—A stamp cut in half and used ... a fraction of its original value.

Bleuté or Blued.—A paper having a ...uish tinge.

Block (of stamps).—An unsevered ...oup of stamps (not in a *strip* of one ...e).

Chalky or Chalk-surfaced Paper.—(See *Paper.*)

Cliché.—A single stereotype or electro-...pe from which a stamp is printed.

Colour Trials.—Impressions printed in ...rious colours as suggestions for the ...lour scheme of a particular issue; not ...cessarily those finally selected.

Commemorative Stamps.—(Fr., com-...émoratif; Ger., erinnernd; Sp., con-...emorativo).—Special issues to denote ...me event.

Control.—A letter, or number, or both, ...inted on the margin of a sheet of ...amps, as an official means of checking ...e supply.

Cut Square.—Impressed stamps cut out ...om envelopes or post cards.

Design.—(Fr., dessin; Ger., Zeich-...ng; Sp., deseño).—General features of ...e drawing that composes a stamp.

Die.—The original metal block en-...aved with the design from which the ...inting plates are produced.

Duty Plate.—The overprint plate used ...r inserting the name of the country and ...e value on the stamps printed from a ...neral plate. (See also *Key Plate.*)

Embossed.—Designs standing out in re-...f with or without colour.

Entire.—A complete envelope, card, or ...apper. *Used on Entire.*—A used ...mp on the complete envelope.

Error.—A stamp faulty in design, over-...nt, paper, colour, perforation, or ...termark.

Essay.—A design submitted for a proposed issue of postage stamps, but not necessarily that accepted.

Facsimile.—An imitation sold as such.

Fake.—A genuine stamp that has been fraudulently altered in colours, value, etc., in order to increase its value. In a broad sense "fake" or "forgery" are synonymous terms.

Fiscal.—Stamps used for the collection of revenue fees, taxes, etc., as apart from postage stamps. Some fiscal stamps have done postal duty, and these are *postal fiscals.*

Forgery.—A fraudulent imitation of a stamp.

Fugitive Colours.—Colours that "wash off" or change on the application of chemicals to remove the postmark—as a safeguard against fraudulent cleaning. *Doubly-fugitive* is a still more sensitive ink.

Grille.—A pattern of small square dots embossed in the substance of some stamps of U. S. A., Peru., etc.

Hair Lines.—Minute lines which cross the outer corners of some stamps of Great Britain distinguishing the impressions from certain plates. The term is also used nowadays to describe accidental lines upon certain stamps often due to a hair, etc., in the printing ink or adhering to the plate.

Imperf.—Imperforate. Stamps that are not perforated.

"Jubilee" Line.—A coloured rule surrounding the sheet (on the margins) on most of the surface-printed issues of Great Britain and Colonies, first adopted in 1887 (Queen Victoria's Jubilee). This line also protects the outer rows of *cliché*s from undue wear.

Key Plate or Head Plate.—The plate from which the head and general features of design, apart from name and value, is produced in modern British Colonial stamps. (See *Duty Plate.*)

Locals.—Stamps having a franking power limited to a town, district, or route.

Marginal Inscriptions.—In addition to having control numbers and letters on the margins, some sheets of stamps have inscriptions such as:—names of printers, dates of manufacture, instructions as to use and value, etc. Marginal inscriptions are sometimes watermarked in the paper.

Margins.—The paper around a sheet or pane of stamps.

Mint.—Means an unused stamp in *perfect condition with full gum,* as when issued by the post office.

Obliteration or Cancellation.—(See *Postmark.*)

Obsolete.—Stamps no longer current, but not necessarily demonetized.

Original Gum (o.g.).—The gum as applied to the back of a stamp at the time of its manufacture.

Overprint.—Something printed on the face of a stamp after the stamp was completed, either an inscription or device, or the name of another country. (See *Surcharge.*)

Pair.—Two unsevered stamps.

Pane of Stamps.—Sheets of stamps are frequently divided into sections or panes by means of horizontal or vertical (often both) margins.

PAPER.—Bâtonné.—Watermarked with parallel lines.

Chalky Paper, Chalk-surfaced, or Coated.—A paper coated with a preparation of chalk, or similar substance.

Dickinson or silk thread.—Named after its inventor, John Dickinson, and containing continuous silk threads running through the paper.

Granite.—A paper with coloured fibres in its substance.

India Paper.—Wove paper of a fine soft texture used for proofs, impressions, etc.

Laid.—Containing a series of watermarked lines close together.

Pelure.—A thin semi-transparent paper often of greyish tint.

Quadrillé.—Watermarked with crossed lines forming squares or oblongs.

Ribbed.—Possesses close parallel lines, slightly raised, on the surface of the paper.

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3c	.15	.08
3c covers, 5 Diff. Towns		1.00
5c 40.00		15.00
10c, Type I, No. 35	12.50	5.00
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12c, No. 36 .....10.00		5.00
1857, 1c, Type IV (42d)	15.00	5.00
3c outer Line (43)	.75	.30
5c Brick Red (45)	30.00	15.00
5c Red Brown (46)	25.00	10.00
5c Brown, No. 47..12.50		5.00
10c, Type I, No. 49	9.00	4.50
10c, Type I, hor. pair on Cover....30.00		15.00
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10c, Type II (49a)	3.50	1.75
10c, Type III (49b)	4.00	2.00
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10c, Type IV, Re-cut Bottom 80.00		25.00
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10c, Type V	1.75	1.00
24c, No. 52 .....13.50		6.00
Reprint 5c, No. 54c	....	7.50
1861, 3c Imperf., used....	....	5.00
24c, No. 70	9.00	3.50
1862-66, 5c Red Brn. (75)	8.00	4.00
1867, 90c grilled, No. 101	35.00	15.00
1869, *24c, unused o. g.	27.50	13.00
*30c, unused o. g.	30.00	15.00
Reissue 1c (123)	6.00	3.00
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Plate.—The metal sheet or block from which the designs are transferred or printed on to the paper.

Plate Numbers.—The number of each plate of a particular value appearing on the margin, or sometimes on the stamp itself.

Postage Due Stamps.—Adhesives affixed by officials on letters, etc., to denote that same has been insufficiently prepaid.

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Se tenant.—Means "joined together." A term used when two stamps have not been separated, the one generally being an *error* or *variety*.

Sheet of Stamps.—An entire unsevered quantity of stamps as printed.

Specimen.—Stamps overprinted thus have been sent to the members of the "Universal Postal Union," or to postmasters as samples of new issues.

Strip.—An unsevered row of stamps, either vertical or horizontal.

Sulphuretted.—Erroneously termed "oxidized." A change of colour, generally due to action of fumes of sulphur upon the printing ink.

Surcharge.—An "overprint" which confirms or alters the value of a stamp.

Tête-bêche.—Signifies the inversion of one stamp of a pair in relation to the other. When such a pair is severed the peculiarity disappears.

Un=unused.—A stamp that has not done postal duty.

Us=used.—A stamp that has done postal duty.

Used Abroad.—Are stamps of one country which are used in another, or in a Colony, the only means of detection being the *postmark*.

Variety.—A variation from the normal design or other feature.

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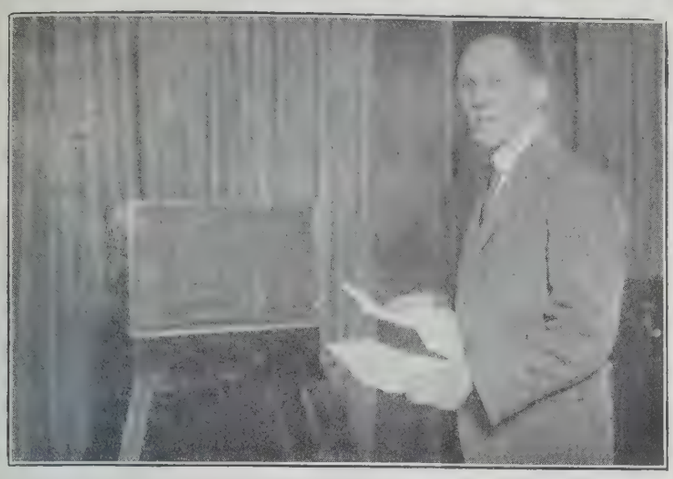

ALBERT H. HARRIS AT THE MICROPHONE

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HOW TO BOOST STAMP COLLECTING

By R. D. MacGuffin.

Once upon a time there was a stamp dealer who, thinking to avoid being asked to buy back in a year or two the stamps he sold to collectors, made it his custom to say, "Now, Mr. Collector, get the right slant on this. Stamps are great fun and beautiful recreation and education, but do not expect to get your money back. At least the first hundred dollars you should charge up to fun and kiss it goodbye. We want you to have your fun and to forget all sordidness. So do not expect me to buy these stamps back." After a time a committee of stamp dealers and collectors, seeing his methods and knowing that he was seriously hurting philately, called on him and said, "We know that in the course of time you will go broke and leave, but in the meantime we want to know your motive for trying to put philately on the bum. It has become noised abroad that money put into stamps is money lost, because none other than the stamp dealer says so. Money is timid and easily scared. Why do you scare it away?" To which this stamp dealer replied, "Leave me alone. I will build up a clientele of the right class of people, who are above sordid motives." So they went their way and he continued his methods and to the astonishment of many there were a few people who did buy from him, enough to keep him ekeing out an existence and philately barely alive, but with no more pep than one could expect from people who are indifferent to the value of money.

Folks, money is the most interesting thing on earth. Love and marriage and beauty and food and shelter and life itself, all are made possible by sordidness and money. Stamps are a good investment, stamps and money go hand in hand and cannot possibly be divorced. Nevertheless there are many in the industry and many collectors who say, because they do not think, that money put into stamps is money spent for amusement, spent and gone. If stamp collecting can survive such tactics, or salesmanship, if you can call it such, how it would boom if intelligent methods of salesmanship were used and the facts presented in the way that would attract all mentally alert people. No person who is indifferent to money is mentally alert. We must show that stamps are a good investment if we are to attract the pepful man who does things or at least as many of that kind as stamps deserve to attract.

Have we the facts on our side? Can we prove by figures and actual experience that stamps are a good investment? How good? Is it true that the beginner, or novice, in collecting must lose most of what he invests in stamps? I say, "Yes, stamps are a good investment and the novice will get good returns on his investment if he holds his stamps a reasonable length of time." I have found it so in my own experience and have observed the experience of many others who have so found it. In one year my collection lying in my safe earned for me by its appreciation in value a sum equal to about half what I earned by working every day as manager of the Philadelphia branch office of a bookkeeping machine company and that year my income tax was close to $150.00, none of which, however, was paid on stamp appreciation. To be sure that I was not dreaming and due for a rude shock I have sold enough stamps to prove to myself that stamps are a readily marketable commodity. Pardon this reference to personal experience.

But the best way to prove that stamps increase in value is to take the old catalogues and make comparisons. Here are a few figures:

In 1891 Norway had 38 postage stamps which were priced used. Their total catalogue value was $3.17. In the 1926 edition these same 38 stamps were listed at a total of $38.10, an increase of $34.93 which is 11 times their 1891 value, which is 1100% in 35 years. In 1901 there were 58 major varieties listed under Norway, which were priced used at a total of $7.47. These same 58 varieties listed a total of $49.80 in the 1926 edition, an increase of $42.33, which is 5 5-7 times their 1901 value, an increase of 5 5-7 times in 25 years. In 1915 there were 83 major varieties of postage stamps of Norway, which catalogued used at a total of $20.94. In 1926 these same stamps were catalogued at a total of $63.22, an increase of $42.28 which is more than twice their 1915 value. These increases all beat compound interest. In 1891 there were only four stamps of Norway which catalogued 25c or more and their total value was $1.85. The other 34 stamps were of course the common stuff (none of them cataloguing over 12c) whose total value was only $1.32 in 1891. Now in 1926 the total value of the four rarities is $18.25, an increase of $16.40, which is an increase of 8 8-9 times their 1891 value. Whereas the 34 cheap stamps now list a total of $19.85, an increase of $18.53, which is 15 times their 1891 value. The cheap stamps increased 15 times their 1891 value as against the 8 8-9 times of the scarce items.

Would the novice have bought the 34 cheap stamps or would he have bought the 4 rarities? If left to himself unadvised would he have invested his money wisely or not? Should we pity the beginner and assure him that he must buy his experience dearly?

How shall we boost stamp collecting? With arguments that appeal to children or those that appeal to men of keen commercial minds?

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SNAKES ON STAMPS

DR. E. C. BULL.

Reported by Wm. A. P. White.

On Wednesday, November fourth, Dr. E. C. Bull spoke to the Stamp Club of the Pasadena High School on the subject, "Snakes on Stamps." Later I interviewed him for the following article.

Each stamp has its own particular story, and one of the greatest pleasures of philately lies in following up these stories. The snake appears on stamps in practically all its legendary aspects. Let us commence with Medusa.

The twenty lepta of the first Olympic (1896) issue of Greece depicts a large vase bearing a picture of Minerva. On Minerva's shield is shown Medusa's head. Medusa, as all know, was a most horrible and repulsive Gorgon, whose head was adorned with snakes for hair. For a mortal to look upon her meant death, but Perseus, using a highly polished shield, slew her by watching her reflection. Minerva taught him this trick, hence the representation of the Gorgon's head on her shield. The Garibaldi, commemorative of Italy, shows Medusa's head at the base.

Medusa was mother of Pegasus by Neptune. The winged horse sprang from her body when her head was cut off. He was watered at springs by the Nymphs, and appeared to poets as a symbol of inspiration. He appears to collectors on the Spanish special delivery stamps of 1905, and on those of Spanish Morocco for 1914, 1915 and 1918.

Then there is the Caduceus of Mercury. On the Greek issue of 1901, Mercury appears holding this Caduceus, and again on the surcharged charity stamps of 1917. Mercury himself is common on many stamps, but these and the French issues from 1876 to 1900 are practically the only ones on which he bears his Caduceus. Mercury's head is especially familiar from the Austrian newspaper and special delivery stamps, and his winged cap is shown even on our own special delivery for 1908. The rod of the Caduceus is the trunk of the Asvatthan, the tree of Life and Being, which grows from the two dark wings of the Swan (Hansa) of Life and descends thence at every Beginning or new life-cycle. The two serpents are the ever-living and its illusion—Spirit and Matter—whose two heads grow from the one head between the wings.

The eagle and the snake are a frequent combination. The Indians of the Southwest in their snake dance pacify the snake by fanning it with eagle feathers. The snake can not strike unless coiled, and (though the reason is unknown) can not coil because of the eagle feathers. The eagle, in catching a snake, flaps its wings until the snake uncoils, and then grasps it. On the Greek stamps for occupation of Turkey, 1913 (surcharged for charity, 1917), one sees the short-toed eagle of Greece bearing off victoriously a snake representing Turkey. On the Armenian stamps of 1921, the Armenian eagle has just slain a snake by the simple expedient of chopping it in two, and stands triumphant. The eagle and snake occur on very many Mexican stamps and coins, including the Oaxaca provisionals (of which Dr. Bull showed several full sheets, including many shades and errors, of the different printings.) The legend is that a migratory tribe received a prophecy that where they would see an eagle, sitting on a cactus and holding a snake in its beak, there would they find a great city. Mexico City is the fulfillment of that prophecy, and Mexico's coat of arms bears eagle, cactus and snake. The ancient Aztecs, original inhabitants of Mexico, believed that their god, Quetzalcoatl (meaning feathered snake), who had left them on a raft of serpents, would return, and mistook the Spaniards for their returned god and his companions. The feathered snake figures in many Aztec, Maya and Inca carvings, and out of Bolivia's huge centenary set, probably one stamp will show Quetzalcoatl.

The Bible's story of the fall of man (which, according to the latest reports, took place in Iraq) is very similar to that of Greece, Egypt, China, Babylon, Assyria, and the Americas. In all these religions, the snake has both good and evil significance. The Virgin is supposed to have crushed the head of the Serpent by giving birth to Christ, and is often represented trampling on its head. A snake seems visible in the clouds on the Liechtenstein Madonna stamps of 1920. Could anyone tell me if the Saar Madonna is shown with a serpent?

Moses had two ophidian experiences. One was the transformation of the rod (Exodus VII, 8-12). "And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron --- did so ---: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh --- and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now --- they also did in like manner --- For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods."

Later in the wilderness (Number XXII, 6-9) "--- the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people --- and much people --- died --- And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole --- And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

An early sect of Gnostics, called the Ophites, revered the serpent as a symbol of hidden and divine wisdom.

Saint Paul was once attacked by a snake on the island of Melita (Malta). His shipwreck there is shown on some of the shilling values of that country. The story is told in Acts XXVIII, 3-5. "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said ---, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook the beast off into the fire, and felt no harm."

Then, too, there is Saint Patrick, who drove the snakes and other such vermin from the Emerald Isle.

So much for the snake in the Christian Religion. The French India stamps of 1914 show Brahma seated on a swan with a cobra at his feet. (Also I may say that dragons, such as those in the frame design of Indo-China, 1907, are really snakes in origin.)

Apollo is shown in the Vatican statue with his hand on a tree stump, and a snake crawling up from a hole at the root. His son, Aesculapius, father of modern medicine, is always represented with a club fashioned from the root of a tree and a snake climbing up it. (The snake is most frequently shown on a rod or cross of some sort.) The daughter of Aesculapius was Hygea, Goddess of preventive healing, whence our word hygiene.

The ancient medical idea of the snake was that it served as a link between the departed spirits and the mortals on earth. The old hospitals had educated snakes which were trained to lick the patients' sores. The person who was being cured was then supposed to dream, and in this dream the departed spirits, linked to him by the snake, told him the cure for his case. This cure the priests executed. If it worked—well and good. If he died—why, he must have told the wrong dream. The snake was the symbol of convalescence.

The later Greeks thought that Atlas who supporting the world on his shoulders, stood on a turtle, which in turn was held up by a snake. What the snake rested on, records do not state. The earlier Hellenes, however, conceived of the serpent as surrounding the earth, as he is represented on Achilles' shield. They also held the snake to be the symbol of vapor or water.

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Dr. Bull's theory is that after the earth had cooled, a band of vapor, like Saturn's rings, surrounded it. This might easily enough have seemed like a serpent. Detached bands of this at the poles, swirling around, formed the swastika, and also that Siamese weapon of the gods, to be found as a watermark. Noah, by observing these streamers, decided the whole band was due to fall, and prepared. The rainbow was seen for the first time because the vapor had previously prevented the refraction of the sun's rays from being visible.

According to the Greeks, a great serpent, the Python, arose from the slime after the deluge. Apollo slew him, and in honor of this event the Pythian games were held every four years, on the second year of the Olympiad, at Apollo's temple at Delphi.

In Egypt, the headdress of Isis bore an asp as a symbol of wisdom. This is shown on the two milliemes, 1914.

The 150 reis Vasco da Gama of Portugal and her colonies shows a snake cut in two. I would be very glad if anyone knowing the story of this would write in to this paper, as it would help Dr. Bull greatly in his researches.

An odd old Massachusetts note, engraved by Paul Revere, shows a rattlesnake holding its rattles in its mouth.

Liberia is a fine country if searching for any animal, even a lung-fish, so of course one can find snakes—on the 1921 registry stamps.

Besides snakes, Dr. Bull showed two other unique collections of his. One was of spectacles on stamps, ranging from Bavaria and Sweden to our own five cent blue Roosevelt, whose glasses, by the way, were made by Dr. Bull's brother.

The other is of stamps and paper money pertaining to Benjamin Franklin. He has pages of shades—of the five cent 1847, and the thirty cent from 1851-56 to 1861!

I hope that these notes may stimulate others, as they have me, to "seeing snakes"—on stamps.

HEAR YE:—

"You will be interested in this old priced catalogue of a good sale of U. S. by R. F. Albrecht, New York, early in 1894," says a collector, who for some years lapsed from grace, "especially when I say that I bought lot 95 (among others) for $2.25. The stamps were the six, twelve and fifteen of 1869, each on original envelope. The lot was sold by the piece at 75c each; and I thought I was something of a plunger to back up my liking for covers at this early date by paying so much. In the Specialized U. S. catalogue that you sent me, I find these covers catalogue $47.50 for the three; I paid $2.25." There are many note-worthy prices in this catalogue that could be quoted to show the mighty strides that many stamps have taken in about thirty years.

In his column in the Chicago *Daily News,* Keith Preston allows the "Column Widow" to offer some "indigent philatelist," a complete unused collection of a half-dozen Christmas seals; and the column conductor asks collectors to make their applications early. This is an act of self-repression that may jar Keith's ganglia, inasmuch as before fame found him out, he was an innocent little stamp collector. On second thought, he probably thus cheerfully relinquishes his claim to the stamps because he still has acumen enough to know how valuable they are!

Plans are being made for a stamp exhibit to be held in the Carnegie Public Library, the first two weeks in February, under the ausices of the Washington Philatelic Society.

Invitations are out for the banquet of the Collectors Club of New York to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of its founding, to be held at the Hotel Astor, on January 30, 1926, at 7 P. M. Dancing is on the program and the tickets are six dollars. The event will be an occasion, at which the fairest and bravest of the polite philatelic world will enjoy an evening of unalloyed pleasure.

Mr. W. F. Goerner, Edgewood, Rhode Island, brings back fond memories by wishing us a Happy New Year and he loans point to his greeting by sending in a card: "Wishing you the Compliments of the Season and a Happy New Year. Chicago Philatelic Society and the *Philatelic Gazette.* Chicago, Dec. 25, 1888." This card was one of P. M.'s early triumphs and is tastefully printed in purple and black.

From Mr. W. R. Parker, Stockton, California, we have received a copy of the Stockton *Record* that pays a remarkable tribute to collecting. Over a half-page is devoted to western pictures of pioneer days as a setting from a wonderful lot of western franks, under the heading: "When Private Express Companies Carried Uncle Sam's Mail in California." Mr. Parker's superb collection of these covers is written up by Joe Dietrich, Jr., under: "Cancellations Tell Tales of Ghost Cities" and column after column is used to tell the glories of the covers. We cannot conceive of a more thorough exposition of the subject than is given and it is evident that the writer gave great care to his work. A picture of Mr. Parker is shown, under the slogan: "If you have early California letters stored in your attic, W. R. Parker wants to see 'em." We shall refer to this article again.

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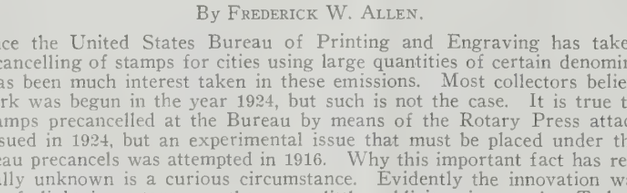
SOME INTERESTING PRECANCELS

THE FIRST ISSUE OF U. S. BUREAU PRECANCELLED STAMPS

By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

Since the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving has taken over the precancelling of stamps for cities using large quantities of certain denominations, there has been much interest taken in these emissions. Most collectors believe that this work was begun in the year 1924, but such is not the case. It is true that the first stamps precancelled at the Bureau by means of the Rotary Press attachment, were issued in 1924, but an experimental issue that must be placed under the head of Bureau precancels was attempted in 1916. Why this important fact has remained practically unknown is a curious circumstance. Evidently the innovation was considered of slight importance, as there was little publicity given to it. Today, however, with precancels to the fore, and thousands interested in their collection, that comparatively unknown fact is of vital interest.



To the late Joseph B. Leavy, former philatelic expert in charge of the U. S. Government collection of postage stamps, we are indebted for the history of this issue. Mr. Leavy set forth the story in the *American Philatelist* under the heading "Bureau Printed Precancelled Stamps" as follows:—

A number of years ago the Post Office Department authorized the use of precancelled stamps by parties holding permits, in order to lighten the work of the clerks in the cancelling division of numerous post offices throughout the country, and thereby save congestion of the mails. While the cost of precancelling has been paid by the Post Office Department, the work has until now always been done locally and there has been a wide divergence in cost as claimed by the various post offices.

Recently the Post Office Department called for an estimated price from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the precancelling of stamps, with a view to having the work done there for all post offices using 4,000,000 or more precancelled stamps in a year. Twenty offices come within this class:

Augusta, Maine; Baltimore, Md.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; Detroit, Mich.; Kansas City, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New Orleans, La.; New York, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburg, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; Springfield, Mass., and Springfield, Ohio.

At only three of these offices was the cost of precancelling in excess of the estimate of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing: Augusta, Maine, New Orleans, La., and Springfield, Mass. Accordingly an estimated year's supply for each of these three offices was ordered precancelled at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in hopes that after operating the Bureau would find that a cut could be made in the estimated price which would bring it to a figure equal to or below that of several more offices.

It is not the intention to precancel stamps at the Bureau for those offices where the work is being done, or can be done, cheaper locally.

The denominations and quantities precancelled for each of the three offices were as follows:

Augusta, Maine: 1c, 4,000,000.

New Orleans, La.: 1c, 3,600,000; 2c, 50,000; 3c, 50,000; 6c, 10,000; 1c Due, 20,000; 2c Due, 270,000.

Springfield, Mass.: 1c, 3,000,000; 2c, 600,000; 3c, 30,000; 4c, 30,000; 5c, 30,000; 6c, 20,000; 7c, 30,000; 8c, 20,000; 9c, 50,000; 10c, 20,000; 11c, 10,000; 12c, 20,000; 15c, 20,000; 20c, 30,000.

The cancellation is practically uniform for all three cities, the usual heavy horizontal bar top and bottom, with "Augusta-Maine" in two lines, "New-Orleans-La" in three lines, or "Springfield-Mass." in two lines, in tall heavy line capitals.

The overprints were type-set at the Bureau in blocks of twenty-five, five by five rows. The type-set frames of twenty-five were then sent to the Government Printing Office where a number of electrotypes were made of each frame, the electrotypes and type-set frames were returned to the Bureau, the electrotypes cut into blocks of fifteen, five by three, and blocks of ten, five by two, and set up in frames of four hundred, spaced so as to meet the shrinkage of the paper in the sheets of stamps. The stamps were precancelled in sheets of four hundred and perforated after being precancelled.

Owing to the fact that the exact date of the above article is not available, I cannot state just when the stamps appeared, but believe it was during the fall of 1916, as they are of the 1916-17 series, perforated 10, and unwatermarked.

They are all listed and priced in the Standard Precancel Catalog. Some varieties are included under these types that were not issued. This will be corrected in the next edition and there is likely to be a number of price changes, as the establishing of these issues as the first Bureau precancels will enhance their value considerably. Every specialist in Bureau precancels will naturally desire a complete set of this trial government printing, for no collection of Bureau printed precancels can be complete without them.

SCHAFFNER EXHIBITS HARDINGS

The regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was held in its club rooms on December 18, 1925. Twenty-two members and ten visitors were present.

Mr. W. H. Schaffner of Marion, O., entertained the meeting with his specialized collection of Harding stamps. This consisted of six volumes of blocks, pairs and singles, perforated and imperforate unused and used in every conceivable manner. For instance, there were covers postmarked at cities and towns named after our presidents, from Washington to Coolidge, "McKinley" only being lacking, but Mr. Schaffner said he hoped to acquire this very shortly. Mr. Schaffner and the late President Harding were closely associated in business and otherwise almost since early manhood, Mr. Harding being a director in the bank of which Mr. Schaffner was president. One volume of his collection was made up of old newspaper clippings, and other printed matter relating happenings in Marion years ago in which the late president took part. There were also many personal letters written by the president to Mr. Schaffner, which are interesting. The entire display was very much enjoyed by all those present. Mr. Schaffner was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and in addition elected an honorary member of the club. We were given to understand by Mr. Schaffner that this collection will some day become the property of the Harding Memorial Society at Marion.

It is well known that Mr. Schaffner also possesses one of the largest general collections west of Utica, N. Y., started thirty-five years ago.—P. A. FINLAYSON, *Sec.*

For MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE PHILATELIC INSTRUCTOR

By FRANCIS M. BOTELHO, Ph.D., Wayne, Pa.

CHAPTER X.

Kinds of Dealers.

There are no statistics to show the volume of philatelic trade, but the fact that stamp collecting is an important factor to the advantage of postal departments in every country is incontrovertible. Philatelic activities accelerate and enhance the volume of first and second class mail matter, increase the quantity of registered covers, and augment the revenues through outright sales of stamps purely for absorption in collectors' albums and dealers' stocks.

Dealing in used and unused postage stamps has become a definite occupation, calling into play a knowledge of seasonal market conditions, selling possibilities, channels of distribution, and businesslike systems.

Unfortunately, however, too many people are imbued with the belief that the philatelic business is more or less a spare-time proposition, which can be successfully carried on by Tom, Dick or Harry. It is these amateur "dealers" who are retarding the advance of philately in the general commercial world, by their juvenile outpourings in advertisements and "house organs" badly-edited and poorly-printed.

In this connection, however, it is not forgotten that Stanley Gibbons, the famous internationally-known British stamp-dealer, was a minor chemist clerk when he began his philatelic business with a sack of Cape of Good Hope triangles bought for a song from a couple of unappreciative sailors. Nor is it overlooked that a certain New England dealer began in a tiny basement and is now handling a voluminous nationwide business, catering chiefly to beginners.

But this is 1926, not 1894. Methods that were good enough then are not good, if not deleterious, now. Therefore, it behooves stamp dealers of today to strive more than ever towards lifting the business into higher planes. "House organs" are helpful; the more there are of them, the more missionary work is realized. But hous organs should not be made the vehicle of detraction, casting reflection on the ability or intentions of competitors. Editors of house organs should not reveal themselves as men of small minds. Good writing attracts desirable followers; the other kind of writing wounds feelings, hurts the susceptibilities of cultivated readers and creates a general air of discord, breeding disharmony, recriminations, ill-will.

Much of these unwelcome features would be non-existent were it not for the meteor-like survival of a few amateurish "dealers". These are, as a rule, very immature persons who have accumulated "duplicates" and seek to "do" gullible philatelic tyros. More often, they themselves are victims of some get-rich-quick wholesaler who had painted too vividly the picture of easy money in the stamp business.

Whatever your stamp purchases, however small, they are helpful to the trade, and you should patronize the small dealer in preference to the well-to-do "big fellows", but, in justice to yourself, analyze the advertisements that may come to you and exercise discrimination.

CHAPTER XI.

Catalog Prices and Values.

In the early days an enterprising surveyor was seen offering a stock of foreign stamps *nailed to a board!*

It is a long leap from that crude method to the present-day worldwide distribution of philatelic weeklies and monthlies, sets and packets, approval sheets and books, hinges and albums, pricelists, house organs and catalogs.

Some of the standard catalogs are Stanley Gibbons, Whitfield King, Scott, Senf, Yvert & Tellier,—remarkably complete books, illustrating and listing the stamps of all known stamp-issuing countries, past and present.

Owing to the difference in localities of publication, the prices necessarily differ, especially as they are meant to represent the valuations set by the publisher-dealer based on his own supplies, costs and ideas of appraisals.

You should, therefore, keep constantly in mind that because a stamp is listed in any given catalog, it is not proof that the said stamp is in the stock of the firm issuing the catalog. No dealer, however, important, can claim to have for immediate delivery every item catalogued. This is particularly obvious in the case of rarities, costing thousands of dollars and of which only a few copies are known to be extant.

Moreover, even experts suffer from misjudgments at times, so that in the case of some numbers the catalog-compiler has been known to have erred. Instances have been cited where stamps are overpriced in catalogs; likewise, instances are mentioned of others being underpriced. As the dealer offers "subject to stamps being in stock", he retains the option of declining to fill an order if circumstances lead him to decide to do so.

Hence, the apparent anomaly occasionally encountered with, in genuine worthwhile stamps being offered by some non-catalog-issuing dealer at as much as 50% discount. In a case of this kind, either the catalog price is inflated, or the dealer just referred to had been fortunate in buying a supply at less than prevailing wholesale quotation. Or again, he may want to turn certain portions of his stock into cash quickly. Still again, he may be advertising a "leader" to attract customers.

Even the most cursory examination of a standard catalog will show you that there is a minimum price. In some editions, the minimum has been 1c for the lowest priced, irrespective of actual face value of the foreign money, be it one-tenth or one-half of an American cent. The necessity of fixing a minimum lies in the fact that the item must be printed, and printing a cheap item costs as much as for a more valuable item. Also, there must be a margin of profit in case any collector should pick out single copies of low-valued items only.

From all these circumstances and others (such as the interests on capital invested in the dealers' stocks), catalog prices can always be "bettered" by the smaller trader. Accordingly he offers selections at a discount from catalog. This in turn forces the catalog house to compete also by approval sheets and books priced at less than list figures.

Thus it will be seen if you shop wisely you will strike interesting bargains here and there. But it is neither fair to conscientious dealers nor inspiring for the pursuit of your hobby to cause honest tradespeople unnecessary labor or undue expenditure of postages and time.

Every stamp has its value. When you have acquired experience sufficiently to venture bidding at auctions, either in person or by mail, you will discover that sometimes you will have to pay more than catalog prices for really good superb rare copies. And yet, you may not.

The law of supply and demand cannot be evaded. Stamps of any large recent emission will be lowpriced for some time to come. Limited emissions enjoy accrement in value more quickly. The Japanese pre-earthquake series may be mentioned as an example of what unexpected events may entail. Some issues enjoy special popularity among philatelists; then two things happen — faster assimilation and rapidly enhanced prices.

BOOK REVIEW

Clifford M. Drury sends us a pamphlet on Chinese Postage Stamps. It is a publication of twenty pages with cover and has two halftone plates. The issues are all covered in an abbreviated form but even so the booklet is of more than ordinary value and the beginner especially will find it profitable to have.

Quite recently there has been running in the *Stamp Lover* a serial dealing with the U. S. Postage Stamps 1922-25. It has now been published in booklet form, price 60c. The author is Fred J. Melville, which of itself bears testimony to the merit of the work. The writer deals with the processes of manufacture including perforations and gum. Numerous illustrations are scattered through the book, including several dealing with the Washington offices of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

PRECANCEL ITEMS

By H. S. DICKEY.

Christmas, 1925, will long be remembered because the 8c, 16c and 24c aeroplanes were precancelled by many places, among which were Selina, Chanute and Newton of my state, Kansas.

Of the higher denominations the 14c Indian and the 30c buffalo are the leaders. A Chicago collector has three hundred varieties of buffalo cows in his herd.

Who will show the new 17c Wilson in precancelled form? It will be interesting for someone to locate it. This will be true also of the new 13c Harrison.

The rotary press stamps precancelled are now in general use all over the U. S. and precancel collectors are very much interested.

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EDITORIAL.

THE propriety of a Missionary Number just now is not to be gainsaid and the present number is intended to augment the swelling tide of interest in stamps in this country. With a concrete example of the activities and ramifications of the philatelic world in hand, one has a good argument for the pursuit that engages the attention of a considerable proportion of the population of the country and our paper will have some effect both in wooing the errant interest of those who have strayed from the path and of those who have only a vague understanding of collecting as an orderly pursuit. As our experience grows, the question of recruiting loses some of its complexities and perhaps the most direct results are reached by re-establishing the fading recollections of the many adults who as boys and girls had stamp collections for a time only to relinquish them in favor of some other diversion that the mind of the younger generation seized upon. Almost every boy gathered stamps or knew someone who did and so, as a man, he is not wholly unacquainted with the philatelic theme. Consequently, such a subject offers the best field for practice, it may be said, and our few remarks are based on the actual knowledge that many a man is stirred to inquire into the present status of a pursuit that he knew as a somewhat formless and go-as-you-please pastime. When a connection is made between him and the philatelic world as we know it, he is apt to be pleasantly surprised and often he becomes a sterling collector. Until the time comes when a broad and aggressive campaign is instituted by philatelic interests to bring outsiders into the fold, missionary efforts must be mostly individual and as has been said before, the good work, in the aggregate, that is done by collectors acting on their own impulses evokes our gratitude. This number of the WEEKLY should be helpful in fixing the eye of the outsider on philately.

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WHILE the great New York date is still months in the future, yet already there is a quickening of interest in the Exhibition and in a few months or so, we shall almost feel the breath of the mammoth undertaking on our cheek, to mix metaphors a bit. This will be a philatelic year, indeed, and the enthusiasm that will be generated by the Exhibition will sweep the country and penetrate even to isolated sections. Those who are collectors will be inspired by the preparations for the enterprise and will give more attention to stamps than in any ordinary year and the sounds of the tools of the builders will be heard everywhere and will reach the ears even of the uninitiated. Mr. Charles M. Ams, the secretary of the Exhibition informs us that already there is a good demand for booths and that in due course of time, there will be an auction sale of choice of booths.

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IN accordance with the notice of the post office department, the new thirteen cent Harrison stamp was placed on sale January 11, 1926, at Indianapolis and Washington; and we thank Mr. LeGrand Payne, Indianapolis, and Mr. Stanley W. Hayes, Richmond, Indiana, for copies that reached us on the morning of January 12th. Its green makes a fair stamp color and the likeness of Harrison is an excellent one. In Mr. Payne's first day cover, the following information is enclosed: "Date—January 11th, 1926, from Indianapolis. Design: same as current issue with likeness of Benjamin Harrison, 23d president of the United States. Born: North Bend, Ohio, August 20, 1833; died: Indianapolis, Ind., March 13th, 1901."

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AN envelope is shown us bearing the three cent of 1851 and on the reverse in postmark form is the impression: "Barker's City Post, 10 Court Square." The envelope was sent from Boston at a time when there were many private carriers operating in Boston under the conditions mentioned, for instance, in the Boston Almanac of this period: A list of "sub post offices" includes a score of stores, such as, Church's, Henchman's, Atwood's, China tea store, etc., where letters could be left, with one cent paid on each, to be carried to the post office. Further: "Penny post stamps can be bought at all these offices, which placed upon letters will ensure their delivery free to all parts of the city, not beyond Dover Street." This was before the time the operations of unauthorized carriers were prohibited under the ruling of the department that the streets of Boston were post roads. In another old directory, 1859, we find, under "expresses," G. H. Barker at 34 Court Square while at 10 Court Square is W. K. Baker.

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GUGLIELMO UMBERTO, New York City, rises with a puzzled expression and addresses the *Mercury* to ask what it's all about: "Perhaps it is the fault of my chromosomes or maybe it is due to my un-Christian upbringing—but I simply cannot see what enjoyment any intelligent man can get in collecting stamps or dead bugs or dried flowers or authographs or first editions. As for the stamp and dead bug and dried flower collectors—they are absolutely outside of my comprehension." Guglielmo Umberto should be indicted for cruelty to chromosomes as blaming them for his particular plight, but it may be that it is the devil in the man who is speaking and if so, we may only sorrow for Guglielmo and his satanic tenant. You tell him, folks, we're tongue-tied.

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THE following letter sent by the postmaster at Portage City, Wisconsin, to a Milwaukee address will show the means used to impress upon the public that postage by stamps should be placed on mail matter. "Post Office, Portage City, March 18, 1857. Sir: A letter bearing your address is detained in this Post Office for non-payment of postage. By enclosing to me, immediately upon receipt of this, one three cent stamp and prepaying your note of reply, the letter will be duly forwarded according to its direction. Respectfully yours, Postmaster. Note—Postmasters will fill up, address and frank the above notice, without the use of an envelope, to all persons within the United States for whom *unpaid letters* shall have been deposited in their offices; and may dispense with the former practice of posting up notices in their offices that such letters have been deposited therein. James Campbell, Postmaster General."

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THE Reverend Elias Rasmussen, Windom, Minnesota, was a caller at the Chicago office, having come to that city for the purpose of speaking at a banquet given by the church that he established in Chicago during their pastorate there. Mr. Rasmussen gives keen attention to the stamps of Norway, on which he is well informed. Referring to the copy of the picture by Wergelang on the 1914 commemorative Constitutional Assembly stamps, Mr. Rasmussen says that the original picture hangs over the chair of the president of the Strothing or Norwegian parliament at Oslo, the capital.

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THE 38th edition of the catalogue published by Scott & Company, 146 Fulton St., New York, 1880, shows that forty-five years is a far cry in philately. The prices certainly are a seven-days' wonder and we find nothing higher than three dollars priced in the book, upon a cursory examination. The prices on U. S. are unbelievably low, although it is but fair to say that many of the scarcer varieties of our country, as well as foreign lands, are not priced at all.

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INITIATION INTO PHILATELY

II—What to Collect.

As stated in a previous article, the beginner becomes a philatelist by a series of regular steps. The first, the desire to collect, was covered heretofore. Having that desire, the would-be collector must decide what to collect.

In the beginning of philately, general collecting was the vogue. It is doubtful if philately would have attained its present general popularity had the collectors of the early days confined themselves to the study of one or two stamps or countries, and neglected the others. Certainly many fine pieces would be lost to the world if such had been the case.

However, the collector in the fifties or sixties had no such problem to face as the collector of to-day. True, not all stamps were within the grasp of the average man, and history does not tell us of any man who ever succeeded in getting all the stamps. There were rare stamps in 1860 just as there are rare stamps to-day, and many of the same rarities existed then.

General collecting, however, is the backbone of philately. Practically every collector turns to a general collection when he commences the hobby, and later as his preferences and dislikes are formed, he decides to feature some particular line of activity. However, most true collectors retain a friendly, though often secret, feeling for the old general collection.

For the school boy, the general collection is advisable, for by collecting the stamps of the world, he becomes acquainted with geography, history, languages, economics, and other studies in an attractive manner, not to be gained by the study of one country or group alone.

Our own experience in philately began at the age of eight, with a twelve cent album, a hundred variety packet, some penny rarities from an approval sheet worth 20c, a porous plaster cut up for hinges, and a huge bump of curiosity to spur us on to the study of the weird designs on our stamps. Oh, the wallop we got out of deciphering the KPHTH on a Cretan due stamp!

Until one has started to collect, it is very difficult to know what to specialize in, therefore we urge the beginner to commence a general collection of all countries and all issues. He may never carry the collection beyond a limited point, but in making the acquaintance of the foreign stamps, he will gradually absorb knowledge of all phases of the hobby, and will find his particular delight soon enough.

It may be that the collector will decide to stick to the general collection. In so doing, he will find an endless amount of pleasure in getting in contact with all parts of the world through his stamps. He should realize that it is no particular disgrace in philately to have a blank space or even a blank page in an album. Few collectors are able to fill every page, and none have filled every space! So the task of a general collection, large as it seems, is within reach of every collector with perseverance. But certainly until he has accumulated several thousand varieties, the collector is hardly able to decide where his path of specialism lies.

We have made several general collections, and have specialized in various countries and groups. The breaking up of the original collection has always been a source of regret, and we realize that we would have done better to save everything, but to specialize in addition, in the lines we cared most about.

Therefore we believe that the most satisfactory way of stamp collecting is the continuance of a general collection, supplemented with a specialized collection if the collector sees fit. Stamps from all parts of the world fall into the hands of every collector for a little effort and often without cost. The wise collector keeps a general book at all times, and mounts his varied stamps as they come along. Eventually he finds he has made an interesting and valuable assortment without much expenditure.

The man who specializes in one country discards the stamps from others, passes on those that his friends give him or refuses them, and naturally does not profit from the general lot he might acquire. Also, when his fancy turns to a different line, he finds that he must pay dollars for many items he could have saved for nothing had he kept his general book.

If you are starting a collection, save everything. You may want it some day. As you grow in the hobby, you will find that your foreign stamps have much to interest you.

In starting a general collection, we advocate the purchase of a printed album such as the Scott Junior, or the three volume set if means permit. The Junior, however, is well suited for the beginner or until the collection reaches the ten thousand variety stage. In fact, a collection of all the stamps in the Junior is in itself about as nice a representative lot as the average man can hope to acquire.

Blank albums are essential to most specialized collections, and a blank album is useful for new issues and varieties not found in the printed books, but is not particularly suited to the making of a beginner's general collection.

The beginning general collector will do well to start his collection with as large a variety packet as his purse will permit. Today, there are so many thousand cheap stamps that can be had in variety packets that it is unwise to start buying stamps singly until a basis has been made with a packet. The larger the packet, the fewer duplicates will be had when other variety packets are added, for most packets contain the same stamps for the first two or three thousand. After the purchase of the variety packet, packets by countries may be acquired to supplement the collection, and later single stamps or sets can be purchased as needed.

The subject "What to Collect" is, after all, largely up to the individual. It is too big a subject to be treated in one short article, hence we will endeavor to offer suggestions for specialism in further articles of this series, to appear shortly.

Philatelic Vaudeville.

Great Britain, the first stamp issuing country, has never placed the name of the country on any of its postage stamps, though mention of the British Empire appears on the Exhibition commemoratives of 1924-25.

Imagine a stamp made without using ink! The first Natal stamps were made by embossing pieces of colored paper for the various values and no ink was used in their manufacture.

The first stamps of Brazil, the second country to issue stamps, bore only the numerals of value without other inscription.

Poland issued one stamp only from 1860 to 1918, but has made up for its neglect to philately by issuing 220 since 1918, not to mention sundry charities, dues and officials.

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB

J. F. Drake, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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G. M. Mosler, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Application No. 1, for membership in the Honor Club this week comes from J. F. Drake, president of the Standard Steel Car Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. We thank Mr. Drake for his remittance of $5, covering five years' renewal of subscription.

We also acknowledge with thanks the remittance of $5 from Ludwig Schlitz, Delano, Calif., for five years' renewal of subscription and membership in our Honor Club.

Gustave M. Mosler, president of the Brighton Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, also takes his place in the Honor Club with a remittance of $5 covering five years' renewal of subscription.

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Special Handling—A number of new varieties should be coming to light owing to the fact that during the past holiday season this stamp was extensively used, and I presume many offices precancelled it. Mr. Max Hirshman reports it from Bucyrus, Ohio, and Lynn, Mass. To Mr. Chas. Townsend I am indebted for specimens of Archbold, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Delivery—The new three-line overprint of East Pittsburg, Pa., on the orange Special, makes a pretty show. As the Westinghouse Co. uses vast quantities of this denomination, it will not be scarce. Detroit is also out on the 15c, and will be fairly common. The 20c black from North Wales, Pa. (handstamped) is at hand from Mr. Ashley LeDuc, who states that this little town employs the stamps on floral parcels, which demand speedy delivery. Mr. R. E. Reed reports Buffalo inverted on the 20c.

Norse-American—More of these commemoratives are out in precancelled condition than was at first believed. I recently noted a list of over 150 var. Among the best to look for in this issue are: Brockton, Mass., Lynn, Mass., Duluth, Minn., Houston, Texas, Stratton, Neb., Ogden, Utah, New England, N. D., and Flushing, N. Y.

The Flushing office overprinted, with the electro-plate, 200 of the 5c and 300 of the 2c. These were all used for mailing out catalogs by the Home of the Postage Stamp. As the supply of these interesting precancels is exhausted, those who possess specimens of the above have a pair of rather valuable items.

Bureau Prints—Dr. W. I. Mitchell, who has been foremost in precancel circles for the past twenty years, has centered his attention on the precancel emissions of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. He has assembled what is perhaps the largest collection existing at the present time. Although the statement has been made that no Bureau printed precancel will be scarce, because of the rule that less than 200,000 will not be printed of any variety, the Doctor claims that three stamps have led him a merry chase thus far and, as he has made a serious attempt to obtain them he feels that they are worthy of mention. They are to be found on nearly all want lists of collectors specializing in these issues. They are the 1c coils of New Britain, Conn., Portland, Maine, and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. There is little probability of a further supply being printed as they were all employed for circular mailing, the rate of which has advanced from one cent to one and one-half cents.

Jeannette, Pa.—Is out in the U-10 style of overprint. This makes Type III for this city as two handstamps had previously been used. Mr. P. J. Hustings shows me my first specimen, a 30 cent Bison, with the precancellation reading down.

Berkeley, Calif.—The above remarks also apply to Berkeley. Mr. Jesse Olsen sends a 50c, 1917 series, bearing the U-10 cancellation and states that of the current issue he has seen the 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 20 and 30 cent values. Also the 13 and 50 of the old set.

Old Orchard, Maine—W. H. McLin, Jr., forwards a copy of the ½c handstamped "Old Orchard, Maine" in two lines of small heavy caps between bars, and writes interestingly as follows: "I am enclosing a new comer to the precancel fold, herewith. Old Orchard received its handstamp over two years ago, but little use has been made of it. The town, as you know, is a famous resort and about August 25th of each year the 'rush' of visitors' homeward-bound packages commences and for the next two weeks there is a tremendous out-going mail. This is the time most of Old Orchards' precancels are employed. This year, however, due to the increase of the permanent population, precancels were used during the Christmas season. To my knowledge the following stamps were precancelled and used in the regular course of business: 10, 20, series of 1917; ½, 1½, 4, 5, 6, 25, series of 1923. All have the overprint reading horizontally normal."

Waterville, N. Y.—Is another city new to the precancel collector. It breaks into the game with an electro-plate, the popular U-10. Watertown, N. Y., likewise has a plate of the same style.

Wooster, Ohio—And also Sandusky, and Marietta, are among the latest cities to receive electro-plates of the U-10 design.

Cleveland, Tenn.—and Cleveland, Ohio, are now both precancelling with identically the same style of electro. The Tennessee city has just issued precancels bearing the U-10 style of overprint. Helena, Ark., and Helena, Montana, are both using plates of the U-1. Newark, N. J., and Newark, N. Y., precancels are almost alike, as both have U-2 plates. Springfield, Ohio, Springfield, Mass., Springfield, Ill., and Springfield, Mo., were all at one time precancelling with the U-3 electro. The first three are still doing so, but the Missouri city had the misfortune to lose its plate in a fire that consumed the post office, and it was replaced by one of the U-10 type. Portland, Oregon, and Portland, Maine, have long had U-1 plates in service. Kansas City, Kans., and Kansas City, Mo., just across the river, are both precancelling with the U-3. Also Washington, N. J., and Washington, Pa., use this plate.

Delavan, Wis.—Has a new electroplate so similar to the old that it cannot be discriminated from the old one, except by noting that Wisconsin appears abbreviated "WIS." instead of "WISC." I am indebted to Charles Metz for calling this to my attention.

Conclusion—The editor of this department welcomes inquiries and notes relating to this branch of the hobby. If you wish information do not hesitate to drop me a line.

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Few collectors are found in that class of those who have been getting together postage stamps for upward of fifty years or more, but Philadelphia counts among her contingent such a philatelist, namely, Mr. William H. Emmert, the President of the Philadelphia Stamp Club. Mr. Emmert began his stamp activities in 1869 at the age of eight years and has consistently collected ever since with the result that today he owns one of the most interesting collections of its kind ever gotten together.

His activities are devoted to the single stamp only and he prefers the unused specimen where it is obtainable. The issues of the United States are his main interest and these not only include the adhesive postage stamps, but the cut square envelope, the revenue, the match and medicine and even state revenues of which he has a substantial assortment. With the exception of the great United States rarities, they are mostly here.

In addition, he collects the American Colonies, all of the countries of Europe, as well as the issues of certain Central and South American Republics.

He especially prides himself on his collection of Egypt, which is complete in single varieties and in the way of the official seals, which were formerly listed in the catalog, he has upward of seven hundred fifty different copies. One of these is almost unique, the only other copy being in the Tapling collection in the British Museum.

Mr. Emmert was postmaster at New Oxford, Pa., for sixteen years, and during this time visited many of the smaller post offices of the vicinity with excellent results. As late as the '90's, he found a block of ninety-eight, that is a pane less two stamps, of the 1870—15c orange grill, in fine mint condition. These had been resting in the McKnightstown, Pa., post office for upward of twenty-five years. The office being small and there being no parcel post at the time, there was no use for this higher denomination—hence, was simply carried on the account of the postmaster from year to year until Mr. Emmert came along and bought it at face value. Most of this sheet was broken into singles, for unfortunately, even blocks of four are now most difficult to obtain.

While rummaging around in nearby Gettysburg, he located the old correspondence of an attorney and found several hundred of the 1c 1851, including pairs and strips, as well as one used block of twenty-five. At the time these stamps were not being plated nor was much attention given even to the type varieties. As a result, most of these were passed on at the rate of 1c each. The 3c varieties were of so little interest that they were not even removed from the correspondence, but were consigned to the scrap heap. Among the same letters there was a Stringer & Morton local of the second type, which then was thought to be a counterfeit, but has since been rightly accepted as genuine.

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Mr. Emmert is one of these genial souls who is liked by all coming in contact with him and as a result, he has been the President of his local stamp society for the last several years. He has been endeavoring to step down and permit others to assume the honor, but his freinds have been insisting that he continue in the position.

During his administration the club has gradually grown and today numbers among its membership in excess of one hundred philatelists from Philadelphia and vicinity. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday nights and there is a get together time on Saturday afternoons. Out of town collectors are always welcome and on the regular Tuesday night meetings, there is generally a program of interest. Some of the largest collections of the country have been exhibited and talks are given by those posted upon the subject discussed.

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DICTIONARY OF BRITISH COLONIES

By Rev. C. E. Jackson.

Antigua.—This name is the Spanish *antigua* = "aged," from the Latin *antiquus* = "aged." It was given to the island in honour of a Seville church dedicated to Santa Maria la Antigua, by Columbus, who discovered it in 1493.

Ascension.—This island was discovered by Joao da Nova on Ascension Day, 1501, and named by him in honour of the day.

Australia.—The word is derived from the Latin *auster* = "the South wind;" it is related to the word *aurora* = "the dawn," and *urere* = to burn, from the Sanskrit root *ush* = "to burn." The word is a late Latin term for *Terra Australis* = "Southern Land." It is the only continent of which the whole lies in the Southern hemisphere. There was for long a tradition that there was such a land. In 1605 an expedition under De Torres left Spain to find it. An island was found, which, wrongly supposed to be the land sought for, was named "La Australia del Espiritu Santo."

Barbados.—Opinions differ regarding the meaning of this name. It may mean the "hanging branches of a vine," from the Spanish *barbudo* = "long-bearded," and "vine." Or it may be from the Portuguese *barbadas*, meaning "bearded," with reference to a particular fig tree found there. It appears in ancient maps as Bernados, Barbudoso. Barnados, St. Bernardo, showing there was then considerable doubt regarding the origin of the name.

Barbudo is evidently of the same origin as the above.

Bermuda is named after Juan Bermudez, who was shipwrecked there in the sixteenth century.

Cameroons (now French).—Discovered by the Portuguese Fernando Po, who named the large estuary of the country "Rio dos Camaroes," *i.e.*, River of Prawns, from Portuguese *camerao* = "a prawn."

Cayman Islands.—Discovered by Columbus and named by him Tortugas, from the Spanish *tortuga* = "a turtle," because the waters there abounded with them. The present name is the Caribbean word *caiman* = "an alligator."

Ceylon was known to the Greeks and Romans as Taprobane, and then later as *Serendib*, which is said to be a corruption of the Sanscrit name *Sinhala-dvipa*, of which word *dvi* = "two," and *ap* = "water," *i.e.*, "water on both sides," or "island;" and *sinhala* = *sinha* = "lion," and *la* an adjectival suffix, thus the Sanscrit name means "lion-island." I am told, "there is no historical evidence that there were lions there once, but there may well have been, just as in India, where they died out in the middle of the last century, except in one place where a few survive."

Columbia (British).—The south-west portion of this territory lies in the basin of the Columbia River, nearly one thousand miles in length, and named after his ship "Columbia," by Captain Robert Gray, supplanting the old name "Oregon." Columbia, Columbus, &c., are all derived from Latin *columba* = "a dove."

Dominica.—This word, meaning "belonging to the Lord," is an abbreviation of *Dominica Dies* = "the Lord's Day," and was applied to the island by Columbus, because he discovered it on Sunday, November 3rd, 1493.

Egypt.—The native name was *Kemi* = "black land," with reference to land darkness as the effect of the Nile floods. The desert lands were named *Toshri* = "red lands." Of this name the most likely derivation yet offered is *Hakepath* = "abode of the outward form or representation Ptah." Ptah was the god of the artizans. His temple was at Memphis, the capital of Egypt, through most of its early history.

Falkland Islands.—In 1598 a Dutchman named Sebald de Wert gave his name Sebald to these islands, but in 1690 Captain Strong sailed between them and called the passage "Falkland Sound," probably with reference to the town of Falkland in Fife. The name may mean Fulke's land. Fulke, Fulc, was a common name and appears in many forms, *e.g.*, Fawkes, Fox, &c.

Gibraltar. — To ancient geographers this place was Calpe, Alybe. Tariq, an Arab, with a host of Arab and Berber followers, invaded and conquered the country in 711 A. D. The rock was then called *Jebel Tariq* = "Mount Tarig," after the conqueror Tarig-ben-Zaid, which name has corrupted into the present form.

Gilbert Islands.—These islands, sixteen in number, coral reefs or atolls, were discovered first by John Byron, in 1765. To one of them he gave his name. The group was later named after Captain Gilbert, who visited them in 1788.

Grenada was discovered in 1498 by Columbus and named by him *Concepcion* = Assumption. The present name, from Spanish *granada* = "a pomegranate," was probably given by the Spaniards with reference to the splendid Moorish city of Granada. which had shortly before been subjugated by their great captain Gonsalvo de Cordova.

Guiana (British).—The derivation of this word is obscure and debated. It may be (1) an Indian word signifying "wild coast," or (2) native *waini-guainia* = "river, fountain."

Hebrides, New.—So called by Captain Cook in 1774, doubtless with reference to the Hebrides off the West Coast of Scotland.

Hedjaz (Hijaz) means "separating." It is the name of the district from Medina in the North to Taif in the South, which separates the inland province of the Nejd from the coast district.

Heligoland. — According to Norse mythology, Forseti, son of Baldur, and god of justice, had his temple on the island; and the goddess Hertha also had a temple here, which was visited by our forefathers, the Angles, from the mainland, in consequence of all which the island was named *Heiligeland* = "Holy land." This is evidently a derivation invented to suit the name when the true meaning of it was lost. It most likely was from *Halligland* = "land of banks which cover and uncover," referring probably to the way the shore was wholly hidden by the flowing tide, and exposed by the ebbing.

Honduras (British). — This name is Spanish and means "depths," referring to difficulties in finding anchorage.

Hong Kong is the English form of *Hiang-Kiang* = "sweet lakes." A pretty name for one of a group of islands to which the Portuguese had given the unsavoury name of *ladronts* = "thieves," because of the predatory habits of the natives thereof.

India.—This is not a native name for the land. The origin of it is *sindhu* = a "river," a "protection," from the Sanscrit root *sidh* = "to ward off." The plural *sindia* losing the initial *s* on the journey reaches us as India. Travelling through Persia, where an initial *s* becomes *h*, the word becomes, and reaches us as, Hindu. The river referred to is, of course, the Indus.

Jamaica.—This name is the Indian word *jaymacas* = "isle of springs." It was discovered by Columbus on May 3rd, 1494, and called by him *Santiago* = "St. James," the war cry of the Spaniards. The 1st of May is the Festival of St. Philip and St. James.

Labuan is the Malay word *labuh-an* = "an anchorage." The island has a very fine harbour.

Lagos.—This place was so named by the Portuguese in the fifteenth century owing to the number of lagoons there, from Portuguese *lago* = "a lake," and *lagoa* = "a lagoon."

Levant means the East of the Mediterranean; Italian *levante* = "The East Wind," the country where the sun rises, from Latin *se levare* = "to rise."

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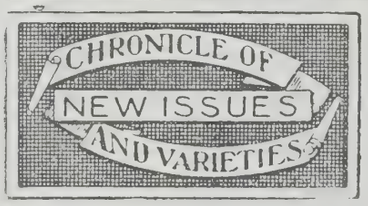

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

13c Green Harrison

The new 13c green with portrait of Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third President of the United States, made its appearance in accordance with schedule on Monday, January 11th. It was placed on sale at the Washington and Indianapolis post offices, as well as at the Philatelic Agency. The denomination is for use in connection with parcel post combinations and will be distributed throughout the country in short order.

At the present time there is no intention of printing this variety from the rotary press, so that the present stamp, which is perforated 11 on unwatermarked paper—the product of the flat bed press will be the only variety available.

The plates so far made for the 13c stamp bear numbers 18106 to 18113 inclusive. Those that I have seen bear plate number 18108.

I wish to thank numerous correspondents for copies of the first day covers including an air mail cover from Indianapolis in which the writer failed to mention his name.

2c 1002

Mr. Walter L. Clark submits for inspection a used copy of the flag type issue of 1902 in which there is noticeable a number of lines in the upper margin, the result of surface cracks in the plate. This oddity has not been noted heretofore and it is impossible to tell from the single copy as to what plate the stamp is from.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of January 11th, the Post Office Department announces that they have awarded to Charles Dickinson of Chicago the contract for carrying the United States mail from Chicago to St. Paul and Minneapolis, via Milwaukee and La Crosse, Wisconsin. The contractor will begin operation just as soon as he has equipped his landing fields. He will receive as compensation 48% of the revenue derived in carrying the mails. The contractor has acquired three ships of the Laird type, which are ready to fly, each being capable of making ninety-six miles an hour.

Under the same date, the Department announces the result of several years of experimentation in radio direction finding with a view to furnish added safeguards to mail pilots and planes. The report is in considerable detail covering a number of pages and anyone interested may obtain a copy by referring to the Department.

Mr. Herman W. Boers kindly sends us a clipping from the Detroit *News* of January 9th in which front page announcement is made that air mail service between Detroit and Chicago, and Detroit and Cleveland, which in turn connects with the transcontinental service from coast to coast will be inaugurated on February 1st.

A conference between the postmaster at Detroit, the Superintendent of the Air Mail Service and a representative of the Ford Company has been held where final arrangements were made.

It is stated that while other contracts for carrying mail have been awarded to private concerns, this will be the first air mail service ever established under private contract, this service being operated by the Ford Motor Company. The aircrafts which will be used will be manufactured by the Ford Company and will be of the all metal monoplane type now used by the same company in its air express service.

No definite schedules have been arranged as yet.

Canal Zone

I have been shown the complete southeast pane from plate 15571 of the 5c Roosevelt stamp with Canal Zone overprint in which the eighteenth stamp shows the "Zone Zone" error.

I have also seen a similar pane from the same position, plate number 13846 of the 1c carmine postage due with a similar error located in the same position. There has been considerable discussion relative to these two varieties, but they have now been actually seen and I can definitely state that they exist.

I have received from the Zone a block of the 14c variety from the northeast pane, wherein the surcharges on the first two vertical rows are out of alignment in relation to the balance of the overprint. The same block shows two copies with broken "L", resulting in a "Canal" variety.

Provisional Envelopes

A. F. Gamber writes that there was located at the Fargo, N. D., post office eleven copies of the size 8—2c envelope overprinted 1½c. The die for overprinting was the one used formerly at Sioux Falls. Each envelope contains the return card of an Oklahoma City firm and the varieties were packed by the factory in a package of five hundred 1c envelopes to make the full count. Mr. Gamber does not state as to what die the envelope happens to be, but as most size 8's are die A, it is assumed that these varieties are of this die.

CHAD.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following new colors in the current set: 10c orange and gray green, 30c olive gray and blue and 50c green and lilac.

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA.—Whitfield King & Co. advise of the following new colors: On Middle Congo, 10c red and grey, 30c drab and purple and 50c yellow and grey. On Oubangui, 10c orange brown and blue, 30c brown and vermilion and 50c drab and purple.

FRENCH SOUDAN.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 30c in blue and black and the 50c in orange brown and blue.

GUADELOUPE.—From Whitfield King & Co. come the 30c drab, 50c bright purple and 1fr blue, all new shades.

KENYA.—From Mr. G. V. Stewart we learn that new values of £75 and £100 on script watermarked paper have appeared. The colors of the former are grey and violet and of the latter black and carmine.

MADAGASCAR.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the following new colors have been placed on sale for this colony: 45c red, 50c black and yellow and 1fr blue.

MARTINIQUE.—Whitfield King & Co. have received a 60c blue and magenta and 1fr blue from this colony.

MOZAMBIQUE CO.—We are indebted to Whitfield King & Co. for showing copies of a new series of stamps recently issued and while there are several designs that were in the 1918-21 series there has been added several new types. Colors have nearly all been changed so that the list is now as follows: ¼c olive brown

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NEW CALEDONIA.—Whitfield King & Co. announce a 30c pale brown and a 50c gray, new colors in the current set.

NEW GUINEA.—Mr. G. V. Stewart writes that the current 6p and 1sh stamps have been overprinted "O S" (On Service).

NIGER TERRITORY.—A 30c blue and brown and a 50c bronze and violet have been reported by Whitfield King & Co.

UPPER VOLTA.—Whitfield King & Co. send us copies of the 30c in purple and brown and the 50c in brown and blue.

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This is the Age of Specialism. Theory has developed into fact. In business and in pleasure the science is applied to the full. It has become almost specialism within specialism. Philately has succumbed to it. Yesterday we had the general collector. How few of the geni are left to us! Today we have the collector who devotes his time and talents to one line. This is perhaps good for philately. It is at least of vast benefit to his fellow collector. Study of stamps has grown beyond the dreams of the older enthusiasts. Great honor is due the specialist. He has made it possible for the tyro to appreciate. The benefit of specialism has been passed on, and we are the richer.

I am for the collector who loves his stamps, regardless of the theories of the purist. I would speak for the stamp lover who treasures and cherishes his little collection, although it scarcely would meet with the approbation of the conditionist or the extreme specialist.

Today, looking over a mass of stamps discarded by a friendly general collector, I chanced upon about two score copies of the three cents 1867. The condition of these stamps made them valueless to the owner. However, I am reluctant to destroy, and it was with none the least desire in that direction that I carefully looked over the little lot, some with a corner gone, some with tears, all quite inadequate to any one except the studiously inclined. And then the reason came to me as reward for the keeping. Cancellations!

We are all interested, more or less, in cancellations: but when we behold the prices such items as we desire fetch in the stamp market, many of us turn reluctantly away. But of this no longer. The cancellation is the thing, then. If we may not possess the cancellation we desire on a perfection copy, why not on a discarded one? Here was solution for the problem. So I set to work on this labor of love, and, going over several hundred wrecks and ruins, I gathered together perhaps three hundred cancellations, many of them more than worth while. Chiefest treasure of all is the thirty cents 1857, with its "paid" cancellation. True—and with pity—the east fifth has been sheared ruthlessly, but the residue of this stamp is perfect and beautiful.

The commoner issues are here in best array, with cancellations to give joy. Here is a pine tree, beautifully drawn with pen by some artistic soul who loved the woods,—perhaps some homesick one who remembered and yearned and found satisfaction in wafting on the sense of out-of-doors that strove for utterance. Then there is the proverbial "kicking mule" cancellation. Here is an anchor, exquisitely drawn,—emblem of hope. Then there are the circles of various types,—all interesting. Town cancellations abound. Some are beautifully distinct, with date and year. Others presage future changes in title. The rural routes have caused the abandonment of many post offices. What a collection could be made of these names on stamps,—post offices that no longer are in existence,—offices whose local cognomens are forgotten even by the proverbial "oldest settler."

There is my natal city,—Ann Arbor; the town where I lived for six years, later,—Pontiac; and then, Detroit,—all in Michigan. Then Lakeland, where I resumed collecting,—Mesa, Arizona, where I lived ten years,—and then, briefly, Arrey, New Mexico,—that frontier collection of adobe houses and warm hearts,—bless them! El Paso, Texas, with its variant cancellations,—and, lastly, Ysleta, which is pronounced ee-slay-tah, with accent on the middle syllable. This ancient town was founded by the Indians, a remnant of the tribe still living here. The Spanish invaders harassed and tortured these gentle natives, until peace came, with the padres. Now they dwell in unity,—whites and Indians and descendants of the mixed race. The early cancellations I have never seen. They exist, however, somewhere.

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MALTA was known to the Greeks and Romans as Melita. The place was famed far and wide for its honey, Latin *mel, mellis.*

MARSHALL ISLANDS, named after Captain Marshall, who, with Captain Gilbert, explored them in 1788.

MAURITIUS.—The island was discovered by a Portuguese navigator in 1505, but it was taken possession of by the Dutch in 1598 and named by them after Count Maurice of Nassau. Previously the name given by the Portuguese was "Ilha da Cerne."

MESOPOTAMIA.—It is a Greek translation of a native Semetic dialect. Two thousand years B. C. the territory was called Naharim, or Naharin. The plural of masculine nouns in such a dialect is rendered either way. Seraphim, or Seraphin, &c., is used by us. In the Bible the country is spoken of as "Aram-Naharaim," from *Nahar* = "water," or "river."

MONTSERRAT was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and named by him from Mont Serrado, Spanish *serrado* and *serrato* = "toothed like a saw," a "saw-like mountain."

MOROCCO is the Arabic *Mayrib-al-Aqca* "Extreme West." It is really the name of the chief city, not of the country.

MOSUL = Al Mausil. This town stands on the site of a suburb of the ancient city of Nineveh. One of its patron saints is Jonah, *vide* St. Matthew xii. 41. In 636 A. D. there was a town here called Al-Mausil, of which the meaning is "The place of Connexion." Al is the Arabic definite article, found in such words as *algebra, alchemy,* &c., adopted from the Arabic.

NATAL.—Vasca da Gama had a view of the place from the sea on his voyage to India on Christmas Day, 1497, and called it "Terra Natalis," with reference to *Dies Natalis* = "the Birthday of Our Lord."

NIGER is the Latin *niger* = "black." Arabian geographers call the river the "Nile of the Negroes." This literally, to illustrate the absurdities of some words and terms, means "The Blue of the Blacks." Negro is the Spanish *negro* = "black," and Nile is the Persian *nil* = "blue."

NOVA SCOTIA.—In 1603 this country was called Acadia by the French. An expedition sent out under De Monts, by Henry the IV of France. came into conflict with the English settlers while carrying out their royal master's rather large pretensions. Doubtless, in consequence of this, James the First, with his usual Scotch canniness, made a grant of the whole peninsula, under the name of *Nova Scotia* = "New Scotland," to Sir William Alexander, another Scotsman. The name Scotia was originally applied to Ireland. A tribe from thence came and settled in a part of Scotland, then called Caledonia, giving to it the new name of Scotia in the eleventh century. From that beginning the name Scotland became established in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

ORANGE RIVER.—The Hottentots call this river *Garib* = "great water." This word was corrupted by the Dutch into Gariep. In 1777 Colonel Gordon, a Dutch officer of Scotch birth, named it "Orange" in honour of the Prince of Orange.

PALESTINE appears in the Bible four times as Palestina and Palestine. In each case the Hebrew word is Pelesheth, which, wherever else it is found, is translated Philistia, the reason for this being that when the Hebrew Scriptures were translated Palestine and Philistia were synonyms. Milton, *e. g.,* in "Paradise Lost" uses Palestine when speaking of the country of the Philistines. The root of the above Hebrew word is *Palash* = "to migrate." To the Jews, therefore, the names Palaesthinim = Philistines would mean "strangers," and Palestine "The Land of the Strangers."

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—This name was bestowed by Columbus, who discovered the island in 1403. The name means "Christ Bearer," from the well known legend.

ST. HELENA, after whom this island was named by Joao da Nova, its discoverer, on May 21st, 1502, was the wife of Constantine the First, and the mother of Constantine the Great. When of great age she went a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and, as a legend tells, was associated with finding the Cross upon which Christ was crucified, in memory of which event the Festival the "Invention of the Cross" was founded. In Greek mythology Helen is *Sarama* = "The Dawn." In the myth, the bright cows, *i.e.,* the rays of the sun, are stolen by the Panis, the powers of darkness, and Sarama, the early dawn, is sent to look for them. The verse, "Sarama is looking for the cows," meant "dawn is beginning to break."

ST. LUCIA is so named because discovered by Columbus on St. Lucia's Day. The name is the feminine of Lucius = "born at daylight," from Latin *lux, lucis* = "light."

ST. VINCENT, discovered by Columbus on St. Vincent's Day, therefore so named. The name comes from the Latin *vincens* = "conquering."

SALONICA was built in 315 B..C. on the site of the ancient city of Therma by Cassander. and named by him after his wife Thessalonica, half-sister of Alexander the Great.

SEYCHELLES, annexed by France in 1742 and named by them after Moreau de Séchelles, Chancellor of the Exchequer to Louis the XV.

SIERRA LEONE was discovered by the Portuguese navigator Pedro de Sintra, in 1462, and named by him "Serra Leone," from Portuguese *serra* = "a saw," a "mountain," and *leone* = "lion-like."

SOLOMON ISLANDS (British).—Discovered in 1567 by a Spaniard named Alvaro Mendana, who, being an optimist, named them "Islas de Salomon," with visions of riches to come.

SUDAN.—This name is an abbreviation of the Arabic term *Bilad-as-Sudan* = "the country of the blacks."

TASMANIA was discovered by a Dutch navigator, Tasman, in 1642 and by him named "Van Diemen's Land." in honour of his patron.

TOBAGO, discovered by Columbus in 1498, was by him named *Asunçion* = "Assumption," a Festival celebrated by the Roman Church on August 15th. Its present name is clearly the Spanish *tabaco* = "tobacco," a plant associated both with this island and also with Trinidad. The latter name was used in this country as a synonym for tobacco.

TRANSJORDAN.—The first part of this name is, of course, the Latin preposition *trans* = "over." The latter part is the Hebrew *Yarden,* and is always found with the definite article. It means the "descender" from the Hebrew word *yarad* = "to descend." It is called by the Arabs *"al 'urdun,"* which is what is found on the overprinted Palestine stamps, together with the Arabic word *sharq* = "East."

TRINIDAD.—Columbus, we are told in history, vowed that the first land he discovered he would name after and dedicate to the Holy Trinity. When, on the evening of July 31st, 1499, he came into sight of this island and saw the triple mountain peaks, which are one of its features, it seemed a heaven-sent confirmation of his vow. The name is the Spanish *Trinidad* = "Trinity."

TURKS ISLAND is so named because the island abounds with a certain cactus, the *melocactus communis,* known as the "melon-thistle." "Turk's-cap," and "Turk's head," from the appearance of the head of the plant. The Turks came originally from Central Asia, and were known to the Chinese as Hiung-nu, and as Tu-Kiu, of which latter word the name Turk is said to be a corruption, and also to mean "brave, fierce." A probable derivation, because the Tu-Kiu, from a very small tribe, became a great empire.

VANCOUVER is named after George Vancouver, an English navigator, who explored the island in 1792.

ZANZIBAR.—In the eighth and following centuries small Arab States, called *Zenq* = "Arab," were set up along the sea-board by heretic Mohammedan Arabs. Among them were *Mombasa,* "the Magnificent," and Mukdishu, "the Immense." The sea-coast was called *Zanquebar;* the country inland was *Bilad-es-Zenq* = "Land of the Arabs."—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Ubique. — A Latin word meaning "everywhere" and found on certain values of a set of stamps issued by Newfoundland in 1918 known as the "Trail of the Caribou" series. (See Trail of the Caribou.)

Udine.—The capital of the province of the same name in Venetia, Italy, which issued type-set stamps for local use in 1919.

Udjidji.—See data under Kigoma.

U. G. — These letters, intended to indicate "Uganda Government," form the only inscription on the 1895 typewritten stamps for the Uganda Protectorate.

Uganda. — A British protectorate in Central Africa. Postage stamps were first issued in 1895 and in 1903 these were superseded by the combined issue for the East Africa and Uganda protectorates.

Ukraine.—The region of the middle Dnieper Valley from the marshes of Pinsk to the cataracts below Ekaterinoslav. As a result of the great war Ukraine became an independent republic.

Ukrainska Narodna Republica. — An inscription shown on the stamps of Ukraine, meaning "Ukrainian Peoples Republic."

Uku Leta. — An inscription shown upon all of the numeral stamps of the Hawaiian Islands signifying "paid letters."

Ultramar.—Shown upon some of the stamps of Cuba, etc., meaning "beyond the sea."

Ulwur.—Same as Alwar. A British India native state. (See Alwar.)

Unappropriated Dies. — A somewhat lax term applied to certain British varieties which should perhaps be more correctly rendered as "Unappropriated plates." These are duty plates with blank labels upon which any required inscription may be afterwards printed so that they can be "appropriated" to any desired purpose.

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Unie van Zuid Afrika.—The Dutch equivalent for "Union of South Africa" shown upon all the stamps of that confederation.

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Unio Catalogne. — Certain small labels bearing this inscription and a nondescript device were issued in 1919 to raise funds for the cause of Catalonian self-government. They were not postage stamps, and the Spanish government quickly applied a quietus.

Uniontown, Ala.—Confederate postmaster provisionals issued during the Civil War in three denominations. They are very rare.

Union Postal Universal.—An inscription shown on certain stamps of Colombia, Nicaragua, etc., to show those countries are members of the Universal Postal Union.

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"United We Stand, Divided We Fall". — The motto shown upon the stamps issued by the postmaster of St. Louis in 1845.

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U. P. U. (Universal Postal Union).—These letters appear on many of the stamps of certain Central and South American republics.

Upper Senegal and Niger.—The present name for the French colony on the west coast of Africa which was previously known as Senegambia and Niger. Postage stamps bearing the new designation were first issued in 1906.

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Urundi. — Same data as under Ruanda. The stamps for the two districts were interchangeable and both sets were officially authorized.

U. S. A. — Shown on some of the United States departmental stamps of 1873.

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200,000 on 4000r, No. 328* 1.75
200,000 on 4000r, No. 329* 1.50
300,000 on 5000r, No. 330* 6.00
300,000 on 5000r, No. 331* 1.50
500,000 on 10,000r, No. 332* 2.25
500,000 on 10,000r, No. 333* 1.50
Nos. 334 to 389 we can supply most of them.
4k on 25r, No. 349* 3.00
15k on 250r, No. 354* 1.75
20k on 500r, No. 355* 2.00
35k on 2000r, No. 356* 3.50
10k on 100r, No. 367* 5.00
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66,000r on 2,000r, No. 36* 1.10
1,000r on 2r, No. 37* 3.00
5,000r on 2,000r, No. 39 ..... .40
15,000r on 5,000r, No. 40* 1.25
Same used ..... .90
50,000r on 5r, No. 43* 1.00
100,000r on 2r, No. 47* ..... .80
200,000r on 10r, No. 48* 1.20
200,000r on 25r, No. 49* 3.00
300,000r on 3,000r, No. 50* 1.20
500,000r on 2,000r, No. 51* 1.75
25,000r on 10k, No. 57 ..... .75
50,000r on 20k, No. 58 ..... .75
75,000r on 40k, No. 59 ..... 1.00
100,000r on 60k, No. 60 ..... 1.00
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China 1897, $2, No. 61 ..... 6.25
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$5, No. 133*, scarce 6.00
$5, No. 148* 4.75
$5, No. 160* 4.00
$2, No. 171* 2.50
$5, No. 172* 4.75
1913, $10, No. 194, average 2.50
$10, No. 223, average 5.00
1915, $5, No. 718 ..... 5.50
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Costa Rica 1911, 2 on 10c, No. 94* 4.50
Crete 1911, 5dr, No. 71, used or* 8.00
Curacao 1899, 1½g, No. 28, rare* 7.00
Czecho Slovakia, 3k claret, No. 577a*..12.00
10k violet, No. 579* 10.00
10h carmine, No. 590* 45.00
5h green, No. 597* 35.00
Nos. 601 to 603* 35.00
2h red, No. 615* 135.00
30h red, No. 620, used or* 25.00
50h red, No. 621, used or* 30.00
50h red, No. 629, used or* 17.00
10k, No. 632* 10.00
15h on 2h, No. 634, used or* 6.00
10h on 24h, No. 635, used or* 4.75
20h on 54h, No. 637, used or* 3.90
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70f, No. 709 .....40.00
10f rose, No. 710* 9.75
15f violet, No. 711* 4.90
5k, No. 728, used or* 3.90
10k, No. 729 .....45.00
1f, No. 755* 7.50
Danish West Indies 1873, 14c*, average.17.00
1902, No. 26*, not centered 30.00
1905, 1, 2, 5frs*, rare 5.00
Danzig, 2pf gray, No. 31, used or* 7.00
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No. 106, used or* 2.25
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10dr, No. 994* 2.90
25dr, No. 995* 6.75
25dr red, No. 940* 5.00
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10pi, No. 48* 1.50
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2pi, No. 98* 3.50
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1pi, No. 315* ..... .75
2pi, No. 317* ..... .95
1924, ½pi, No. 318* ..... .50
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1925, 1pi, No. 322* 3.50
2pi, No. 322b* 4.00
1pi, No. 323* 3.25
2pi, No. 324* 1.95
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10 on 20c, No. 379* 7.00
10 on 20c, No. 380* 4.50
Paraguay, Nos. 370, 371, 372, 374, 374a, 375, 376, 378, 379, each* 2.00
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5pi, No. 532 .....15.00
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2L, No. 215* 2.75
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50r, No. 135* 4.00
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25r, No. 144* 4.75
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3r on 1t, No. 320* 3.70
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5t on 8t, No. 322* 2.50
1t on 6r, No. 324* 5.00
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3r on 4½r, No. 327 ..... 9.75
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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM:—

L. Jerome Odgen in a letter to the Postmaster General advocates a set of postage stamps depicting the natural wonders of the U. S. We quote a paragraph from his letter:—

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We are indebted to Jason Samuel Parker, M.D., White Plains, N. Y., for remittance covering a two years' subscription to the WEEKLY *for the Public Library of that city. We shall be very pleased to acknowledge further remittances of this nature.*

We are willing to publish details of anything philatelic which happens in connection with air-mail routes, but we cannot take the space to publish schedules of service. We are indebted to Cecil J. Blogg for a clipping just at hand dealing with the Seattle-Los Angeles service to start April 1.

Harry H. Armstrong, 49 W. Third Apt. N, Spokane, Wash., would like the addresses of collectors residing in the vicinity of Spokane. If sufficient interest is manifested a stamp club will be formed.

We have received from E. A. Young of West Haven, Conn., two new year subscriptions, and at the same time enclosed a list of ten names for copies of the Missionary number. This is real co-operation.

R. Roberts, 430 Strand, London, England, is sending out a December pricelist that is very interesting. It consists of 24 pages and in addition to a fine list of British Colonial novelties there are numerous short articles dealing with various interesting items.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a quarter-page advertisement of the United Stamp Co. It will be noted that this company is making steady progress with new sections of the Marquette Sectional Album. The firm is now making up Austria and is contemplating getting ready before spring Danzig, Memel, etc.

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MR. BATES SPEAKS

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aler's selection paying three dollars for even though the stamp was somewhat maged. Afterwards I found an exact plicate of it in a strip of three, with e other two stamps normal, which again consider a piece of great rarity, and is came from a lot that several colctors had picked over.

I turned up an original find of a couple ndred covers of the 1851-57 and '61 sues in a farmhouse. In it were half dozen three cent greens. One of them as a very badly damaged plate of the 73 issue, one that some engraver had ayed ball with or something, judging by e scratches and gashes that criss-cross all directions. A year later I turned a duplicate copy in another pickedr accumulation.

Pink cancellations are scarce and valule. Yet many collectors can't tell the fference between a pink and a magenta ncellation. As a result, I picked five nks out of one lot that had been well ne over by a dealer.

A real green, the most vivid I have er seen, came to me out of a gone-over t—somebody had passed it up for a mmon blue.

These are the things that will make the lue of bank notes go up and up in the ture—the fact that there are still many ds to be made for the collector who s the time and patience to study his mps until he knows all about them. ne only reason is that very little real owledge on the subject has ever been t in print.

Take papers alone. Here is a most scinating field for study. How many you know that the 1870-71 issue which e catalogue lists as being on hard paper so comes, but rarely, on a real soft per.

How many know that the olive green inting of the 1873 issue is in reality on ribbed paper. The catalogue does not l you that.

Do you know that the 1879 issue, which the catalogue says is on soft porus paper comes on a real hard, almost ribbed paper? Well it does and most dealers and collectors classify these 1879 hard papers along with the 1873 issue when to the specialist they are as obviously different as a black Jack is from a three cent rose. They are scarce, too, worth fully as much as the ribbed papers of the 1873 issue.

The catalogue informs us that the Continental Bank Note Company used a soft porus paper for a little time before the American Bank Note Company took over the contract in 1879. They can still be found without too much trouble, but once the collectors start picking them up they will become scarce as hen's teeth. I can tell them when I see them, at least in the three cent green, but the only proof is when you have copies dated 1878 or on covers dated that year.

Now as to cancellations. How many of you know that blue stars on 1870 issues are so rare that they vie with railroads and like cancellations in scarcity? Yet the same cancellation on the 1879 issue is not very scarce. The catalogue never will tell you a fact like this—you have to study it out for yourself.

Do you know that the 1882 issue is printed on a paper so soft that you won't find five perfect copies in perhaps 500? Well, that's true. Wherefore, fine perfect specimens of this issue are worth much more money than perfect copies of some of the earlier issues on harder paper which stood up better.

Magenta and purple cancellations are quite ordinary on some Bank Note issues. I think the catalogue lists them at 15 cents each on the three cent 1879. But try to get a perfect copy of the 1882 issue with a bright magenta cancellation! They are mighty scarce and far between for the fashion in colored inks was beginning to change by then and the magenta was going out, while the ordinary black was coming in stronger than ever. Postmasters were being instructed to standardize.

There are many fields for adventure in the Bank Notes. The one cent blue, the two cent brown and vermilion, the four cent green and carmine and other stamps have never been strongly specialized, but will have their day. Believe me, when the rush starts for the four cent green and carmine and the five cent Garfields, for instance, they are going to leap in price for they are comparatively scarce. And being printed on that later soft, spongy, abominable paper it is almost impossible today to find perfect copies.

The one cent blue of 1870-1873 and 1879 in my opinion is one of the comers of the future. Anything you invest in them now will multiply many times over in the future, provided of course that you buy nice stock. The reason I believe this to be true is because the one cent is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic United States stamp ever printed and because it abounds particularly in minor varieties that are easily decipherable. There are more shifted transfers than you can shake a stick at. In this stamp, covers are much scarcer than many others for the reasons that it carried mostly printed circulars which were thrown away while in the case of higher valued stamps the letters were filed away in the original envelopes and the latter preserved—that was in the days before filing cabinets. Oh, to run into one of those old pigeon-holed desks crammed with old letters!

Now I could go on all night talking on this subject, but probably you are all tired out by this time, so I'm going to quit.

I haven't tried to give much technical knowledge. It has rather been my purpose to treat this subject sketchily—just to awaken some of you to the wonderful possibilities existing in these cheaper stamps.

If I could afford it I too would buy and specialize in stamps that cost twenty-five, thirty-five and maybe a hundred dollars each. But I can't. So I am sticking, in my recently-adopted line, to things that can still be bought for a few cents each.

Of course, even when I am collecting low priced stamps I sometimes pay big prices for them. It isn't much of a stunt any more to pay five and ten dollars or more for a three cent green when it is of sufficient rarity. And let me tell you, to make a success of collecting even the cheapest of stamps you have got to be willing to spend dollars for a single copy at times. Otherwise you'll pass up things that will never come your way again. Then too if you haven't faith enough in your own hobby to pay a big price for a big thing once in a while how do you expect others to pay you a big price if you ever have to sell. Boost your own game, believe in it and don't try to always get them cheap. Let the nice ones you find even up for those you have to soak a little money into.

This talk of mine has been mostly preaching and I will finish with another preachment. It is this:

Don't try to collect all the stamps in the world when you know that it would take the fortune of a Ferrari, the ability of a Phillips, the ingenuity of a MacLaren, the acquisitiveness of a Hind and the knowledge of a Luff to enable you to even approach such an attainment.

Be a general collector if you will, but admit in the beginning that you are licked—that you have no particular goal unless you limit yourself in some direction. Decide what your limit will be and stick to that.

Then pick out one or two or more stamps that you particularly like and specialize in them. If you have never done it, you don't know what a thrill it is to get to a point where you can sincerely say: "Well, the old catalogue is not of much use to me any more." Get to the point where you can go to a stamp meeting and leave the catalogue behind so far as your specialty is concerned—where you can buy at the snap of a finger at the other fellow's price and know that you are getting a bargain.

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THE PHILATELIC DICTIONARY

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Used.—A stamp that has been employed for the purpose for which it was made, and has received some mark to show that fact.

Used Abroad.—A term applied to the stamps of a country used in one of its colonies, protectorates or consular offices maintained in a foreign country. In many of the British colonies British stamps were on sale before the colonies issued their own distinctive stamps and these are generally termed "British used abroad". Similarly the United States stamps used at the consular office at Shanghai are "U. S. used abroad".

U. S. I. R. (United States Internal Revenue). — A watermark found in connection with many United States revenue stamps.

Uskub. — A city of Turkey. This word with Turkish hieroglyphics was surcharged on certain stamps of Turkey to commemorate a visit of the Sultan to Rumelia in 1910.

U. S. Mail.—Appears on the 2c carrier's stamp of New York issued in 1846.

U. S. Penny Post.—Is shown upon the first 2c carrier's stamp issued in Boston in 1849.

U. S. P. O. (United States Post Office). — These letters are shown upon all the Philadelphia carrier's stamps issued in 1849-52.

U. S. P. O. Despatch.—Appears on the 1c Eagle carrier's stamp issued in 1851.

U. S. Postage.—Shown on most of the postage stamps of the United States.

U. S. P. S. — These letters were watermarked in most of the United States postage stamps issued between 1895 and 1916. They stand for "United States Postal Service."

A STRIKING FEATURE

In the Stockton (Calif.) *Record* of Saturday, August 29th, appeared a half-page illustration featuring some of the unique things in the collection of W. R. Parker, of that city. It showed pictures of envelopes and postal cancellations dealing with the early days of California's history, when express companies carried practically all the mail. Some of the things shown were described as follows:

One of Wells Fargo's early cancellations. The frank stamp shows Coloma, where gold was discovered by Marshall, to have been spelled at one time, COLOMO.

The cancellations on this envelope show that Wells Fargo had absorbed the Pony Express as early as 1861. The Pony Express was organized in 1860.

A Wells Fargo frank in use just prior to the absorption of the Pony Express. The letter was mailed from Rattlesnake, wherever that was.

This frank is often mistaken for the Pony Express frank. It, however, is the frank of the Pacific Express which was organized by the employes of Adams & Co., shortly after the latter's failure in 1855.

Flag Envelope. — This envelope was used during the period of the Civil War. The Cherokee Express, cancellation of which appears on the envelope, was a short line company operating out of Oroville.

Know where Fiddletown is? But it isn't Fiddletown any longer. It's now known as Oleta.

Panel of cancellations illustrating a number of printed franks.

This envelope illustrates the efficient service rendered by the great interlaced system of express companies. Mr. Fox was not to be found in Stockton. For an additional five cents, the letter was carried by P.O. to Marysville. Again he was not found. For $1.00 more the Fargo's Feather River Express Company took the letter, which ultimately reached Fox at Simmons' store nearly a year later.

Forbestown is the birthplace of John W. Moore, San Joaquin county tax collector. Interesting enough, the Forbestown post office was closed last May, after nearly 70 years of service.

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PASSING OF "HALF-CATALOGUE"

There is every indication that the "Half-Catalogue" fetish is rapidly going by the board. No thinking philatelist will regret its passing, for at one time it threatened to undermine the very foundations of philatelic values. Happily a broader outlook prevails today and the pernicious doctrine of "Half-Catalogue" no longer influences the far sighted collector. Its one time victims, too, are casting off the evil spell and awakening to bitter realisation that what once cost "Half-Catalogue" has so far depreciated as to be worth (in some cases) next to nothing.

The almost universal appreciation in philatelic value has had a corollary in an even more drastic raising of the standard of condition. Whilst the demand for fine copies is constantly growing, so the demand for second and third-rate specimens is as steadily diminishing.

Every year catalogue quotations approximate more and more to market prices current, leaving an ever narrowing margin for buying and selling all the time. More particularly is such the case with modern stamps. It must be obvious therefore that such stamps cannot be retailed profitably at any considerable discount off "catalogue." Moreover, since catalogue quotations are based upon average copies — neither brilliant mint nor superb used—it is equally apparent that exceptional copies must be worth not merely "full catalogue," but over; a fact that is borne out by recent auction sales.

Of course there will always be a fair proportion of common and medium stamps that can be sold quite legitimately well below catalogue such as those priced from 1d to 1sh, upon which the catalogue publishers themselves offer a liberal discount to large purchasers.

Second choice copies of higher grade stamps may also be picked up at "bargain prices" by collectors who are short-sighted enough to give them album room. Fortunately their number is growing "smaller by degrees and beautifully less."

The astute philatelist of today, with an eye to the investment aspect of his hobby, is fully alive to the fact that an inferior specimen of even a relatively scarce stamp is practically unsalable He sees to it therefore that each and every stamp added to his collection is as near perfection as he can reasonably hope to obtain it, no matter whether it be common, medium or rare. Wisely he refrains from disfiguring his album with dog's eared or off-colour remnants of bygone collections that are so temptingly offered at "knock-out" figures, as a trap for the unwary.

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Signed: M. T. M.

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Yours truly,
Signed: W. E. F. E.

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Liechtenstein—Jubilee, design of Statesman. 10r green, 20r rose, 30r blue, 3 var. ..... .22

Monaco—Type D1, "1 franc a percevoir" schgd. on 50c brown, buff .. .40

Transjordania—Type A1 of Palestine, 1922 ovptd. in Arabic (East of Jordan). 1M dark brown, 2M, 3M, 4M, 5M, 6M, 7M, 8M, 13M, 1pi, 2pi, 5pi, 12 var. 1.00

Transjordania—9pi bistre @ 63c; 10pi light blue @ 70c; 20pi violet 1.40

Danzig—Postage Dues, Type D2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 100pf blue and black. 8 var. ..... .90

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A24, 5c rose @ 3c; A51, 10c green @ 7c; A71, 1c orange & black, schgd. OFICIAL @ 12c; A106, 20c brown ovptd. POSTAL in black ..... .15

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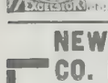

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LEO REGGIANI, DESIGNER

To Leopold Reggiani went the honor of winning the first prize in our Cover Design Contest for our issue of January 25, and doubtless none of the contestants will question the justness of our award. We are inserting this week a half-tone picture of Mr. Reggiani, believing that our subscribers will be interested in knowing him a little more intimately.

When Mr. Reggiani planned the design he frankly tells us that he tried to think out something that would be distinctive and worthy of our paper, putting his heart and soul into the design to further advance the interest in stamp collecting. As a collector for many years he bears witness to what philately has done for him. He commenced collecting fourteen years ago, when he was barely twelve years old, and has been adding continuously to his collection until he now has a fairly general collection.

Mr. Reggiani takes great pleasure not only in studying stamps from the collector's standpoint, but also from the standpoint of the artist, and many pleasant hours have been passed with his stamps. At present he is designing the pages and arranging the specialized collection of Dr. Avazon's France. He is taking great pleasure in the study of these rare and unique stamps and hopes to have the work completed for the 1926 Exhibition in New York.

Our friend is engaged at present in the art department of a large New York advertising agency, where a thorough knowledge of things in general is essential, and here in many instances philately has come to the fore with helpful material on some subject. Philately is fast taking its proper place in the world's activities.

We congratulate Mr. Reggiani upon the ability which he is displaying in his chosen field of work and prophesy that a large measure of success will be his.

TID-BITS:—

A great many sample copies of the issue of Jan. 25 were sent out in response to lists of names sent in. We did not print up a surplus supply of the number for future use. Belated requests for the issue of Jan. 25 will be filled by sending a subsequent number.

"Stamp Topics," a monthly magazine published by the Owl Publishing Co.,'423 W. 42 St., N. Y. City, is at hand for January. The subscription price of this 28-page magazine is only 35c per year in the U. S. and Canada and it is well worth the price. We recommend that our subscribers send for a sample copy and give this enterprising publication the best consideration possible. The editor is Otto W. Lampe and he is doing good work.

A recent news item in the WEEKLY was a bit misleading. What Clinton L. Chalfant really desires from some philatelic authority is to know what has become of certain plebiscite areas. What became of Allenstein and Marienwerder, etc.? Perhaps some of our readers have these situations in mind and can give us the desired information.

The Beaver Stamp Society of Portland, Oregon, has become affiliated with the A. P. S. Officers were elected Jan. 11 and a busy season lies just ahead.

Bright & Son calls our attention to a scarce error in the 10 piastre Trans-Jordan overprinted on Palestine recently issued. One stamp in the sheet has the letters EFF instead of EEF in the lower panel.

Herman W. Boers of Detroit sends us a clipping from the Detroit "Abendpost" of Jan. 17 which contains references to philately. While we do not reprint the same we appreciate Mr. Boers' courtesy in submitting them for our consideration.

A change has taken place in the business operations of the Yonkers Exchange. The name of the new firm is the Stamp Studio and Mr. Lustig in calling our attention to the fact wishes us to say that Bronx collectors will be welcome at his residence, 2184 Davidson Ave. This firm is making a specialty of what is termed an "intensive approval service."

The big advertisement of the Rotnem Stamp Co. in this week's paper is bound to attract attention, not only from the standpoint of space used, but because it is devoted to precancelled stamps. It is a strong indication of the interest that is being taken in what was once a sideline of philately, but to many has become the "real thing."

Bela Sekula of Lucerne feels that an injustice has been done him in the speculative characterization that has been given the Nyassa postage due stamps. He sends us a photo of a letter from Stanley Gibbon, Ltd., London, in which the firm says:—"The note in our catalog may justifiably be removed in the next edition."

One Man Beat Us All!!

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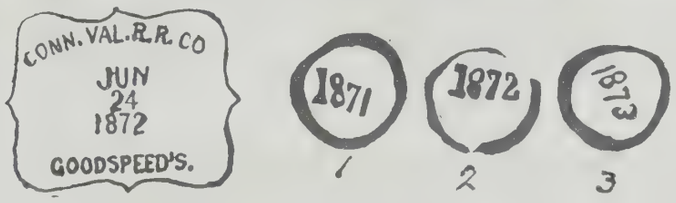

UNITED STATES ISSUES 1870-1900

DR. WM. EVANS, *Editor*,
313 E. Freemason St., Norfolk, Va.

(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

Mr. Wm. F. Palmer gives a bit of interesting history in connection with a Railroad ticket office cancellation. Above is a rough tracing of it.

I quote: "This (Conn. Valley R. R.) is a branch of the N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R., connecting Saybrook Junc. with Hartford, Conn. At that time Goodspeed's was a steamboat station on the opposite side of the Conn. River from the R. R. station. The R. R. station is now called East Haddam and Moodus."

Mr. L. Bryan Dabuey reports some Mississippi River Packet cancellations on 3c green covers.

1. Regular Thursday Packet "Katie." J. M. White, Master, New Orleans, Vicksburg and Greenville. The stamp is cancelled Vick. & N. O., Dec. 13, Agt.

2. Regular Vicksburg and Bends Packet Pargoud, J. M. White, Master. The stamp on this one is cancelled Vick. & N. O.——, Agt.

One cannot help but wonder if the J. M. White was the same man.

3. Vick & N. O. R. R. Undoubtedly Vicksburg and New Orleans River Route. Mr. Dabuey says, "There was no railroad between Vicksburg and New Orleans in the 70's, the first railroad being completed in 1885. This cover bears in manuscript the words 'Per Lee,' which was a famous packet boat of the early days, and was the same boat which defeated the 'Natchez' in the memorable race from New Orleans to St. Louis, in 1870."

4. N. O. & V. M. L. R. R., which translated is New Orleans and Vicksburg Mail Line River Route.

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While we are talking of Packet Boat cancellations here is another from the Alabama River. Stamped envelope with two cents brown of 1884. The packet stamp is in dull purple and reads:—

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No attempt has been made to reproduce the various kinds of type used. There are seven varieties.

Stamped envelopes and purple ink seem to have been popular with the Alabama folks at this period, the purple ink apparently was epidemic.

Here is a puzzle. An envelope originating in New Orleans addressed to Macon, Ga. The stamp is a three cents green 1871 issue tied on by the N. O. & V. M. L. R. R. postmark. How did it travel? Evidently it left New Orleans on a packet boat. Where was it transferred to a railroad? Wasn't there a Railroad out of New Orleans to Georgia at that time? Some one please tell us.

Mr. R. L. Hustis sends several covers used at Nashotah, Wis. Some have 3c green stamps and the others a 1c blue and 2c brown. Part of the 3c stamps are cancelled 1872 in a circle, the others and the one and two cents combination are cancelled 1873 in a circle. Mr. Hustis states that the correspondence ran from 1870 to 1875, but that in no other year was this type of cancellation used. Cuts 2 and 3 are tracings of two of them.

A curious fact is disclosed in regard to all these covers, viz.: under the stamp is written a name. In explanation of this Mr. Hustis says, "Nashotah is a small village where an Episcopal school for ministers was founded in the 50's, and still goes on today. The letters must have been mailed through the school office, stamped by them and charged to the writer." Something like the old way of charging postage in the Post Offices, but of course in this instance purely a matter between the school and the students.

A similar cancellation dated 1871, in a circle, is illustrated also, cut I. In view of what Mr. Hustis tells us this must have been used somewhere else. Who can tell where? Cancellations of similar types will be welcomed.

A short time ago mention was made of a stamp cancelled by a large U in a circle with month date in figures inside the U and year date below it. Mr. S. C. Rogers reports besides the U the letters B, C, D, O, and S similarly dated, all on registered covers sent to or through New York City and with dates ranging from 1890 to 1900, and Mr. Henry Perlish submits a cover bearing fourteen one cent re-engraved stamps, pen-cancelled seven on each side of the cover, front and back, with no postmark, but having on the back U with the date 4-2-85. One correspondent says, "This cancellation appears to be the receiving stamp used by Prof. A. W. Allen, famous tapeworm

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The statement appears in Gibbons Catalogue and has been noted in the philatelic press that the flag in the left border of the 2½d Jamaica Pictorial Issue with old Mult. CA watermark, Scott's No. 79, is reversed, and that this error was corrected in the next printing on Script CA paper, Scott's No. 92.

An English collector, I presume, would find this error and correction without much difficulty, but hundreds of American collectors have hunted for it, have carefully compared their copies of Nos. 79 and 92, and have failed to notice any difference in the designs. It has puzzled so many collectors and I have had so many inquiries on the subject that I believe an explanation will be of interest to your readers.

The truth is that this error of detail was a small one and would escape any person not well acquainted with the Union Jack. And to properly understand it, it might be well to give a little history of the flag itself.

The original Union Jack dates from the accession of James VII of Scotland to the English throne as James I, finally and definitely uniting these two countries which had so much in common. A flag combining the national emblems of both was desired and it was created by taking the red cross of St. George of England with a white fimbriation or bordering to denote its original white field, and superimposing it upon the white saltire of St. Andrew of Scotland with its blue field.

On the legislative union with Ireland in 1801, it was decided to add the red saltire of St. Patrick, which had a white field. To do so presented a problem, for to place the saltire of St. Patrick over that of St. Andrew would obliterate the latter, while to place it so that the saltire of St. Andrew still showed would omit the necessary white fimbriation which denoted the original white field of the saltire of St. Patrick.

This problem was finally solved by making the white bordering wider on one side of the red saltire than on the other. The wider part represents the white saltire of St. Andrew and the narrow part represents the white field of the red saltire of St. Patrick.

In the official Union Jack, the inner part of the hoist, that is, the half of the flag nearest the staff, shows this white border wide above the red saltire and narrow below, while the outer half of the flag shows the white border wide below and narrow above. In contrast, an examination of the flag shows that the white fimbriation of the cross of St. George is equally wide on all sides.

(Drawn by Leo. Reggiani.)
Note the wide top white bar and the narrow lower white bar.

If you will take up a copy of Jamaica No. 79, and examine the flag in the left border, you will notice that the white bordering of the saltire nearest the staff is wider below than above and is therefore *reversed*. If you will then look at Jamaica No. 92, you will find that this error has been corrected and that the white bordering of the saltire is wider above than below. This is the only difference between the two stamps.

This is a small detail perhaps, but it has puzzled many a collector who has studied the stamps in question for many hours in search of the "reversed flag". And it is just such small matters, sought for, found and understood, that make stamp collecting interesting and instructive.

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At the Senn High School, recently, Mr. Max Golding, president of the Chicago hilatelic Society, addressed the stamp ub, much to the interest of its members. number of the instructors at the school ssured Mr. Golding that his remarks ere a revelation and that they were eased to have the subject presented in ie manner that it was.

"Did you see the article, 'Lunatics, by ne of Them, Showing How Collectors lay Have Much Method Beneath Their adness,' by William C. Richards, in the *earborn Independent* for August 8, 925?" asks Mr. Maurice B. Levy. This adable account, well illustrated, was in-ed a feature and it is our recollection at due mention was made of it soon ter its appearance.

Mr. J. M. Bartels, New York, has been ided to the personnel of the Ways and eans Committee of the International xhibition organization. Mr. Bartels has en re-elected president of the American tamp Dealers' Association and fits in ell on the committee in question.

Mr. A. W. Filstrup, Benton Harbor, lichigan, was a visitor recently to Chi-go, where he communed with local ollectors.

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JOCK & WILDNER

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

In this, the closing article of this series on the adhesive private die match stamps, we have for consideration an alleged stamp of which two specimens have been in existence for many years. At various times during this long period this adhesive has been the subject of considerable comment — mostly unfavorable — but all the efforts made to discover its complete history have yielded results so barren that even now the sum total of all the information regarding it is very slightly if at all more complete than the information available in the early 1880s—which is to say, just about nothing at all. In the present writer's opinion the best thing that can be said in favor of the legitimacy of this stamp is that E. B. Sterling had some faith in it.

In November, 1923, Mr. Sterling sent the writer a number of letters and other notes and data bearing on the history of the two specimens and as these documents probably contain the most complete history of these "stamps" which is now in existence, it is thought advisable to use them as the basis of the present article. In this way as much as possible of the facts and conjecture regarding the Jock & Wildner adhesive may become available in one place to the student or to the interested reader.

The earliest dated document is a letter sheet dated May 27, 1882, and bearing a much later endorsement in Sterling's handwriting, reading "Notes for W. C. VanDerlip, Boston, Mass.," which mentions a number of "additions and notes" and states "I shall list Jock & Wildner 1c red, as Post and I have become convinced that it is all right. The stamp is there whether good or bad so that it can be safely listed and will lead to inquiry which may unearth others. Same size as Macklin."

The second earliest dated document is entitled "A List of all stamps mentioned in E. B. Sterling's catalog, as revised, Oct. 1882 — not in the collection of J. K. T. Oct. 25 1882." This is evidently John K. Tiffany's want list and the 8th item on the list is noted as follows: "108. 1c brown Jock & Wildner unper. o." The denomination and color appear to have been first written "1c red" and then written over to read "1c brown."

There are several letters from Alfred A. Post. The first, dated Bridgeport, Conn., May 15, 1884, mentions the Caterson Brotz & Co. Playing Card stamp. The third letter from Mr. Post is dated Jan. 30, 1885, and refers to negotiations for the sale of his collection of revenue stamps. He says, "I keep the Alex. blue matches—Jock & Wildner—and Caterson Brotz & Co. card stamps" because my prices on these are $40., $30., and $100. net." The sixth letter from Mr. Post, dated Feb. 30 (!) 1885, states "enclosed is the Jock & Wildner. VanDerlip has the only Jock & Wildner beside this that I know the ownership of. I understood that a Mr. Adee had the other until two years ago, when he is reported to have sold it to a collector in Europe."

In confirmation of the Post letters Mr. Sterling wrote to a friend in New Jersey, November 26, 1923, "I paid $30. for my copy from Afred A. Post and which sold for $26.00 at the auction sale held in New York, E. B. S. third sale, 1888."

On pages 35 and 36 of the *American Journal of Philately*, Volume 7, No. 1 (Jan., 1894) under the heading "The Jock & Wildner Match Stamp" is the following, which was reprinted in the *Philatelic Journal of America* of February, 1894, page 93:

"A few days ago we were shown a number of counterfeit local stamps of the United States, all collated on original letters. Some were splendidly executed, whereas others would deceive only a tyro. The stamps were the product of a dealer in postage stamps and coins who did quite an extensive business fifteen or twenty years ago.

The party who brought them to us informed us at the same time that the counterfeiter in question had produced the 'Jock & Wildner' match stamp, and that no such stamp had ever existed. It seemed almost impossible that such a fraud could have been foisted upon the stamp market, and particularly as our Government has records of every Proprietary, Match and Medicine stamp manufactured by it.

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A postal card from W. P. Brown, dated New York, March 24, 1898, addressed to Mr. Sterling, reads, "Much obliged for information about the Jock & Wildner, but you did not express your own opinion. Certainly it was not got up to humbug collectors with, or more of them would have been thrown on the market. Do you suppose it was got up to cheat the Govt with, and do the records show the Macklin which was similar? Guess I will write to Deats about it."

On May 29, 1899, Mr. A. G. Bishop wrote to Mr. Sterling enclosing a copy of the Jock & Wildner and asking Sterling's opinion about it. On July 9, 1899, Mr. Bishop again wrote to Mr. Sterling enclosing the Jock & Wildner and letters from Mr. Deats and stating, "I certainly hope you can find out something about the Jock & Wildner and can prove that the stamp is O. K."

On April 7th, 1900, F. D. Sherman wrote to Mr. Sterling inquiring why the Jock & Wildner had not been listed in the late catalogs, and on April 16, 1900, Mr. Sherman again wrote Sterling stating: "Mr. Eagle showed his copy to me: it certainly looks like a poor copy of the Macklin done in brown. However, counterfeit or not, the stamp is interesting."

On April 23, 1900, Dr. Stephen A. Welch of Providence wrote Mr. Sterling, stating: "I know of no one in Providence who has a Jock & Wildner. The N. E. Stamp Co. has one but refuse to sell it because it is a fraud. Have you a copy?"

On April 14, 1900, C. H. Eagle of New York wrote Mr. Sterling, stating: "I also read your letter about Jock & W. to Mr. Sherman. I am sorry I can throw no light on the 'mystery' * * * * I only have personal knowledge of two copies, the one Mr. Bishop has and the one which Mr. Deats had, but now in my collection. It is evident that Mr. Deats doubted it, or it would have been noted in the Boston book. At the same time he was loath to part with it, and did not intend to put it in the Sale of his other revenues. I think he felt there was yet more to learn about it, but to round off my M. & M. collection he very nicely let me have it, realizing that I was the next best man to possess it. I do not know whether E. S. Phelps or Farnsworth have copies. I know the latter in answer to my inquiry for it wrote 'What do you want that "fake" for'?"

On May 7th Eagle again wrote to Mr. Sterling, stating: "I think Mr. Bishop bot his Jock & W. from the N. Engl. Stamp Co. so I only know of his and mine of my own personal knowledge." The postscript on another letter from Eagle to Sterling, dated May 12, 1900, states: "My Jock & W. came originally from the Nash coll. Mr. Vanderlip did not sell his with his coll. but probably Brown got it afterward from Vanderlip & sold to Mr. Bishop. New Engl'd S. Co. thinks Vanderlip has his, as they did not get it."

In a letter dated Bath, 8/7/1900, Mr. J. W. Adee wrote to Mr. Sterling, stating: "The Jock & Wildner stamp you make mention of I have forgotten & having no catalogue can't bring it to my memory. If you have one send it to me to look at and I will return."

The following extracts are taken from letters written to Mr. Sterling by Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J.: "Aug. 10, 1899, I have had a photograph of the two Jock & Wildner stamps made and have sent both stamps to Mr. Bishop and will also send him a copy of the photograph when ready." On June 15, 1899, Mr. Deats wrote: "The Jock & Wildner is a fake in my opinion and all remarks in my previous letters referred only to the Macklin stamp. * * * I can get my Jock & Wildner stamp, of which I have only one copy, next week if you want to see it." On June 24, 1899, Mr. Deats wrote: "I always considered the Jock & Wildner stamp an imitation of the Macklin. No one in Peoria, Ill., ever heard of the Jock & Wildner." On June 29, 1899, Mr. Deats wrote: "I enclose the Jock & Wildner stamp for your inspection. Please return promptly when through with it. I trust you will be able to learn something more about it." On April 7th, 1900, Mr. Deats wrote: "In reply to your letter of March 19th in regard to the Jock & Wildner, I sent it to Mr. Toppan who replied that he had a mass of correspondence and records collected by Mr. Vanderlip and others and that was the reason he had voted to leave it out of our list." On April 16, 1900, Mr. Deats wrote: "I have [had] but one copy of the Jock and Wildner and I sold that to Mr. Eagle. * * * I could not put it in the sale. I have always regarded it and never hesitated to say that I do not consider it good." On May 18, 1900, Mr. Deats wrote: "The Jock & Wildner stamp I sold to Eagle was the copy that came from the New England Stamp Co. I do not know whom it belonged to, perhaps they will tell you. * * * I paid $5.00 for the Jock & Wildner and sold it for $25.00. I bought it at the time of the last A. P. A. Convention in Boston." On May 26, 1900, Mr. Deats wrote: "I will see what I can do in the way of getting information for you about the Jock & Wildner stamps."

In a letter dated Trenton, November 26th, 1923, to the present writer, Mr. Sterling wrote: "I herewith enclose you 38 items relating to the very rare Jock & Wildner match stamp. *Fictitious* or *genuine* it is still a mystery as to its origin. I had faith in the stamp at the time of the publication of my fifth edition U. S. Revenue stamp catalog, 1888. You, of course, will see that the stamp did not eminate from me. * * * When Mr. Deats took over my stamp affairs in the '90s he destroyed some 75 copy books I had * * *. I have no time at my disposal now to hunt up any more letters on the subject."

Among the papers sent to the writer by Mr. Sterling was a photograph of a proof of the Macklin stamp showing the signature of Commissioner Lewis with "Approved May 8, 1865" in manuscript, and a double photograph showing the two specimens of the Jock & Wildner. Mr. Sterling's data indicates that these photographs were made in August, 1899. There were also a few copies of the replies sent by Mr. Sterling to the letters from Mr. Deats, in which Mr. Sterling gave his reasons for his belief in the Jock & Wildner stamps. His whole argument hinged on one point, that various copies of the Macklin stamp were different from each other in slight details, while the two copies of the Jock & Wildner were exactly alike. From this he argued that both copies of the Jock & Wildner were genuine, while of three Macklins, all differing from each other, only the one agreeing with the design approved by Commissioner Lewis was genuine—the other two were imitations.

Mr. Deats' opinion, however, was that

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he Macklin plate contained 32 subjects, ll of which differed slightly from each ther. From which premise it should be educed that no two copies of the Mack-in would exactly agree with each other, nless they happened to come from the ame position on the plate. As the num-er of Macklin stamps now known to be n existence is reckoned at about ten or welve, and the Macklin plate may have een considerably larger than Mr. Deats' stimate, it is much more likely that any wo copies of the Macklin now in exist-nce would not agree with each other than hat they would agree. With the greatest espect for Mr. Sterling's memory and he great value of his work to philately he present writer inclines strongly to Mr. Deats' viewpoint.

Considerable space has been given to he extracts from letters written to Mr. Sterling, because for many years Amer-can philately has not known how much redence to place in a persistent rumor hat Mr. Sterling's faith in the genuine-ess of the Jock & Wildner emissions as based upon evidence which Mr. Sterling possessed, but regarding which hilately at large could only conjecture. he present writer, therefore, feels it his uty to give to philately all the evidence hich he has, or which he believes Mr. Sterling had.

It seems extremely doubtful that Mr. terling possessed any evidence more onvincing than is given here and al-hough Mr. Sterling did refer to the ass of correspondence in Mr. Toppan's ossession it is apparent there was little r nothing in this correspondence to con-ince Toppan the Jock & Wildner were enuine. Quite the contrary. Whatever dditional information, if any, Mr. Top-an possessed, only induced him to vote gainst including the Jock & Wildner in ie Boston Revenue Book.

The present writer finds great difficulty saying anything in favor of the Jock & Vildner stamps. In the late summer of 919 Mr. P. F. Robertson of Peoria made xtensive inquiry and search in that Illi-ois city and failed to find any trace of ie firm, or of either of the partners, or any people bearing either of those ames, residing in Peoria for fifteen years revious to 1870. Mr. S. J. B. Macklin f Covington, Kentucky, the son of John Macklin, informed the writer that he ad never heard of Jock & Wildner, or ny match factory in Peoria, or that cinity. No record of the approval of ie Jock & Wildner die has been found. his in itself is strong evidence that the amp was not issued with the consent or pproval of the Bureau of Internal Rev-nue. Moreover, the consistent practice f the Bureau was to confine a design to e use of one manufacturer and only ne, and for a specific purpose,—the sue of the Franklin head match stamp three proprietors simultaneously — is is rule known to have been violated. does not seem possible that Macklin ould have sold his die to Jock & Wildner ithout some evidence of such sale or ecord of the transfer and the approval the altered die being on record.

Those who have condemned the Jock & Vildner have always regarded it as a audulent imitation of the large black acklin adhesive printed by the Amer-an Phototype Co. and it seems not to ave occurred to them that the Macklin ight have been a genuine and legal mitation of the Jock & Wildner. The tter supposition opens up interesting ossibilities, but the present writer does ot take either it or them seriously. The atch tax went into effect September 1, 64, and the Macklin die was officially proved May 8, 1865, Macklin had sed the term "Shanghai matches" in nnection with his business for several ars before his stamp was issued. The ssibility that a match factory large ough to have desired private die stamps as in existence and yet had such a short e that no trace of it, except two sup-sed stamps, remains, is too remote to tain credence.

The stamp itself closely imitates the acklin design. A rooster stands facing ft with a lighted match in its beak. bove the rooster is a colored circular al composed of a small central disk and two concentric bands. In the central disk is a colorless numeral "1". Color-less letters in the band surrounding the central disk read ONE CENT above and below. Colorless letters in the outer band read U. S. INTERNAL REV-ENUE above and PROPRIETARY with a star at each end below. Type set in color at the left of the rooster is SHANGHAI and at the right MATCHES, the letters of each word being placed under each other. Below the rooster in small capitals is MANU-FACTURED BY, in large block capitals is JOCK & WILDNER, and at the bot-tom in capitals and lower case old Eng-lish is PEORIA, ILL. The whole is surrounded by a rectangular double lined frame of which the outer line is much heavier—exactly as on the Macklin stamp. One copy is described as being printed in bright red and the other in dull red, the latter may possibly be the brown copy mentioned on Tiffany's want list. One copy has very good margins on all four sides, especially at top and bot-tom. The other copy has somewhat wider margins at the sides but is cut close to the outer frame line at the bottom. Both stamps are printed on thin yellow-ish tissue paper.

In the present writer's opinion the Jock & Wildners were printed from a counterfeit die, but not to defraud the Government. The die was made before 1882 at a time when comparatively little exact knowledge of the private die issues was available for many collectors and with the purpose of defrauding collectors only. In his opinion the key to the mys-tery lies in the note at the end of the quotation from the *American Journal of Philately*. Few were printed because only by maintaining their rarity could their value to collectors, and their selling price, be maintained.

FRAGMENTS:—

The receipt of the *Economist Bulletin*, 87 Nassau St., N. Y. City, dated January, 1926, reminds us that it has been several months since we mentioned this excellent house-organ. The subscription price is 24c per year, but a sample copy will doubtless be sent upon request.

The Suburban Stamp & Curio Club of Boston will hold a banquet at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, to commemorate its 300th meet-ing. The Boston Philatelic Society, the Lynn Philatelic Society and the Metropol-itan Philatelic Society of Boston will join in the event. Prominent philatelists will be present as guests and speakers and a cordial invitation is extended to all inter-ested collectors to attend. Price of tick-ets $2 from the secretary, Wm. C. Albrecht, 174 Bellevue Ave., Roslindale, Mass.

R. C. Bach, publisher of the *Philatelic Magazine*, 82 Nassau St., N. Y. City, is the New York representative of the WEEKLY in the sale of its numerous pub-lications. A full assortment has been stocked and collectors in and around New York City are urged to call at Mr. Bach's office and not only examine our line of books, but subscribe for the *Philatelic Magazine* as well.

Last week Tom V. Binmore began ac-tively advertising in the WEEKLY *and an entire page was used in a very attractive manner. Mr. Binmore has taken out a contract with the* WEEKLY *and will be found regularly in our columns. He is a philatelic hustler of great ability and a great believer in all that pertains to our hobby.*

The firm of H. E. Harris & Co., 535 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass., is sending out Special Bulletin No. 3 for the winter season of 1926. A very fine line of packets, running all the way from 1,000 to 30,000 varieties, is offered. As a news item we may properly mention that the last named packet is offered for $1,675.00. There is also a department de-voted to packets by countries, which will be found profitable for dealers' use.

We have received from K. Kaplanek, Praha-Vinohrady, Bohemia, a price-list of Czecho Slovakia postage stamps. This list will be sent to anyone free of charge.

British Colonies

No.		Cat.	Net
20a	*Barbados, 6p	10.00	5.00
33	*Barbados, no gum, fine	20.00	6.50
67	*Barbados, 1sh	2.50	1.50
82a	*Barbados, 2½p	2.25	1.35
84	*Barbados, 6p	3.00	1.80
86	*Barbados, 10p	3.50	2.10
124	*Barbados, 1sh	3.00	1.80
135	*Barbados, 1sh	1.75	1.05
136	*Barbados, 2sh	2.50	1.50
50	*Bermuda, 5sh	3.50	2.25
51	*Bermuda, 10sh	6.00	3.60
102	*British East Af., 1R	3.50	2.10
13	*British Honduras, 1p	3.00	1.50
5	*Br. Solomon Is., 5p	2.50	1.50
7	*Br. Solomon Is., 1sh	3.50	2.10
17	*Br. Solomon Is., 2½sh	3.00	2.00
18	Br. Solomon Is., 5sh	5.00	3.50
18	*Brunei, 8c	1.75	1.05
12	Canada, 3p	12.50	8.00
55	*Canada, 6c	2.00	1.20
79	*Canada, 6c	1.50	.90
95	*Canada, 50c	2.50	1.50
2	Cape Good Hope, 4p	7.00	4.00
3	Cape Good Hope, 1p	10.00	5.00
3a	Cape Good Hope, 1p	13.50	6.75
5	*Cape Good Hope, 6p	40.00	17.50
6	Cape Good Hope, 1sh	15.00	7.50
12a	*Cape Good Hope, 1p	15.00	8.25
12a	Cape Good Hope, 1p	15.00	7.50
28	*Cayman Is., 5sh	5.00	3.00
4	Ceylon, 2p	6.00	3.00
45	*Ceylon, ½p	4.00	2.00
52	Ceylon, 6p	4.50	2.25
162	Ceylon, R1.50	3.00	1.50
163	Ceylon, R2.25	3.50	1.75
196	*Ceylon, 2R	5.00	3.00
57	*Cyprus, 45pi	5.00	3.00
32	*Dominica, 2sh	2.50	1.50
33	*Dominica, 2sh 6p	2.50	1.50
10	*East Africa & Uganda, 2R.	4.00	2.40
26	*East Africa & Uganda, 2R.	3.00	2.00
20	*Falkland Is., 2sh 6p	15.00	9.00
35	*Gambia, 1sh	8.00	4.80
39	Gambia, 3sh	4.50	2.25
44	Gambia, 3d	2.00	1.00
65	*Gambia, 1sh	3.00	1.80
69	Gambia, 3sh	6.00	3.00
116	*Gambia, 10sh	5.00	3.75
	Gambia—Send want list.		
54	*Gibraltar, 2sh	8.00	5.50
72	*Gibraltar, 2sh	1.50	1.00
45	*Gold Coast, 2sh	4.50	2.70
80	Gold Coast, 20sh	7.00	3.50
140	*Great Britain, 5sh	5.00	3.00
141	*Great Britain, 10sh	7.00	4.20
11	*Br. Of. Turkish, 2½sh	3.00	1.80
61	*Grenada, 2½p	4.00	2.40
77	*Grenada, 1sh	2.50	1.50
86	*Grenada, 2sh	1.75	1.05
87	*Grenada, 5sh	3.00	1.80
11	*Hong Kong, 8c	4.00	2.00
12a	*Hong Kong, 12c	5.00	2.50
37	*Hong Kong, 10c	3.00	1.50
45	*Hong Kong, $1.	5.00	2.50
69	*Hong Kong, 50c	3.00	1.80
71	*Hong Kong, $2.00	7.50	4.50
85	*Hong Kong, $1.	3.00	1.80
43	*Ireland, 5sh	3.00	2.00
44	*Ireland, 10sh	6.00	4.00
10	*Jamaica, 4p	12.00	7.00
49	*Jamaica, 5sh	3.00	2.00
1	*Lagos, 1p	3.00	1.50
32	*Lagos, 2sh 6p	4.00	2.40
33	*Lagos, 5sh	6.00	3.60
35a	*Lagos, shifted surch.	15.00	7.50
56	*Lagos, 1sh	2.50	1.50
57	*Lagos, 2sh 6p	5.00	3.00
8	*Leeward Is., 5sh	10.00	6.00
17a	*Leeward Is., 1 on 4p	3.00	1.80
27	*Leeward Is., 2sh 6p	2.50	1.50
28	*Leeward Is., 5sh	5.00	3.00
55	*Leeward Is., 5sh	5.00	3.00
60	*Leeward Is., 2sh	3.00	1.50
14	Malta, 5sh	4.00	2.00
18	*Malta, 10sh	13.50	8.10
119	*Mauritius, 5R	8.00	4.80
37	*Mesopotamia, 5R	5.00	2.50
38	*Mesopotamia (used 2.00)	9.00	4.50
17	*Montserrat, 6p	1.75	1.05
18	*Montserrat, 1sh	3.00	1.80
31	*Montserrat, 5sh	12.50	8.25
49	*Montserrat, 5sh	12.00	7.20
56	Natal, 5sh	4.00	2.10
57	*Natal, 5sh	4.00	2.75
65	*Natal, ½p	6.00	3.00
91	Natal, 2sh	3.00	1.50
96	*Natal, £1	15.00	10.00
97	Natal, £1.10	10.00	5.50
115	Natal, 5sh	7.00	3.50
111	*Natal, 1sh	2.50	1.50
112	*Natal, 2sh	3.50	2.10
113	*Natal, 2sh 6p	5.00	3.00
9	*Nevis, 1p	6.00	3.50
11	*Nevis, 1p	3.00	1.50
14a	*Nevis, 1p	4.00	2.75
14b	*Nevis, 1p	3.00	2.00
14d	*Nevis, 1p	9.00	6.00
15	Nevis, 4p	9.00	4.50
20	*Nevis, no gum, fine	12.00	6.00
24	*Nevis, no gum, fine	15.00	7.50
1	New Brunswick, 3p	17.50	8.75
2	New Brunswick, 6p	50.00	20.00
92a	*Newfoundland, 6c	2.00	1.50
98	*Newfoundland, 6c	1.75	1.30
99	*Newfoundland, 8c	4.00	3.00
100	*Newfoundland, 9c	3.75	2.60
101	Newfoundland, 10c	4.00	3.00
102	*Newfoundland, 12c	4.00	3.00
103	*Newfoundland, 15c	4.50	3.37
128	*Newfoundland, 3 on 15	5.00	3.00
24a	Newfoundland, 2c	3.50	1.75
26	Newfoundland, 10c	3.50	1.75
33	Newfoundland, 5c, close bot.	15.00	6.00
73	*New S. Wales, "Specimen"	..	2.00
86	*New S. Wales, "Specimen"	..	2.00
59	*New S. Wales, 9p	2.00	1.00
119	*New S. Wales, 2sh 6p	1.50	1.00
388	*New S. Wales, 5sh	8.00	4.00
23	New Zealand, 1p	2.50	1.25
29	New Zealand, 1sh	2.50	1.25
39	New Zealand, 2p	2.00	1.00
10	Niger Coast, 2p	3.00	1.50
13	Niger Coast, 1sh	3.00	1.50
62	*Niger Coast, 2sh 6p	4.00	2.00
4	North Borneo, 8 on 2	12.00	6.00
	*North Borneo, 401 to 405 @ 50%.		
15	*Northern Nigeria, 6p	1.75	1.05
17	*Northern Nigeria, 2sh 6p	6.00	3.60
10	*Nova Scotia, 5c	6.00	3.00
22	*Nyasaland, 10sh	5.00	3.50
6	*Papua, 6d	4.50	2.70
16	*Papua, 6d	5.00	3.00
303	Queensland, Reg.	7.50	4.00
77	*Rhodesia, 5sh (used 1.75)	3.50	2.25
1	*St. Christopher, 1p	5.00	2.50
2	*St. Christopher, 1p	4.00	2.40
2a	*St. Christopher, 1p	4.00	2.40
3	*St. Christopher, 6p	12.00	6.00
4	*St. Christopher, 1p	6.00	3.00
4a	*St. Christopher, 1p	6.00	3.00
6	St. Christopher, 4p	2.00	1.00
12	St. Christopher, 4p	5.00	2.50
16	*St. Christopher, 1 on 6p	1.75	1.05
18	*St. Christopher, used or *	10.00	5.00
19	*St. Christopher, 1 on ½p	3.00	1.80
5	St. Helena, 6p	5.00	2.50
12	*St. Helena, 4 on 6p	9.00	4.50
15	*St. Helena, 2 on 6p	8.00	4.00
21	*St. Helena, 1 on 6p	3.00	1.50
28	*St. Helena, 1 on 6p	2.50	1.25
31	St. Helena, 1sh on 6p	2.50	1.25
32	St. Helena, 1sh on 6p	2.50	1.25
5	*St. Kitts, 3p	2.00	1.20
6	*St. Kitts, 6p	2.00	1.20
10	*St. Kitts, 5sh	6.00	3.60
11	St. Kitts, ½p	3.00	1.50
14	St. Kitts, 2½p	3.00	1.50
14	St. Lucia, orange	5.00	2.50
46	*St. Lucia, 2½p	3.00	1.80
55	*St. Lucia, 1sh	3.50	2.10
61	*St. Lucia, 6p	3.00	1.80
62	*St. Lucia, 1sh	2.50	1.50
70	*St. Lucia, 5sh	2.50	1.88
6	St. Vincent, 4p	15.00	7.50
14	St. Vincent, 6p	7.50	3.75
27	St. Vincent, 4p	15.00	7.50
28a	St. Vincent, 1sh	10.00	5.00
36	St. Vincent, 4p	8.00	4.00
50	*St. Vincent, 5sh	4.00	2.50
86	*St. Vincent, 1sh	2.50	1.50
88	*St. Vincent, 5sh	7.50	4.50
92	*St. Vincent, 2p	1.50	.90
93	*St. Vincent, 2½p	2.50	1.50
114	*St. Vincent, 5sh	4.00	2.40
7	*Seychelles, 48c	3.00	1.50
12	*Seychelles, 45 on 48c	3.00	1.50
21	*Seychelles, 36c	2.50	1.50
22	*Seychelles, 1R	3.00	1.80
26	*Seychelles, 75c	5.00	3.00
36	*Seychelles, 45 on 1R	2.50	1.25
37	*Seychelles, 45 on R2.25	5.00	3.00
48	*Seychelles, R2.25	5.00	3.00
50	*Seychelles, 3 on 18	4.00	2.40
71	*Seychelles, 75c	1.50	1.00
3	Sierra Leone, 6p	5.00	2.50
4	Sierra Leone, 6p	6.00	3.00
6a	*Sierra Leone, 1p	2.50	1.25
7	Sierra Leone, 2p	7.50	3.75
17	*Sierra Leone, 6p	15.00	7.50
18	*Sierra Leone, 6p	2.50	1.25
20	*Sierra Leone, ½p	3.00	1.50
21	*Sierra Leone, 2p	7.00	3.50
101	*Sierra Leone, 5sh	7.50	4.50
47	South Australia, 4p	2.50	1.25
54	South Australia, 1sh	3.00	1.55
118	*Straits Settlements, $1.	4.00	2.40
10	*Kelantan, $2.	2.00	1.20
16	*Fed. Malay States, $5.	9.00	5.40
1	*Tobago, 1p	5.00	2.50
2	*Tobago, 3p (used 3.00)	6.00	3.00
13	*Tobago, 2½ on 6p	3.00	1.50
26b	*Tobago, ½ on 6p	6.00	3.00
29	*Tobago, 2½ on 4p	2.50	1.25
26 & 26b	*Tobago, pair	7.25	4.00
1	Trinidad, red	8.00	4.00
22	Trinidad, red	7.50	3.75
45	Trinidad, lake	3.00	1.00
49	Trinidad, 4p	2.50	1.25
53	Trinidad, 1sh	2.00	1.00
60	Trinidad, 1sh	2.00	1.00
3	*Trinidad, blue	3.00	1.50
48	*Trinidad, red	5.00	2.50
48c	*Trinidad, carmine	5.00	2.50
55	*Trinidad, 4p	8.00	3.00
59	*Trinidad, 6p	5.00	2.50
60	*Trinidad, 1sh	10.00	5.00
73	*Trinidad, 5sh	3.50	2.50
16	*Trinidad & Tobago, 5sh	10.00	6.00
7a	*Turks Is., ½ on 6p	12.00	7.00
8	*Turks Is., ½ on 1sh	12.00	7.00
41	Turks Is., 4p	6.00	3.00
45	*Turks Is., 1p (used 2.00)	4.00	2.00
8	*Turks & Caicos, 2sh	11.00	7.50
9	*Turks & Caicos, 3sh	6.00	4.00
18	*Turks & Caicos, 4p	2.00	1.20
205	*Victoria, 5sh	2.50	1.75
229	*Victoria, 5sh	3.00	2.00
8a	*Virgin Is., 1sh	10.00	6.00
10	*Virgin Is., 1p	3.00	1.50
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WE are pleased that an increasing number of readers are making it a practice to write us to give their opinions on topics that bear more or less directly on philately. From freely expressed statements we are enabled to sense the current of thought that changes with the months and while no remarkable degree of unanimity of ideas is to be found, yet the trend of latter-day philately is to be detected through them. One of the most heartening signs that is shown is that which proves that philately no longer is a thing apart in the daily routine, but has a place in the order of the hour. From a state of isolation it has been merged with the affairs of the larger world. No longer does any nation control the policies of philately, nor does any individual or group mold the destinies of the pursuit. Collecting has emerged from solitude and now sits in the sunlight as an attractive occupation that commands the attention of a countless number of reasonable people who collect as a matter of course.

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A PROFESSOR in one of the universities writes us to say that he thinks stamp collectors ought to avoid an attitude of semi-apology for the fact that they are interested in stamps. While some collectors may be backward in proclaiming their philatelic connections, on the contrary, we know that many others are not troubled with any inferiority complex. They avow on any and all occasions their stamp fondness in loud and loving terms. It is no longer fashionable to shrink from publicity as a stamp collector.

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A READER in Reno deplores the fact that he has no philatelic associates in his town and that stamp "visitors to Reno are few and far between." Here is a tribute to the marital fidelity of philatelists who have no reason to go to Reno and while sometimes we hear that wives berate their husbands for undue devotion to stamps, yet this allegiance to stickers does not unhinge domestic relations seriously.

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MR. P. R. NOLAN, Boston, Mass., says that it is a mistake to think that we have progressed to any great extent in familiarizing the public with stamp collecting. "My work as a crew manager takes me around the remoter sections of the state and I find that few minds can grasp the rational impulses served by collecting. Almost without exception, the natives wonder at the strange idea; they can understand how one might collect coins, but stamps! The fact of the matter is that I no longer tell folks about my hobby, even though I used to do so, in the wish to be interesting and in the hope of making finds." Mr. Nolan has more to say and we should be somewhat depressed by his recital, if we did not know that conditions have improved on the average, although there probably are hinterlands where philatelic ignorance hangs like a pall over the country. We hope that Mr. Nolan will resume his wonted cheerfulness and again try his luck in prospecting for finds.

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MR. THOMAS N. JOHNSON, Atlanta, Ga., says that from his experience, it is easier to buy Confederate stamps than to hunt for them: "For some years I have been following clues, but I have not been able to uncover over five dollars' worth of Confederates in all that time. My expenses in money, not to say anything of time, have been many times this amount." This is an old story. Confederates have been the object of intensive search both by native and transplanted collectors. Some remarkable finds have been made, but they are becoming the exception as time goes on. Now and then something will be turned up as it would be absurd to write finality in regard to finds of Confederates or old U. S. Yet, if the collector were told of the campaigns that have been instituted by hunters for Confederates that yielded results poor to plentiful, for many years past, he would understand that there could not much be left for him. However, treasure troves are sometimes found by accident as much as by design and most of us are filled with the hope that springs eternal in the philatelic breast.

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THE five dollar current issue is one of those stamps that is fated to be elusive in fine condition, as its colors are particularly susceptible to the disfigurement of canceling ink. An obliteration of equal surface would cause the blue and red stamp to suffer more than almost any other stamp in the set. A user of $5 stamps says that when he gets them back from correspondents, they are badly mauled in contrast to their former spick-and-span condition but that, even so, they have not been treated worse than other high denominations; they show the effects of wear and tear more. Occasionally a collector who is in a position to use high denominations and receive them back asks that post office people cancel the stamps lightly and he has been known to draw suspicion to himself by his request. The conscientious clerk wants to cancel high values effectively and wishing to err on the right side, if at all, he gives the stamps an extra punch or two. At the same time, the punishment that some of the stamps are subjected to is cruel and unusual and collectors merely feel that in some instances their stamps are assaulted without provocation and that it is just as fair for the department to advise against the habit of almost coloring a stamp black with canceling ink as to instruct that stamps be unmistakably "used."

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JUST as the foregoing paragraph was being written, the following notice was received from Washington, under date of January 18, 1926:

"Almost daily the department receives many reports of articles dispatched in the mails bearing one or more uncanceled stamps notwithstanding the necessity for proper cancellation has been repeatedly brought to the attention of postmasters and employees. If stamps of high denominations used on parcel-post packages are allowed to escape cancellation and are used again the losses may reach serious proportions. Every stamp used again represents a total loss equal to its face value. This needless waste can not be viewed other than as a reflection on the efficiency of the entire service.

Postal employees are urged to see that all stamps on mail, both incoming and outgoing, are sufficiently canceled. Special care should be taken with parcels bearing several stamps, as it has been found that clerks frequently miss one or two stamps in applying the canceling stamp."

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THE post office department regrets with collectors that the reprehensible practice indulged in by an employee here and there of removing canceled stamps of high denomination or of foreign issue, presumably because they are interested in philately, has not been wholly discontinued. Collectors have been complaining since the beginning of philatelic time against the thefts committed by postal folks and the authorities have issued warnings periodically calling attention to the gravity of the offense. While the nuisance has not been stamped out, it is being curbed and the department hopes to make the pilferings an irreducible minimum by its warnings, which are supposed to admonish the culprit who says that he "didn't know that the taking of the stamps made any difference" that such excuses will not be tolerated.

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FOR some time past the authorities seem to have been aware that abuses may have crept in in the handling of precanceled stamps, due to the philatelic angle that they present and we have been asked to publish the order sent out from Washington by the third assistant postmaster general, Jan. 14, 1926, headed: "Improper Sale of Precanceled Stamps," with the feeling that collectors will c operate with the department in restric ing the stamps to their proper function

"It appears that a number of stam collectors throughout the country a making requests upon postmasters f precanceled stamps and that some pos masters comply with such requests, n withstanding the conditions governing t use of precanceled stamps specifically pr vide that such stamps may be sold to an used only by persons and concerns t whom they have been furnished by postmaster after special authority in eac instance has been obtained from th office.

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I have received a letter from the teacher and quote a little of what she thought: "The boys certainly appreciated your talk to them a week ago. Several of them have been to me since then with questions about their stamps that show an awakened interest. Increased interest was also shown in the compositions, and a fine lot were handed in last Thursday." I offered three prizes in stamps for the three best compositions and Miss Balch advises that the following three have been taken as the three best: (1) about three stamps from Georgian Republic, by Mischa Saroff; (2) about the U. S. Parcel Post set, by Frederick Geisler, and (3) about the Columbian set, by Clifford Stamper. Copies of all of these have been given to the teacher in charge of editing the school paper and it is expected they will appear in print in about two weeks' time.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

Peculiarly, the Imperial Crown is missing from the design of the 1904-05 series (King Edward VII) of the Falkland Islands, after which that of the Turks & Caicos Islands, 1909 series was patterned; but in the 1912 series (King George V) of the former, the Crown is positioned over the central oval, and similarly placed in the St. Vincent 1913 series. Again in the 1912 series (King George) of the Turks & Caicos Islands, the Crown is absent, which leads to the belief that this was done purposely, as its inclusion would have meant a division of the Dependency's name, or the use of smaller and less prominent letters, and this latter was one objection (locally) to the King Edward 1909 design.

Following the Peace Celebrations of July, 1919, a proposal to overprint the contemporary postage stamps (¼d to 3s) with the device of a Crown and the word "Peace" at each side, was vetoed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, but at the annual meeting of the Legislative Board of the Dependency, on December 20, 1921, the Commissioner (G. Whitfield Smith) reported that—

"A new issue of postage stamps has been sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which will probably augment the Post Office receipts to the extent of over £2000."

On January 1, 1922, the letter rate from the U. S. A. to Jamaica was reduced from 5c to 2c, and this was made applicable to the Turks & Caicos Islands from May 3rd. In accordance with a Post Office Notice of March 24th, the rates on letters and post cards from the Dependency were changed. These were identical with those notified by the Postmaster of Jamaica under date of March 16, 1922, as in force in Jamaica as from April 1st, but the latter increases were disallowed by the Jamaican Legislative Council, before they ever became effective.

"POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Post Office, GRAND TURK,
24th March, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that from and after the 1st April, 1922, the postage on letters from the Turks & Caicos Islands, will be as follows:—

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Ordinarily, the change in the foreign post card and letter rates would have occasioned some color changes in any new printings from the old plates, but these were held over and embodied in the new issue. A design had been suggested, patterned after the 2c Peace stamp of British Honduras, (issued April 28, 1921), using the Seal die of the 1900 design, and the "Cayman Islands type" King George head (1921-23 series), but in the Crown Agents Bulletin for July-September, 1922, the new design was described as being a modification of that then in use.

"Modifications of the existing design for Turks Islands stamps have been made by the introduction of the Crown and the substitution of the head of H. M. the King "Cayman Islands type", for the present head. Supplies of the ½d, 1d, 2d and 3d values have been dispatched; the remaining duties on order are 2½d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 1s, 2s and 3s. The following changes of color necessitated by the adoption of the new international postal rates have been made: 1d brown, 2½d purple on yellow, 3d blue. The colors of the remaining values will be the same as those of the current series. The 2½d duty will appear on yellow script, and the 2s on emerald paper, old watermark."

These stamps were received at Grand Turk by the Clyde-Santo Domingo line steamer, "Huron", via New York, on the evening of November 16, 1922, and issued November 20th, but it is doubtful if any orders from the outside were filled before the first week of December. The ½d, 1d, 2d and 3d were released by the Crown Agents to English stamp dealers early in December, and the other values, during January. These were the first Turks & Caicos Islands stamps (other than remainders) sold by the Crown Agents to new issue merchants.

In the new design the head of King George is larger, and from the die made up for the Cayman Islands line engraved series of 1921-23, which in turn was fashioned after the New Zealand, 1915, design. Instead of confining the head to a small central oval, it is in an arched frame (inscribed "Turks & Caicos Islands"), at the bases of which are Turk's head cacti (melocacti communis), responsible for the naming of the Turks Islands, and embodied in all stamp designs of the Dependency since 1900. In each of the upper corners is a crown, placed horizontally. Squares in the lower corners contain the figures of value, between which, in two lines, is "Postage" with a six-pointed star at either side, and the value in words. All lettering is colorless except the figures of value.

The use of two crowns in the design has occasioned comment, and according to one philatelic writer, "two crowns on a stamp is not correct symbolism un-

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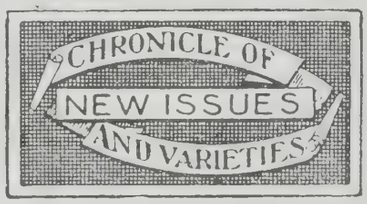

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Imperforated Coil Varieties

Com. W. A. Corley has asked for information as to how the imperforated coils as listed on pages 96 and 97 of the Scott's specialized catalog might be distinguished from stamps cut from the imperforated sheet. He states that he has discussed the matter with a number and that it is not generally known as to whether they may be distinguished or not.

The imperforated coils were made at a time when the coil stamps were printed in the same manner as the sheet stamps, and these sheets were later cut into strips and pieced together by hand, making the so-called joint or paste-up. In the case of the flat plate product and all imperforated coils with one exception made in this manner, it is impossible to distinguish the stamp from the flat plate variety should anyone attempt to make the imperforated sheet variety into the imperforated coil. The demand, however, for the imperforated coil is not greater than the supply—hence, I do not recall of ever hearing of any attempt to make these imperforated coil varieties. The only way a collector should purchase them, however, is to buy them from one who will put his guarantee on the back and has taken them actually from the coil. Most of the varieties listed and priced are fairly plentiful at the present time.

The only imperforated coil which cannot be made from the imperforated sheet is the 2c rotary coil, Scott's No. 459. This stamp never appeared in sheet form but only in coil form—hence, cannot be faked. We have never known the imperforate rotary in any other shape even in the later issues other than this one little lot of coils and, of course, being issued in coil form only, it is not available in blocks.

1893, 2c Columbian

In our issue of December 21st there appeared an article on the 2c Columbian issue of 1893 from the pen of Mr. E. L. Randall.

Mr. R. A. Wagner writes to call attention to the fact that Mr. Randall overlooked the varieties with break in the bottom of the right frame line. As Mr. Wagner mentions, this defect in the transfer roll was noticed many years back and has been recorded heretofore. Along with the variety showing the dent in Columbus' hat, they no doubt rank as the most interesting of the minor oddities of this stamp.

17c Wilson

While in Washington on the date of issue of the Wilson stamp, I inquired relative to the contemplated selling of this variety at Columbia, S. C., on December 28th and was informed that they had at first intended sending a supply to this city for the first day but that the order was later countermanded and the four first day cities of Washington, New York, Princeton and Staunton were decided upon.

In the meantime, however, the postmaster at Columbia received numerous communications asking for first day covers, resulting in his requesting a supply from the Department.

I was informed officially that stamps were not sent to this office along with those to the other four cities, but that a supply was sent forward on the morning of December 28th. Whether it arrived that day or whether covers were issued with an illegal postmark dated backwards, I cannot say, but I do know that copies exist, for I have been sent the variety by Mr. J. V. Nielsen and others. It is quite possible that the supply reached the office on the same day, but I have made inquiries and will be able to definitely inform our readers in short order.

I wish to thank Mr. J. F. Muller for the first day Wilson cover from one of the small places outside of Princeton the stamp, however, having been purchased in Princeton.

1924, 2c Star Plates

I have described in this column on several occasions the new plates known as star plates, which have a small star in the margin and which differ from the normal plates in that the stamps are spaced slightly further apart resulting in less likelihood of waste through poor perforating.

As previously mentioned, the star to date has only been seen near the top or right plate number. As yet the variety has not been noted near either the left or bottom plate number.

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. E. Owen, I am able to inform our readers that five plate number blocks differing one from the other are obtainable for the specialist, three of these having the star at top and two at the right.

The small five pointed star, such as found on the rotary plates, appeared on one flat plate only, No. 16758, and the small star is found in the near vicinity to the plate number. The large five point star may be found on several plates near the top plate number, but the one called to my attention was No. 17121. A similar star is found near the right plate number on plate No. 17315. A large six point star may be found near the top plate of No. 16741, while a similar star can be found near the right plate No. 17196. In addition, a double star can be found on the right plate. This was described several weeks back. If any of our readers locate any other varieties, I would like to have it brought to my attention.

Confederate States

One of our readers writes that he has recently located a mint block of twenty-five of the famous "Ten Cents" Confederate block being in irregular shape. There are two extra stamps on the top and three extra on the right, which if cut off would make a regular block 4 x 5. The owner writes that the block is perfect in color, has original gum and is very fine in every way.

ALGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 15c claret, Semeuse stamp of France, with the surcharge "Algerie" in black.

DENMARK.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 25o in green, a change in color, in the current design. Also the 1kr unpaid in brown and deep blue. The perf. on both is the same as before.

IRELAND.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. a copy of the ½p postage due stamp. The color is green and same design as before.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises that the color of the two stamps issued

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NETHERLANDS.—We have received m Whitfield King & Co. a set of three ues of Child Welfare stamps. They the 2c+2c green and orange; c+3½c red lilac and blue and 10c+ c scarlet and yellow.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The Economist mp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. l our attention to the 1fr, which is now ng printed in blue.

REUNION.—Whitfield King & Co. and Economist Stamp Co. report the aprance of the 60c, in blue and light wn, in the type of Scott's A20.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—The Econost Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & have shown us the 60c grey blue and nge, Type of Scott's A18.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. berts has sent for chronicle the folving of the new issues of this country: green and black, 1p carmine and ck, perf. 14½x14. Printed in unbroken ets of 240 (12x20) alternately Engh and Afrikander. Surface printed. o 4p grey, imperforate line engraved, nted in sheets of 120, separate plates, all English and one all Afrikander cription. Mr. Roberts sends the folving:—

The first three denominations of the w series of stamps for the Union of Africa have just made their appearce, i.e., the ½d, 1d and 4d postage mps.

They are inscribed in English and Afrider alternately on the sheet in the e of the ½d and 1d, while the 4d sents a most striking representation the triangular design of the Cape of od Hope stamps, generally known as "Three corner Cape".

These are printed in imperforate sheets 120 (10 rows of 12 stamps, each row taining six pairs tete-beche). The ing up is similar to the old triangular es, though the selvedge margin beven each is considerably larger, so that re will be no difficulty in getting these mps with wide margins.

The colour is a poor sort of grey blue hout much distinction and does not justice to the beautiful design. They printed on the ordinary paper watermked Springbok in multiple formation

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or what is otherwise known as the "all over" watermark.

Two separate plates have been made, one with English inscriptions and one with Afrikander; as owing to the triangular shape of the stamps it would have been inconvenient to print alternate English and Dutch inscriptions and also inconvenient to cut if thus printed.

One can imagine the jagged appearance of a sheet of triangular stamps printed alternately English and Dutch similar to the ½d and 1d, after the efforts of the postal clerk to supply as demanded the mixed population of a large town like Johannesburg, with a single 4d Dutch or a single 4d English inscription according to the taste or nationality of the purchaser.

This triangular stamp, is an event of great moment in modern issues as there has not been a British Colonial triangular stamp issued since 1864 when the beautiful De la Rue engraved issue of the triangular Cape stamps were replaced by the surface printed rectangles, and what is more remarkable, is that this 4d stamp of the Union of S. Africa has been issued unperforated and has perforce to be cut up with knives and lancets, shears or housewives' scissors, as in the glorious days of old, when triangular Capes could be bought for 4d each.

The ½d and 1d denominations are printed in unbroken sheets of 240 (12x20) the centre marginal gutters having been dispensed with in the same way as our English stamps, the printing of stamps in this way effecting a considerable economy in the quantity of paper. They are perforated 14½x14 and both are bicoloured, the ½d being of the emblematical Springbok design in black in the centre, the frame and duty plate in green; the 1d depicts an ancient war vessel entering Table Bay.

U. S. 1870-1900.

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remedy professor, whose correspondence was distributed by the auction route a few years ago. I have seen this cancellation on many envelopes, all of which were addressed to Prof. Allen."

Mr. J. W. Sampson has a cover mailed from Charleston, N. C., to Germany, in 1888, going through New York, and another from Portland, Oregon, to Austria, in 1890, also going through New York, both with markings of this type, and these two letters would tend to the belief that the markings may have originated in the Registry Division of the Post Office. But their significance is still a mystery. If any one else can give us any further information in regard to them, we shall be very glad to have it.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

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less both sovereigns are depicted, in which case the crowns would have to be of the correct type. The designer in trying to balance his stamp has forgotten that the Crown is a symbol, and that two crowns mean less than nothing." In this the Turks & Caicos Islands have not established precedent, as there are two crowns shown in both the King Edward and the King George designs of Canada—one being placed diagonally in each of the upper corners.

The stamps were printed from line engraved plates in sheets of 120 (12 horizontal by 10 vertical), undivided, and surrounded by a double marginal line, 10mm from the outer stamps. The 2s on green and the 3s on red are watermarked multiple Crown and Roman CA, and the other values script CA. The perforation is 14, comb for the pence values, and single line for the shilling.

The 2½d and 4d were the first British West Indian stamps printed on script yellow paper, although this was first used for the 5c of Federated Malay States issued March 1, 1922. White script paper was first used for the 1d and 2½d of Bermuda's first Legislative Tercentenary series, issued Nov. 11, 1920.

During 1923, stamps of the Crown series (although furnished on application) were retired more or less from sale at the G. P. O., and King George, 1913 type, Roman CA and script CA watermarked stamps sold almost exclusively. This was evidently due to the desire of the Colonial Postmaster, Capt. G. H. Frith (who succeeded Mr. H. A. Bascom on the latter's departure in December, 1922, to take up his appointment as Colonial Treasurer of Dominica), to work down the stock of the old type.

A second printing of the 2½d (used almost exclusively on letters to the U. S. A.) on lemon paper instead of the original pale yellow, was issued June 26, 1924.

On December 30, 1924, a reprinting of the ½d, a bit lighter than the original printing, and verging on the yellow green, was placed on sale.

Nov. 20, 1922.—King George (Cayman Islands type). Line engraved and printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked multiple Crown and Roman CA (2s. and 3s.) and script CA (other values). Perf. 14. (comb for pence values, and single line for shillings). Sheets of 120 stamps, undivided, No plate numbering.

½d green.
a. ½d yellow green (Dec. 30, 1924).
1d brown.
2d slate.
2½d violet on pale yellow.
a. 2½d violet on lemon (June 26, 1924).
3d ultramarine.
4d red on pale yellow.
a. watermark reversed.
5d olive green.
a. watermark inverted and reversed.
6d violet.
1s brown orange.
2s red on emerald green.
3s black on red.

JAMAICA

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1903, Arms, 1d, No. 34	.06
2½d, No. 36	.20
1905, Arms, ½d, No. 40	.12
2½d, No. 42	.45
Queen, 3d, No. 43	.60
6d, No. 46	1.85
1906, Arms, ½d, No. 50	.05
1d, No. 51	.06
Queen, 3d, No. 53	.15
6d, No. 55	.50
2sh, No. 57	1.10
1911, King, 2d, No. 58	.20
Queen, 4d, No. 59	.24
Arms, 6d, No. 60	.50
1912, K. G., 1d, No. 61	.05
2d, No. 63	.09
2½d, No. 64	.12
3d, No. 65	.30
4d, No. 66	.35
6d, No. 67	.35
1sh, No. 68	.45
5sh, No. 70	3.00
3d, No. 71	.25
4d, No. 72	.30
1sh, No. 73	.60
1919, Pictorial, 1d, No. 76	.06
1½d, No. 77	.06
2d, No. 78	.09
2½d, No. 79	.12
3d, No. 80	.15
4d, No. 81	.18
1sh, No. 82	.60
2sh, No. 84	1.10
5sh, No. 86	2.00
1921, Script, ½d, No. 88	.02
1d, No. 89	.03
1½d, No. 90	.05
2d, No. 91	.06
2½d, No. 92	.07
3d, No. 93	.08
4d, No. 94	.11
6d, No. 95	.16
1sh, No. 96	.32
2sh, No. 97	.64
3sh, No. 98	.96
5sh, No. 99	1.60
10sh, No. 100	3.20
King, 6d, No. 101	.30
1916, Official, 1½d, No. 305	.09
1919, Official, ½d, No. 310	.03
3d, No. 311	.12
1923, Charity, Nos. 401 to 403	.35

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MALTA 2½ ON 3d VARIETIES

Courtesy Bright & Son.

We have just had an opportunity of examining a sheet of the recent Malta Provisional 2½ on 3d, and we find that there are some varieties in the setting of the overprint which we beg to describe as follows:—

(A) Normal, the word "halfpenny" being central under the word "twopence"; the "Y" of halfpenny coming under the "ce" of "pence".

(B) The word "halfpenny" is more to the right, the "Y" coming exactly under the "e" of pence.

(C) The word "halfpenny" is more to the left, the "H" coming exactly under "T" of "two".

(D) The word "halfpenny" is still more to the left, the "H" being to the left of the "T" of "two" and "Y" coming exactly under "C" of "pence".

We may add that the sheet is made up of 2 panes of 80 stamps each, thus—

Left Pane.	*Right Pane.*
BAAACBAAAC	BAAACBAACC
BAAACBAAAC	BAAACBAAAC
BAAACBAAAC	BAAACBAAAC
BAAACBBAAC	BAAACBAAAC
BAAACBAAAC	BAAACBAAAC
BAACCBAACC	BAAACBAAAC
BAACCBAAAC	BAAACBAAAC
BAAACBBAAC	CCCDDBAAAC

It is thus seen that out of a complete sheet of 160 stamps there are 67 copies of Type A, 33 copies of Type B, and 36 copies of Type C, and two only of Type D.

We do not know of course whether there is more than one setting and whether every sheet is exactly the same, but possibly other readers will be able to point this out if there should be more than one setting.

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60	24c(153), well centered, attractive copy	4.50
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62	1c,7c,15c(134,149,163). Good copies	6.75
63	6c,15c,30c,90c(208,152,71,166). Good copies	11.00
64	1c,7c,7c,15c(134,149,160,163). Good copies	6.75
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67	★15c(163), clean centered copy, part o.g.	30.00
68	90c(166), very good, Cent. jot South	5.00
69	90c(166), Blue canc., perfs. cut Left	8.00
70	★**1875,** 5c(179), st. edge; 6c(186), o.g., crease on back	11.00
71	**1879,** ★15c(189), o.g., fine; 90c(191), thin	5.00
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73	**1888,** 90c(218), superb used	3.50
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75	★**1890,** 4c(222), Block, well centered, o.g.	2.50
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93	★**1908,** 13c(339). Very fine Block	3.50
94	★$1.(342). o.g. Superb	4.00
95	★1c,2,3,4(343,4,5,6). Superb Blocks	3.65
96	3c,4c,82(345,346,547). Used pairs	2.10
97	★2c(349) Pair, 4c(355) pair & strip 4, paste up	6.60
98	★**1908,** 2c(340). 5c(355), 1c(385), pairs	3.10
99	★**1908-14,** 5c(355), 4c(457), 5c(458), all line or paste up strips of 4, normal price	7.00
100	★**1908, 10c(364) BLUISH, finely centered, o.g.**	12.50
101	★**10c(364) BLUISH, finely centered o.g. Horiz. Pair**	25.00
102	★**15c(366) BLUISH, finely centered o.g. Single**	6.00
103	★**1909,** 2c(367) Block 4. (368) plate # Block 6	..
104	★**1912,** $1.(423) Superb Block of 4	20.00
105	**1916,** $2.,$5.(479-480), Fine; **1902,** $2.(312), Good	4.60
106	★**1918,** 24c(522) o.g. Block TEN with plate #, etc., at top	6.00
107	★1c(525) Double print, Block 4	16.00
108	**1923,** 20c(567) Double transfer, not listed	..
109	★**2c(554) Block of 4, Var. IMPERF. Vertically. Sheet found in Mpls. P. O., substantiated by affidavits**	400.00
110	★**1912** Parcel Post Complete, Mint. Fine	9.87
111	**1879** NEWSPAPERS Set card proofs, 1c-$100.00, 25 var.	..
112	**1891** DUES Set card proofs, 7 vars.	..

U. S. DEPARTMENTS

113	**Agriculture 1873,** 2c(1501) pen, good; 6c(1503) Mint o.g., center R; 24c(1507) repaired	11.00
114	★10c(1504), finely centered, no gum, 1 Perf. large nick	8.00
115	★15c(1506) Mint, no gum, centered R	4.00
116	**Proofs, complete superb set 1c-30c Inc. (8)**	..
117	★**Executive 1873,** 3c(1511), centered T, skinned tear, intact on face. Nice appearing copy	12.00
118	**Interior 1873,** Set of 1, 10, 12, 24, 30, 90; 15c unused. Average lot	8.25
119	Set of 12c, 24c, 30c, 90c. Average copies	5.75
120	**Proofs, Superb set 1c-24c Inc. (8)**	..
121	**Justice 1873,** Set of 1c, 2c, 30c used; 1c, 3c Mint average. 30c is repaired but nice appearing copy	27.00
122	3c(1607) centered R; 6c(1608). Both fine, scarce	6.50
123	**Proofs, complete superb set thru 30c (9)**	..
124	**Navy 1873,** Set of 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12c & 3c State, average	5.80
125	★90c, no gum, centered L, 5 mm. repaired tear	25.00
126	**Proofs, complete superb set of 11**	..
127	**Post Office 1873, Complete set of 10 proofs. Superb**	..
128	★**State 1873,** 1c(1556), 6c(1559). Fine o.g.	4.50
129	**Proofs, 1c thru 90c. Superb**	..
130	**Proofs, $2, $5, $10. Superb**	..
131	**Treasury 1873,** 1c, 15c, 24c, 30c(2), War 10c, 12c, 15c, 30c, 90c. Good average lot	8.85
132	**1879,** 90c(1626), good copy, stain on back, scarce	4.50
133	**Proofs, complete set of 11. Superb**	..
134	**WAR 1873** Proofs, superb set of 11 complete	..
135	★**1879,** 1c o.g. block of 8 (1627)	1.20
136	**1871-83,** 3c green, 83 copies, all good cancls.	..

U. S. REVENUES

137	**REV.,** 30c(3850), Perfs. cut Left	6.00
138	IMPERF. 7 Vars. All good margins	5.85
139	PERF, 7 Vars., 2c to $3.50. Good	9.05
140	PERF. 30 Vars., 1c to $5.00. Good	34.45
141	$1.(3871-3872). Excellent	3.50
142	$1. Mortgage. Perfs. cut right	5.00
143	$1.(3866), $5.(3885). Big margins	2.75
144	$1.30(3876), $2.(3882). Centered, Fine	3.25
145	$10.(3893) Pair, st. edge Left	6.00
146	$2.(3880) and (3881) Imperf. Ample margins	5.00
147	Imperf. 13 Vars., 1c to $5.00 Good	15.40
148	Perf. 32 Vars., 1c to $2.00. Fair	15.00
149	6c(3908), Cut canc.	2.50
150	$5.(3927) Centered L; $10.(3928) Fine	4.85
151	2nd & 3rd issue, 9 Vars. Good	8.20
152	2nd & 3rd issue, 21 Vars. Good	12.05
153	4c(4146), 100 copies	10.00
154	★½c(4176), 10c(4185), o.g. Blocks	4.00
155	60c, 80c, $1.44, $4.00 Wines. All fine	5.10
156	$2.00 & $4.00 Wines. Very fine	3.50
157	$30.00 & $60.00(4243-45). Good copies	8.00
158	$100.00(4246), Crease & small thin spot	8.00
159	★8c(4356) Narcotic, Mint. Not priced	..
160	★Post Obitum seal, Fine. 1920 price	5.00
161	Seals, 45 stamps, some Blocks, 14 Vars.	..
162	★Seals, Imperf. Block 9 Red Brown	..
163	★6 complete Sheets Blue & Black Seals	..
164	**Confederate States,** 5c(200) Green, a used & unused copy, both thin	14.00
165	(207) Superb appearing, Red town canc., has a crease which does not show on face	12.50

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166	★**Canal Zone 1904,** 1c(4) o.g. block of 4 Cent. R	3.00
167	★2c(5) o.g. Fine o.g. block	3.40
168	★5c(6) o.g. Superb o.g. Block	9.00
169	★8c(7) o.g. Fine block	12.00
170	★8c(7) o.g. Fine, centered, straight edge	3.00
171	★10c(8) o.g. Fine block, centered T	14.00
172	★**1915,** Nos. 48, 49, 50, 51, 65, 77, 78, in mint blocks	4.76
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195	**Philippines 1859,** 5c(10), Fine copy but thin spot; 10c(12), nice margins 3 sides, close B, Good	6.50
196	**1871-02,** 1R(30), Fine, 12c(43), 62c(46), Fine	5.50
197	★**1898,** 80c(209), Used, Fine; 1p(210), o.g., Cent. L; 2p(211), o.g., Cent. L, Very good	4.00
198	★**1903,** 3c(228), 4c(229), Centered L, Fine, o.g.	6.50
199	★4c(229A) Orange Brown, Fine, o.g.	5.00
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201	★10c(233A), 13c(234), Fine, o.g.	6.00
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203	★10c(217), 15c(218), 50c(219), no gum	4.65
204	★Set of 228, 231, 232, 233 o.g., 235 used, Fine	9.00
205	Set of 218, 219 used, 222 o.g., Good	3.35
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229	**1907,** 1c,(328) Pair, tied on by U. S. Ship "Newyork", Vera Cruz, Mexico, canc. to New York	..
230	**Confed.** 5c(200), tied to nice cover, stamp has 2 ragged margins	2.00
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248	**1866, 1 Franc**(22), centered L, Small tear, Good	5.00
249	★**1866-7,** 2c(25), Fine copy, no gum; 2c(25A) Ultramarine, centered T, no gum, clean	6.50
250	**1866-7,** 5c(27), Centered L, lightly cancelled; 5c(27A), Cent. SE to design, unused, no gum	6.00
251	★**1869-70,** 8c(31), Centered L, slightly thin; 1F(36), Centered NE into frame line, no gum, clean	5.50
252	★**1902-11,** o.g., Superb lot (102,113,263,264)	5.75
253	★**Bosnia 1910** Birthdays (46-61 Inc.), o.g. Superb..	5.50
254	★**Br. E. Africa 1897, 2½A(95), Fine o.g., centered R**	12.50
255	**Brunswick 1853,** 1S(4), Superb; 1S(5), nice appearing copy, well centered, wide margins, with light crease thru center	8.00
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258	★**1868,** 12½c(26), Fine copy, exact centering, o.g.	4.00
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260	★**1897,** ½c(50), Fine block of four, o.g.	4.00
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265	★**Cayman 1917,** 1½p(101), Superb, full o.g.	4.00
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267	**1882-85,** 20c(84), Superb; 5c(94), 20c(102), Good	7.25
268	**Crete 1899,** Russian 1M(10), Fine; 1M(13) on piece	2.00
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270	**1899** Russian, Used copies (35,37,39,40,41,44,46)..	2.40
271	**1900,** Set of Nos. 55, 61, 68, Fine o.g.; 56, used..	5.00
272	5Dr(63), full o.g., centered R, Fine	5.00
273	★**1908,** 1l(85A), 10l(88A), 50l(91A), 3 Inverted Surcharges, all o.g. Fine	8.50
274	★**1908-09,** 10l(88A), 10l(103A), Inverts, o.g. fine	5.00
275	★**1909,** 10l(96B), Inverted Surcharge, Superb o.g.	5.00
276	★**1909, 5l on 20l Carmine Rose(97), Superb full o.g. copy of the scarcest stamp of Crete**	10.00
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By P. MALONE *(Hobart)*.

These most interesting stamps, some values of which are very scarce, have been occupying the attention of collectors for some time, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, and keen disappointment was generally expressed when it was found that they were not listed in Stanley Gibbons new 1925 catalogue. In my previous article on the Pictorial Stamps of Tasmania, published in the *Monthly Journal* of July, 1924, reference was made to these stamps, and they were all included in the check list, but only the 4d value appeared in the new catalogue, with a footnote that other values of ½d, 1d and 2d existed, but were difficult to identify. This footnote had the effect of causing wide interest throughout the world to be taken in these uncatalogued stamps, and continued inquiries are being made regarding them, and specimens sought for. They certainly may be difficult to identify for anyone unacquainted with them, but to an expert or a collector who has any knowledge of them, or who has actually seen specimens, it is quite an easy matter to pick them out. It has been definitely proved that printings of the ½d, 1d, 2d and 4d values were done by the lithographic process, but unfortunately all records regarding them were destroyed before the Commonwealth Stamp Printing Department was taken over by Mr. J. S. Harrison, the present Government stamp printer, Melbourne, Victoria, where all the Tasmanian postage stamps were printed after the federation of the Australian States into the Commonwealth of Australia, and the post office taken over by the Federal Government.

The workmen engaged in the stamp department who actually prepared the lithographic stones for the printing of the stamps were able to vouch that the values mentioned above were produced in this manner, but of course could not give any details of the dates, or the number of stamps that were printed, and it is to be regretted on this account that all the records regarding them should have been destroyed by the late Government stamp printer. It must be a matter of conjecture as to the number of each value lithographed, but we are indebted to Mr. J. A. Rosenblum of Melbourne, who discovered in an old book that escaped destruction a record of the number of sheets of the 4d value that were printed by this process. There were in September, 1910, 322 sheets, representing 38,640 stamps (120 in a sheet), and in February, 1912, 2,000 sheets, representing 240,000 stamps. The former stamps although printed in September, 1910, were not actually put into circulation in Tasmania, until about the middle of the following year (1911), and after a thorough investigation and further study I have been able to place these stamps. They can be easily identified by the fact that the watermark Crown over A is always sideways, they are perforated 11 only, and are a distinct colour (brown-ochre). They are in reality the stamp now catalogued by Gibbons as typographed from the London plates (No. 333). In my previous article I mentioned this stamp as a worn plate, but, as already stated, with further study and inquiries, there is now no doubt whatever that it is a lithographic transfer, and represents the 322 sheets referred to above. The second printing of the 2,000 sheets of the 4d value in February, 1912, also shows a more or less worn appearance, and represents the stamps of this value at present listed in Stanley Gibbons Catalogue (Nos. 328 to 332), lithographed, but the date should be 1912, not 1909-10, and they should be placed after the 4d with watermark sideways, which was issued first in 1911.

The 4d lithographed stamps can always be identified by the more or less incomplete details in the design, particularly the waterfall and trees, which usually gives the impression of a much worn appearance. The perforations are 12½ large and small holes, and 11 large and small holes, and compound of both. The watermark Crown over A is found upright or reversed.

There is also in existence another lithographic transfer of the 4d value, which is of the greatest rarity. It apparently was an experimental printing when the stone was first prepared, and evidently only a few sheets were run off. Although the watermark is in the same position as the 1912 printings (upright or reversed) the colour is totally different from stamps of that issue. It is exactly the same shade as the original plate stamps of this value issued in 1905-06 on Crown and A paper. The details of the central portion of the design are not so clear as in the original stamps, the trees show a somewhat mottled appearance, and the horizontal lines of shading at the back of the trees are missing.

The 1d stamp, being the value in greatest use after penny postage came into operation, appears to be the one that was lithographed most, but comparatively speaking they are not very plentiful. Most copies are found dated about the latter end of 1909, and during 1910. They appeared also at other times, and as early as 1903-04 on V and Crown paper. This first printing shows superior workmanship, and altogether the stamps are much better productions than the later printings of 1909-10. They can be easily identified by their distinct colour, being a deep crimson or blood-red shade. They are mostly perforated 12½ large or medium holes, but appear also perforated 11, and compound of both, the latter two perfs. being scarce, particularly the compound. They were first issued towards the latter end of 1903, but the majority were used during 1904.

The 1909-10 lithographs of the 1d value show considerable variation in production, and depths in shades of colour. The work is of a very inferior nature from a printer's point of view, but for a stamp collector they are rather conspicuous, and some certainly stand out very prominently as examples of lithographic work. They were issued concurrently with the plate stamps of this value, and evidently both processes of printing were in operation at the same time, no doubt in order to meet the necessary demands for supplies.

The variations are so great that it is not an easy matter to describe these lithographs for identification, but generally speaking they show a somewhat flat and blurred appearance; the pillars at the sides are very often (but not always) solid in colour, and sometimes on one side only; and the letters of the words "MOUNT WELLINGTON" at the bottom of the stamp are usually thick and badly formed, being more or less joined together. The best and most important guide is the formation of the lines of shading in the centre above Mount Wellington. They are often more or less blotchy and uneven, and vary considerably, being partly solid in some cases, while in others they are particularly light, but not uniform in formation. The shading on the outline of the top of the mountain is usually heavy, and also around the border of the inner frame line below the word "TASMANIA."

They are perforated 12½ and 11 as in the 4d value, showing large and small holes of both, and compound. The 12½ large holes are very scarce, the majority being perforated with small holes. The watermark is Crown over A, which is normally upright or reversed, but there are varieties with the watermark sideways. They are also known imperf. on one side.

The ½d stamp not being required so much as the 1d value, was not lithographed to the same extent, and consequently is very much scarcer. They were printed under the same conditions as the 1d value about 1909-10, but as the demand for this value for postage purposes was very small, the supplies together with the ½d plate stamps lasted several years, so that copies may be found used as late as 1912 or 1913. The same characteristics as in the 1d value generally apply to these stamps, but in many cases they also show a very rough and coarse appearance. The eight wedge-shaped ornaments in the corners are often solid in colour, and they always show a more or less blurred appearance, the lines of shading having totally disappeared. The lines in the tablets containing the figures of value are very irregular and merged into one another. They are perforated 12½, 11, and compound, as in the other values, and the watermark Crown and A is normally sideways. They differ in shades of colour from very pale to deep green.

The 2d stamp, lithographed, is the great rarity, and is attracting considerable attention at present amongst collectors. Although not yet catalogued, specimens command high prices. The first appearance of this stamp in January, 1910, was a very crude production, and possibly this is the reason why it has received so much attention. It is particularly scarce and its existence was only known some years after they were issued. A search through some thousands of 2d Pictorial stamps revealed an average of one copy only in about every two thousand (2,000) stamps, which gives a good idea of its relative rarity. According to the postmarks on the used copies known, which are mostly dated January or February, 1910, it would appear that the stamps were well circulated throughout Tasmania by the Post Office authorities, and the majority were apparently used in country centres, which no doubt accounts for their great scarcity, as being all used in the ordinary way, the greater quantity of them were eventually lost or destroyed. Very few copies are known unused, and consequently they are extremely rare in this condition. The stamps as in the ½d and 1d values vary considerably in production, but some copies show an absolutely solid flat appearance in the central design, all details having completely vanished, and just the outlines of the mountains showing against the sky, which is generally of a whitish nature, the clouds having little or indistinct details in their formation. In some cases the lines of shading in the sky are joined together and show a very blotchy appearance over a white background. Others partly show the central details of the design, but not clearly, and the lines of shading of the water in the foreground very often resemble a massive quantity of seaweed floating around. These stamps from a philatelic point of view are very important and prominent varieties, but from a printer's aspect they show very inferior workmanship, and when specimens were shown to the Gov-

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A CHART OF UNITED STATES ISSUES 1908-21, NOS. 331 TO 550

By W. D. PIERSON, Waterbury, Conn.

I have found this chart very useful as a quick means of differentiating these issues of 1908 to 1921 as to perforations, watermarks, printings, etc. My friends have also considered it a help, which leads me to believe your readers would care to use it. I do not claim any great originality for the arrangement, as some years ago Mr. E. B. Power had a somewhat similar scheme on a portion of the list, but such did not give catalog numbers. It offers a suggestion as to other issues, such as the Bank Note series 1870-82, where the same design occurs in the different printings. In using the above chart it is wise to first segregate by perforations, then by watermarks. This is the reverse of catalog listing, but I have found it preferable.

ernment printer he actually repudiated such work being turned out from the Government Stamp Printing Office; but the fact remains that they were turned out and put into circulation. Probably it was only a preparatory printing, and only a small quantity done in this manner, as later supplies undoubtedly show a considerable improvement, and some are produced so well that only an expert could separate them from the original plate stamps. These later printings are somewhat more plentiful, and are usually found dated about March or April, 1910. Although they show improved workmanship, they also vary more or less in production and colour. The first printings are of a deep dull purple shade and usually pronounced, but the later printings vary somewhat from a dull to a brighter shade of purple.

About July or August, 1910, another attempt was made to lithograph supplies of the 2d value, but apparently it was not a success and was discontinued, as specimens of this printing are particularly scarce and are seldom met with. They are rather crude productions, but slightly better than the first lithographs of January-February, 1910. In this case the colour is totally different, being a very bright purple, which stands out distinctively, and proves their identity. The lithographic process not being a success, recourse was made to a new zinc plate, which came into use about this time, from which further supplies were printed.

These stamps can be identified by their distinctive colour, a bright violet, and there is always a very marked whiteness of the clouds. Being of a soft metal this plate did not last very long, and a second one was prepared and put into use early in 1911, which apparently was also zinc, but the stamps were slightly larger in this case. The stamps soon showed signs of wear, and consequently minor varieties appeared; the greater quantity of them were afterwards surcharged "ONE PENNY," and no more of the 2d value were printed for Tasmania, the Australian Commonwealth stamps being used after that date. The perforations found on the 2d stamp are similar to the other values, but

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[*Note by Catalogue Editor.*—Mr Malone has shown us a number of specimens of the various stamps described above, and there is no doubt that at any rate a large proportion of the lithographed printings are clearly identifiable as such. We are therefore listing these stamps in our forthcoming Catalogue and making various other revisions in the Pictorial list, on lines suggested by Mr. Malone. It is evident, however, that there is still a good deal to be learned about these fascinating issues, and we recommend them to the attention of specialists in England.]—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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By MARQUETTE

Mr. G. H. Dannatt's article in the *M.J.* seems to have crystallised the growing interest in "New Europes." Certainly the stamps of Czecho-Slovakia, Danzig, Esthonia, Fiume, Jugo-Slavia, Lettland, Lithuania, Memel, Russia, Poland and the Trans-Caucasian Republics, have as good reason for their existence as those of France, Germany, and even Great Britain, and they present philatelic problems which are the more fascinating in that the ground has not already been worked over by dozens or hundreds of pioneers, so that the chances of "finds," whether of facts or of stamps, are much greater than is the case in more fashionable directions.

I have been looking at a number of Continental catalogues and dealers' lists during the past week or two, and a careful study of the prices quoted has convinced me that there *must* be a rise in many "New Europe" items in the near future. Already wholesale quotations for many varieties are *higher than selling prices in England*, and when the home dealers come to fill up their stocks, as the growing demand must soon cause them to do, they will find it necessary to make some sharp rises.

The causes of the present low prices in England are obvious. Heavy stocks of the earlier New Europes were accumulated before the fall in European exchanges set in, and when the debacle came large quantities were thrown on the market, not only in England, but from abroad, and prices came down with a run. Dealers and collectors were "fed up" temporarily. The demand among collectors has since increased, and has largely absorbed the original stocks. Meanwhile the Continental demand assumed formidable proportions and prices rose there, but dealers in England were content to let what they had regarded as "dead stock" sell at any price, however low. Soon they will be wanting new stocks and will have to pay Continental prices, and then the fun will begin.

There are really interesting philatelic points to be worked out in all the countries mentioned above. *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular* pioneered the cause of these issues in the early days of New Europes, but our knowledge of the points of interest has increased greatly since then, though it is still by no means final. Both from the investment and the philatelic interest point of view, these issues can be recommended with every confidence.

From South America I get three useful suggestions, those anent Paraguay being confirmed from two independent sources. Argentine No. 497 (General Urquiza type on Large Sun paper) is a real rarity, practically unobtainable in Buenos Aires. Buy it at sight. The Paraguay advices are unanimous in recommending the peso values (Palace type) of 1905-10 as a good investment, with emphasis on the 20 pesos values. These are short both in Paraguay and in Buenos Aires, as also are the first issue Officials (S.G. 401 to 407). These must, of course, be imperf., the perforated stamps being bogus.

But collectors of British Empire stamps will be impatient at so much "foreign stuff." To them I will say that I had the opportunity of talking the other day with a leading specialist from Australia, who has made a close study of the modern issues of the various States. His Commonwealth collection was a revelation to me, though I have always been a believer in the interest afforded by the issues of this country. Even the new Gibbons' list gives little indication of the scope which these stamps offer for study.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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The Rotnem Stamp Co. would like the address of A. A. Crain or Craier. The postmark on the order received was indistinct.

We are informed by A. H. Wilhelm, president of the American Philatelic Society, that a free trip to the International Philatelic Exhibition is to be awarded the member who is able to recruit the largest number of new members during the period from Jan. 1 to Sept. 15. Officers of the Society cannot compete. Details of the prize award will be given to the philatelic press later.

The local paper at Mason City, Iowa, recently published a long account of the stamp collecting activities of "John Caspers, Groceryman." The write-up is an interesting one and we regret that we do not have the room to quote it in full.

A large number of mid-Europe collectors will doubtless come to the United States to attend the International Exhibition. The Hamburg-American Line is advertising a special trip to New York and through the United States. The first class steamers of the line will be used for the round trip.

H. P. Huson informs us that Mr. R. V. Rich is properly located at 820 W. 27th St., Norfolk, Va. There was a delay in reply to correspondence that recently caused the insertion of a news item in our publication.

The officers of the new Philatelic Plate Number Association are —President, H. M. Southgate; Vice-President, A. E. Owen; Secretary and Treasurer, R. W. Becker, Easton, Pa. The Association has fifty members to start with and is bound to grow. Mr. Becker writes that the slogan of the society is "Know your country's stamps."

STAMPS IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Czech Government Introduces Philately with Good Results.

(The following article was taken from the Miami "Tribune." We are indebted to Louis B. Garcia for the clipping.—W. O. W.)

Philately, or the study of stamps, has been introduced as a subject in the schools of the Czechoslovakian republic, with excellent results. As a supplementary subject with history and geography its advantages cannot but be obvious, and the example of modern Bohemia might be allowed with advantage by other nations.

Much money is spent on education in different countries, but the results do not always justify this lavish expenditure. The Czechs were ever famous for their encouragement of the arts, and the ancient university of Prague has a story without equal.

The stamps of Czechoslovakia are an historical study in themselves, their appearance heralding the independence of one of the oldest European nations, and it is to be feared that many English-speaking peoples have a very hazy idea as to the origin of this state of the Czechs and Slovaks which has its own stamps and a place among the great powers of the world. To allude to it as Bohemia does not help matters, for to many this recalls only memories of a once-popular light opera, and a people who were, through the foolish blunder of a fifteenth century writer, confused with the gypsy tribes who had invaded France.

When the new republic issued its first stamps in 1918 the Czechoslovak national council in Paris and in Prague had been recognized as the provisional government of a country which was once the Austrian provinces of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, with the upper part of Hungary (Slovakia) and Carpathian Ruthenia.

PRESIDENT MASARYK A COLLECTOR.

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The little vignette which was designed by Professor Mucha for the first issue of stamps shows the Hradchany, which towers over the Old World city of Prague, much in the same way as the Acropolis looks down upon the Grecian capital. The Hradchany is covered with magnificent buildings and among these is the seat of the Government.

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Contrary to the situation in respect to the stamps of many countries it can be said that the surcharges on the stamps of Siam are of a legitimate nature, due in large measure to changes in terminology of the currency; changes in rates of exchange, and a desire to utilize large stocks of unused stamps of preceding issues, partly for economy and partly of necessity owing to delays in delivery of stamps printed abroad.

Many collectors have more or less intentionally avoided collecting the stamps of Siam because of the impression that the surcharges are not legitimate and also difficult to understand and classify. There is no ground for the former, while the latter difficulty may be minimized by a little study of the interesting surcharges found on the stamps of this country. It is true that the number of surcharged stamps are many and that in nearly every major variety are to be found a number of variations and often errors, but these only add to the interest of the study, which with a little appreciation of the reasons clarifies to a great degree the situation and renders comparatively easy the classification and collecting of these stamps.

The first stamps of Siam were issued on August 4, 1883. They were line engraved and printed in London. Being intended for domestic use only the inscription and currency were expressed in the Siamese language alone. Five different stamps are found in this issue; of each 500,000 being printed. (Scott Nos. 1-6.) On July 1, 1885, Siam joined the Universal Postal Union, and during the interval caused by delay in delivery of the stamps for foreign postage it was necessary to surcharge certain stamps of the first issue. Two were thus treated, Scott's No. 1 and No. 3, and are listed in the same catalogue under Nos. 7 to 11 inclusive for the former, and No. 19 for the latter.

In this treatment of the surcharges on the stamps of Siam it is desirable to avoid in so far as may be possible the confusion naturally apt to arise where similarity of surcharges occur. I have therefore attempted to classify the various groups under headings, "First Provisional Issue", "Second Provisional Issue", etc., giving the date of each group when known. Under each group the major varieties are listed as, "Type I, Type II, etc.", and in addition, because of the occasion for cross reference, all of the major varieties have been numbered consecutively ( ).

First Provisional Issue

Appeared in July, 1885.

Owing to the change in currency and the requirements of the Postal Union the "I Solot" of the 1887 issue (Scott's No. 1) was surcharged "I Tical" in English only. The surcharge was performed locally by means of metal type in a hand stamp, the printing being in various shades of red ink. This group of surcharges presents many difficulties, most authorities still being disagreed as to those which are genuine. Four types are generally recognized as having been officially issued, with a fifth type, which is an official reprint, type set and printed. Twelve additional types are known of this surcharge, but these are all considered to be forgeries.

Type I, (1), (Scott's No. 7)

1 Tical on 1 Solot, surcharged pale vermilion; length of surcharge 14mm. Top of serif of figure pointed downward, Tical printed in full size capital letters. One minor variety is recognized, consisting of the Type I surcharge in red superimposed on the Type II surcharge in black.

Type II, (2), (Scott's No. 8)

1 Tical on 1 Solot, surcharged bright cherry red. Length of surcharge 13½mm. Figure 1 compares in height with letters "i," "c," and "a" of Tical, in which only the letter "T" is capital. The upper serif

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of figure is horizontal and parallel to base line. Seven minor varieties are recognized in this type:

(1) Surcharge in black.
(2) Surcharge in black superimposed on Type 1 in red.
(3) Surcharge double, both in red.
(4) Surcharge double, one red and one black.
(5) Surcharge inverted at top of stamp.
(6) Surcharge inverted at bottom of stamp.
(7) Figure "1" inverted.

Type III, (3), (Scott's No. 9)

1 Tical on 1 Solot, surcharged deep cherry red. Length of surcharge 15⅞mm. Figure "1" is thick and as tall as letter "T", upper serif of figure is horizontal, parallel to base. Letter "T" is very thick, also letter "i", the former only is capitalized. Base line of word "Tical" is curved convexly downward.

Type IV, (4), (Scott's No. 10)

1 Tical on 1 Solot, surcharged bright cherry red. Length of surcharge 15½mm. Letters of surcharge are more slender and delicate than in Types II and III.

Type I, (7), (Scott's No. 20)

1 att on 2 atts, shows six minor varieties:

(1) Entire surcharge double.
(2) English numeral double.
(3) Siamese word "att" double.
(4) English numeral missing.
(5) Siamese numeral missing.
(6) Siamese word "att" missing.

Type II, (8), (Scott's No. 20)

Minor varieties absent.

Type III, (9), (Scott's No. 22)

Minor varieties absent.

Type IV, (10), (Scott's No. 24)

Minor varieties absent.

Type V, (11), (Scott's No. 25)

Presents one minor variety consisting in the absence of the Siamese word "att".

The following constitute the chief points of differentiation between the preceding five types:

Type I.—Head of comma over Siamese characters "att" placed well over the middle of the first character; tail of comma narrow proximal to head and thickened distally. Upward projecting line of second character of "att" is sharp and clean cut, descending portion of second character slants slightly to right of vertical. English figure "1" large and thick, with short descending top serif.

Type II.—Comma more convex and regular in shape, head placed farther to right than in Type 1, Upper serif of English figure "1" twice as long as in Type 1, and slightly curved. Second character in Siamese word "att" more upright than in Type 1.

Type III.—Comma placed more diagonally than in previous types, with head placed farther to the left. Second character in Siamese "att" often at angle to vertical, sloping downward to the right.

Type V, (5), Scott's No. (10)

1 Tical on 1 Solot, surcharged bright cherry red. This surcharge is an official reprint, type set. Three minor varieties are found in this type:

(1) Surcharge in black.
(2) Surcharge double.
(3) Numeral without serif at top.

The following figures represent the number of stamps issued of the above types with their corresponding rarity:

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Second Provisional Issue

Appeared in August, 1889

and consisted of one stamp, the 1 Sio of the first regular issue (Scott's No. 3) surcharged with "1 Att" in Siamese by means of a handstamp. Since several handstamps were employed a number of differences in detail are noted; a tail to the bottom loop of the second character; various spacings between the two characters; variations in the width of the base of second character.

Type I (6), (Scott's No. 19)

1 Att on 1 Sio, surcharged in black. Two minor varieties are recognized:

(1) Error, surcharge omitted in pair with surcharge.
(2) Surcharge double.

A total of approximately 90,000 stamps received this surcharge.

Third Provisional Issue

Appeared in December, 1889

and consisted of a black surcharge on the 2 atts stamp of the 1887 regular issue. The surcharge is in one line and consists of the numeral "1" in Siamese and English with the Siamese character for "att" between. 121,280 stamps received this surcharge, among which five definite major types are recognized. The surcharge was applied by means of handstamps in one, two and even three operations in different instances, which in part explains some of the minor varieties. English figure "1" is smaller and more delicate and has longer upper serif, and is often out of plumb, sloping downward to the right.

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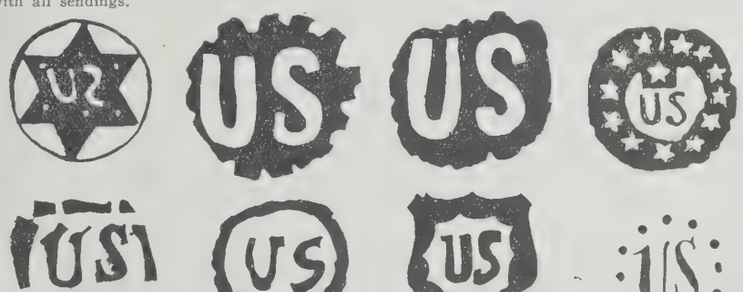

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This would remove doubt from the minds of outsiders, relieve sales managers of considerable trouble, give a broader and more remunerative field for an insurance company, and distinctly reduce the risk to sellers because it would make all users of the combined services interested in gaining maximum protection for sales material.

With such a system installed, and the several societies combining to protect each other, we would remove one unpleasant thing, which is the attitude of members of one society in a city where trouble occurs to another society refusing to assist the authorities in apprehending the culprits. We all have distinct remembrances concerning this unfortunate state, and this seems to present a logical cure.

But while it would combine all club members for mutual protection against theft, mail losses, etc., it might not make the participants feel any better toward the "One Big Club."

It is of course wise to make haste slowly, but the obvious improvement of insurance conditions, which would be caused by adding the combined sales values of three or more societies, cannot be easily attained by any single group. Granted that the combined fund would be attractive enough in bulk to tempt some basically sound insurance company, it is obvious that a third of that bulked amount would be considered chicken-feed. Again, it is unlikely that any single society can (could) amass triple its present book values in the sales department at once, or in several years.

Insurance that does not insure is intermittedly a waste of time, money, and altogether useless gesture. With amassed values and the increased interest by many more collectors, all work to protect one system, there would be root of unity that would stand a lot politix and self glorification from self seeking "lime-lighter."

Taken at its lowest value it bears ear marks of constructive thought, deliberate sifting of the most perplex problem of club sales:—that is, gett insurance that really insures.

Another correspondent warns me tha must "expect little or no enthusia from officialdom, and less from the r and file, because while these last are terested they usually remain dumb convention time, and then radical moti may be expected only on rainy days w golf, sightseeing and food are not h up to tempt them away from execut session." Is not that a cold bloo estimate of conventions?

But perhaps he says truth is s measure. Granted the presence of ardent opposition debater well up in p liamentary rules, and without any g enthusiasm from friends, it is usu easy to down even the most obviou beneficial movement.

One gentleman in N. Y. C. said fla "It can't be done" (so why bother with it?), but he got off on the wr foot, because he admits there is need a Federated movement to aid the Cl to advertise, aid legislation, and do ot needful things.

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By TOASTY.

The Annual Meeting of the Collectors Club, held at their Club Rooms, 120 West 49th Street, New York, Jan. 20th, was a great gala affair in more ways than one.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by Dr. Victor M. Berthold, foreign statistician for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and leading American authority on stamped envelopes. Dr. Berthold, who has been particularly endowed by old Mother Nature for intense and minute study, presented the Western Frank collection of Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein as his exhibit. He gave a lecture, illustrated with a large map, showing graphically the rise and growth of the Western Express lines and the Pony Express.

About fifty people had gathered for the meeting, both to see the exhibit and to vote on several matters of importance. Among those present was our very dear friend and member, the Hon. E. R Ackerman, a pioneer in collecting Western Franks, who dropped in especially to see the franks, leaving at Midnight for the Capitol. The Old Guard was well represented by such men as Messrs. Luff, our retiring President, one of America's most foremost and best loved men, Morgenthau, Lichtenstein, Steinway, Rich and Lewy and others. The Hot Stove League was there to a man, except Messrs. Clark and Costales, who were busily shifting safes and doing other light work prior to moving the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. to new quarters. The admirers of the Hot Stove League made up the balance of the most representative meeting of the year.

Then came the big surprise of the evening. In stamp circles, as well as in other ways, the American people have become really Babbitized. We feel that nothing is being done unless there is beating of tom-toms, and sounds of great mental and physical effort. Because the Exhibition has not been touted to high heavens the past two months, people have thought that the committee was sleeping, when the fact is they have been so doggonned busy, they didn't have a chance to lift their nose up out of the welter of work.

For years it has been the dream of the Collectors Club to have a permanent home. Quietly, without fuss and feathers, the three trustees have been searching for the permanent home site. The Trustees, through Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein, made their report, which had not only the backing of the two other Trustees, Messrs. Steinway and Morgenthau, but also of the best business men in the Club.

They have secured a 47-year leasehold on 51 West 48th Street, New York, on one of the nicest streets between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. This will be completely altered to suit requirements and we now have before us the possibility of the long-dreamed-of home. The street is now built up with the most modern type of office buildings and shops, and the property is increasing in value every day, which means that the lease hold will get better and better.

The ground floor will be turned into a shop and rented to some concern to the best possible advantage. We are lucky in having in our Club some real estate experts, who will see to it that we get none the worst of the deal. The upper floors will be made to suit the convenience of the main club rooms, secretary's office, and for the housing of the wonderful philatelic library. Some idea of the magnitude of the library can be gained when one knows that Doctor J. Brace Chittenden, our Librarian and Minister Plenipotentiary, has over 20,000 card index references to it.

The building is 100 feet deep, and one or more floors will be turned into offices for several stamp dealers who have already agreed to take space. Every necessary repair and alteration will be made, and before the Exhibition crowds pour into New York next year, the Club will be finished and ready to welcome the Philatelists of the World in true style.

The financing of the building will be done by selling to the Club members $60,000 worth of stock. The stock will pay 5% interest, which is secured by the leasehold and improvements. A balanced budget figured on high outgo and low income has balanced to insure both regular interest payments and amortization. Thus the Club is assured of funds to carry on the work not out of sheer charity alone, but on a combination of sentiment and cold business.

A vote empowering the Trustees to go ahead was carried with real enthusiasm.

The healthiest sign that the Club shows was the verbal debates on other subjects. Questions were argued from both sides, those that won were immediately backed by the losing side with the sole idea of the Club's welfare. We are very proud of the Collectors Club. Our members are first, last and always for the best interests of the Club. The majority rules, and no one ever leaves the meetings feeling hurt.

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The Hon. H. C. Brooks, the philatelic mayor of Marshall, Michigan, shows us a diagonally bi-sected two cent black Jackson, on a cover bearing the Springfield, Vermont, postmark. The two cent black Jackson is grilled and is of the 1867 issue and moreover is on a patriotic envelope, whose use so long after the close of the war is somewhat unusual. Mr. Brooks would be interested to learn if the Springfield, Vermont, split two cent Jackson, 1867, is of record.

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A collector delegates to us the pleas- ant task of lambasting a contemporary because it allowed an erroneous story of the origination of stamp perforations to appear in its columns. It happens that credit for the perforations as shown on stamp sheets has been given to a good many different persons and the newspapers every now and then come forth with new aspirants for the honor. We have a recollection of having assigned the laurel to a Yankee in our columns on one occasion with the result that protests were received from the home of Archer. Until our own slate is clean, we are chary about gloating over the mistakes of other editors.

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Mr. Herman Toaspern has sent in several readable accounts of different phases of the activity of those who have the great Philatelic Exhibition in hand; and it is easily seen that the soil has been well prepared for the planting of the seed, which will grow to glorious fruition. The manifold details necessary to provide a foundation for the gigantic enterprise are well in hand and all consideration is extended to those who are planning so well. The work required for the proper setting of the Exhibition is almost beyond conception and is of such volume and variety as to tax the capacity even of experienced men. In this connection, it is comforting to feel that those at the helm are seasoned workers who have no illusions that fitting results may be accomplished without earnest work.

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We have had several letters from collectors who have felt that the scheme of exhibits could be revised to advantage but we have felt incompetent to advise in the particulars that have been dwelled upon, particularly in view of the statement of the committee that due regard will be given to suggestions of the kind. We remember our part in the exhibition held at the Art Institute in 1911, at the time the convention of the American Philatelic Society was held in Chicago. It was our duty to devise the plan for exhibits and the recollection of the adjustments necessary before presenting the scheme is a vivid one. The experience of those who formulated the program must have stood them in good stead and any changes that may be adopted will be the result of careful thought and deliberation. We suppose that any pretentious plan of the kind will not be perfection because of the determination to combine so many angles into a finished figure, but the idea is to approximate a result that defies criticism.

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Now that the Exhibition powers have shown so fairly that they want every collector to take a personal interest in the great show, it is the duty of philatelists throughout our country in particular to co-operate in every way possible with the workers at the site of the Exhibition. As astute managers, they are regardful of the moral effect of a unified backing and we bespeak for them the loyalty of all of our readers in the undertaking. In due course, solicitation will be made for funds and we believe that we are safe in saying that those who will ask for financial aid in behalf of the Exhibition would shrink from the task if they were not convinced that the cause is so worthy and momentous that personal convenience or inclination must be cast aside. Surely, every collector will wish to feel that he is in the heart of things by giving cheerfully some amount in furtherance of the biggest event in the annals of our pursuit.

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The Collectors Club of New York is to be congratulated in having compassed a *coup* that will make us all rejoice. A goal of a real club-house in New York is an ambition whose consummation taxes the resources and finesse of any body of men. The announcement of the success of the preliminary details when the eyes of all collectors are beginning to be focused on the Exhibition city and the successive steps by which the ownership of the property will be completed will be attended to with keen interest everywhere. The thought that there will be a real philatelic headquarters in this country is one in which pride has a great part.

Mr. O. H. Hilding, Chicago, has shown us a number of novelties from New Zealand. Of the Dunedin exhibition set, there are the ½d green; 1d pink and 4d purple, each on tinted paper, showing a court of the exhibition. The stamps are on Cowan paper and are on sale at Dunedin only. During the shortage of paper with the proper watermark, paper with colored lithographed watermarks has been used, and on the 1d red of the regular issue, the watermark impression is in black. The map stamp is on Cowan paper unsurfaced and comes 120 stamps to the sheet, instead of 240 as formerly.

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There is an occasional call for phil- atelic matter suitable for reading before the radio or before non-philatelic organizations and heretofore, we have been able to supply material of the kind to those who are willing to make use of it. The receipt of a request from a reader for something of the kind, who asks if there is not some distributing point for articles causes us to deplore the condition that does not take advantage of this means to obtain the much-sought publicity that so often is spoken of. An effort should be made to have proper material at the beck of the collectors who are willing to do their part, if the tools are provided.

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The committee having in charge the banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society to be held February 18th at the Morrison Hotel announces that Mr. Charles J. Phillips, of New York, will be present on that occasion. The presence of Mr. Phillips will prove to be an attraction that will have its influence and we are pleased to give publicity to the news.

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A reader asks if there is any record of an impression, "Burnside Express" that appears on an old envelope, that emanated from Boston? The name is not a familiar one in this connection and a cursory examination of some o almanacs of that city does not reveal We suggest that the envelope be plac to one side carefully in the hope th information may be forthcoming.

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On January 18th two applications for membership in the Honor Club were received in the same mail. One was from Adolph Kahrmann, 314 Garfield Ave., Plainfield, N. J., and the other from Reynolds D. Brown, Jr., 548 Ellet St., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. We thank both of these subscribers for their remittances for membership in our Five Year Club. Mr. Kahrmann enclosed with his letter remittance for a new yearly subscription.

We are very pleased to add to the membership of our Honor Club our old friend J. Delano Bartlett, a long time ago from Springfield, Mass., but now a resident of El Paso, Texas. Mr. Bartlett is A. P. S., 341. His letter gives us a bit of news, which may be news to others, in that he recently acquired the stock of stamps of the late W. F. Greany, which in U. S. tax paids, state revenues, foreign revenues and all side lines. This stock was acquired simply for the purpose of enlarging Mr. Bartlett's collection and all duplicate stock will be used for exchange purposes.

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THE EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

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By now every reader of MEKEEL'S should have a prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition, which is to be held October 16th to 23rd. This is the first edition, and is subject to changes and modifications. If there is any reader of the WEEKLY, who desires a copy, he may obtain one by writing me, 778 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York, and I will be pleased to forward a copy, post free.

This large size, 12-page prospectus, covers every phase of the exhibition, and is intended as a guide to exhibitors. Nevertheless, it holds a great deal of interest to those who are already planning, to visit this, the biggest and most complete philatelic exhibition ever held.

Of the sixteen members of the committee, over half served on the committee of 1913. Their experience has proved invaluable in allotting the various classes, so that countries of equal rank will be competing. This will give the little fellow an equal chance with the big fellow, philatelically.

For example let us pick two classes at random from Class VI, British Dominions, Colonies, Protectorates and Foreign Offices. Section 9, in this class, calls for competition between New South Wales, New Zealand and Victoria.

The first condition of the judging is *Philatelic Knowledge.* All of these countries need a liberal application of this qualification to get them in shape. New South Wales and Victoria will bring plating to the fore, while perforations and roulettes will tax the New Zealand collector.

Next in order of judging comes *Completeness.* It is a toss-up, which would be the most difficult to complete. After that, *Rarity.* Who would venture to give an off-hand opinion as to the comparative rarity of these countries? Dollar values, one will note, are fairly subjugated to more philatelic things, *Philatelic Knowledge* and *Completeness.*

Then in order come *Condition, Arrangement* and *Neatness.* Those are general, for every class, but let me impress it here, that the committee most stresses the *philatelic standpoint* against mere dollar value.

Now let us look at an easier class, say Section 13.

Cyprus, number of stamps by Scott without varieties, 108. Highest catalogue value $150 unused and $12 used. Highest priced rarity by Scott, the 1882, 30pa on 1 pi rose, double surcharge one inverted.

Gibraltar, 87 stamps, highest catalogue $60 unused, used the same. Rarity 1889, 50c violet, bisected, unpriced.

Gold Coast, 102 stamps, highest catalogue $125 unused, value same used. Rarity the 1889, 20s green and red priced above.

Heligoland, 25 stamps, highest catalogue unused $20, used $30. Owing to incompleteness and neglect of this country in Scott the highest priced rarity is $60.

Lagos, 59 stamps, highest catalogue $150, used the same. Rarity, the same.

Malta, 114 stamps, rarest stamp $30 both ways. Several rarities, the 1885, 4p brown while listing $25 in Scott, is worth $125 in a pair.

St. Helena, 96 stamps, the highest catalogue unused $35, used $22.50. Three or four juicy rarities, the 4d carmine of 1863 without surcharge cataloguing $300.

Sierra Leone, 136 stamps, highest catalogue for regular number $200, used $35. Several great rarities, the highest priced one the 1893, error PFNNY invert of the ½d on 1½d violet, CA.

Tonga, 110 stamps, highest priced unused $20. Highest priced sub-number is the 1897, 7½d green and black invert.

Now for comparisons. Without careful study I would say offhand, for *Philatelic Knowledge,* Heligoland with the fewest stamps takes the palm. This country must be presented used and unused, covers and the numerous reprints must be shown. What is gained by having few stamps for *Completeness* must be made up by *Philatelic Knowledge. Rarity* is present in the early covers.

St. Helena and Sierra Leone are followed closely by Malta for *Philatelic Knowledge.* Tonga and Lagos have some heart-breakers in the way of varieties. Cyprus and Gibraltar have been highly specialized, and are worthy foes.

This rough summing up of two sections of the Committee has been written by me rather hastily, but I am sure that it will show the average collector what painstaking care has been taken by the Committee to classify the countries so that the competitions will be as near on an even basis as possible.

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United States.

1917-19, 8c Vertical Pair Imperf. Between

I have just obtained from Mr. Charles S. Brenneman a mint vertical pair of the 8c issue of 1917-19, Scott's No. 508, in the light olive shade, imperforated between. This falls in the same category of the 50c of the same series which is perf. 11 all around, but without perforations between the two stamps. Mr. Brenneman located this variety sometime back when the stamp was still current and has had it in his collection since. So far as we know, it, like the 50c, is unique, for a second pair has never been seen.

7c, 8c and 9c Rotary Prints

The Philatelic Agency is receiving inquiries for the 7c, 8c and 9c rotary prints, which we recently advised would not be available until next Summer. The recent appearance of an advertisement offering these varieties on first day covers has led many to believe that the stamps are available, which is not the case. Our readers will be informed in ample time through this chronicle of the appearance of these varieties and at the present time no definite date is set. As a matter of fact the Post Office Department has not even ordered the varieties from the Bureau. The three stamps will possibly appear on the same day when they are finally placed on sale.

1922-25, 10c Imperforated Horizontally

We chronicled some months back the finding of the 10c orange Monroe issue of 1922-25 imperforated horizontally with vertical 11 perforations. At the time the finding of this issue was fully described but the owner, Mr. Klein, has only recently informed me as to the city in which the variety was located. As a matter of philatelic history, I am pleased to inform our readers that this sheet was found in the Philadelphia post office.

1926, 17c Wilson

In my notes of last week, mention was made of the fact that copies of the 17c Wilson had been noted canceled "Columbia, S. C." on the first day, namely December 28th.

I quote from a communication just received from Mr. R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, dated January 23rd as follows:

"Your letter of January 19th, addressed to the Superintendent, Division of Stamps, has been received and you are advised that Columbia, S. C., was not designated as one of the cities to first offer for sale the new 17c Wilson stamps on December 28th.

The records of this office indicate that a supply of these stamps was sent to that office on December 28th and, therefore could not have been available for sale until the 29th or 30th.

If the postmaster at that town has canceled first day covers as of the date of December 28th, such action has been done entirely without the authority and sanction of the Department."

From this it will be noted that the 17c stamps had not reached Columbia on the first day—hence, the postmaster was without authority or sanction in dating his stamp backwards so that while these stamps may have the postmark of the first day, they were not actually issued until one or two days later.

1½c on 2c Provisional Envelopes

I have received from one of the smaller southern offices twenty copies of the 1½c double line overprint surcharged on the current 2c red, envelope die A, size 13 on white. The error has been noted heretofore with the single line overprint, but this little lot is the first that has come to my attention showing the double line surcharge. The finder writes that they were located in the stock of the regular varieties.

Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Mr. Gerald D. Bliss, I have received an unusual air mail cover which reached Philadelphia from Cristobal by way of San Jose, Costa Rica, the letter having been carried from the Zone to San Jose via air mail and traveling by boat from that point. The cover bears a 1½c stamp of the Canal Zone upon the 1c surcharged envelope and both are canceled in green within a circle an inch and one-half in diameter "Cristobal C. Z.—Canal Zone-Costa Rica—Air Mail 7 A. M. December 29 1925—A. S. Plane No. 41. In addition there is a smaller circular postmark enclosed within two concentric circles in purple reading "San Jose—Recibido—Servicio Aero Dic 29 1925." On the back we have a smaller postmark reading "San Jose Servicio Aero Transito." In addition, I find the cover stamped 15 evidently the mail piece number.

AZORES.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the Camilo Centenary set of Portugal with the usual surcharge for use in this colony: 2c orange, 3c green, 4c ultramarine, 5c vermilion, 10c pale blue, 1 orange and 25c carmine.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to a recent shipment of the 6c that he has received. The color is pale blue shade quite different from the ultramarine previously issued.

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 1fr blue, in the Pasteur design.

FRENCH OCEANICA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 60c, type of the current 50c, in green and black.

ICELAND.—Mr. W. T. Wilson writes under date of Jan. 2nd last: "I have received this morning a new Iceland Provisional, 10Kr on embossed 50 aur, claret.

JAPAN.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of a 13s, in the design of the A35, in brown.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. G. V. Stewart informs us that on account of the new postal rates the current 4c green (Arms) has been surcharged "3 Cents" in two lines, the original value having been cancelled by a bar. Also, the 5c is completely exhausted.

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NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that the 2 pound, Queen's Head type, chalky paper, perf. 14½x14, clean cut, has been placed on sale.

NORWAY.—We have received from Mr. W. T. Wilson a set of six values of a new Official series. The stamps are about the same size as the 1922-24 issue and in the centre is a shield bearing the lion that appears on all the early issues. Above in a curve is the word "Tjeneste-frimerke", while below the central figure is "Ore" with the figure of value at each side. The colors and values are 5ö red violet, 10ö green, 20ö magenta, 30ö steel gray, 40ö bright blue and 60ö blue.

PERU.—We have received the 10c orange red, of the 1924 series, with the surcharge "Plebiscito" in black. Also the 15c, with the likeness of Lamar, in blue. Both from Whitfield King & Co.

RUSSIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have sent for chronicle two sets of commemorative stamps, three values bearing the dates "1905-1925" issued in "Memory of the Revolution", 3k green, 7k brown and 14k red, all imperforate and perforate. Also three smaller stamps of the same colors in both perforate and imperforate with the dates "1825-1925" commemorating the Centenary of the Revolution.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 25c, Die 2, on script watermarked paper has been issued.

Mr. R. Roberts, Whitfield King & Co., and the Economist Stamp Co. have reported the arrival of the 2c brown, script watermark.

URUGUAY.—The Economist Stamp Co. have sent for note a 1c light violet, 12 light blue and also a 5m gray, all in the design of Scott's A100, but printed now by the government.

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While little has appeared in the Philatelic press lately regarding the Exhibition, that doesn't mean that the Committee has gone to sleep. Not by a jug full.

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ITEMS OF NEWS FROM MR. FOCKE

Herman Focke of Orange, N. J., has submitted for our inspection a pair of provisional registration labels of Colombia. They are printed in blue and do not show any value but are sold to the public for 10c each, the same as the regular registration stamp sold in that Republic ever since 1881. The stamps are so similar in design to Scott's R9 and R11 that the omission of figures of value would appear to be an oversight.

There appears to be a dearth of regular postage stamps in Colombia, as the registration label has been pressed into service. Mr. Focke recently received some merchandise by mail which bore five of this provisional in addition to only 2c regular postage. This would not be sufficient to pay the postage rate on the packet which came by registered mail.

Some provisional 4c stamps are also shown. Fiscals of this value have been surcharged "Correos" in a curved line at top and "Provisional" in a straight line at bottom. The 4c fiscal printed by the American Banknote Co. has the surcharge in green, while the one printed by Waterlow & Sons, London, has the overprint in red. The 1c fiscal stamp is similarly surcharged.

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and anyone knowing a town of origin will confer a favor on the reader by sending it in.

The commoner cancels, such as Stars, Paid 3s, Crosses, do not show a list of all towns found using them, for it would take too much space at present. You'd probably rather see a "new" cancel than to read that three towns on Long Island used the same type of Star—what?

Mr. Eugene Klein has sent in three real snappy covers: the oldest shows a 3c '51 cancelled in bluish "WASHINGTON & PHILADELPHIA R. R." across the stamp, which is at left of cover. At top right is the handstamp in red as Scott type "C32", tho this has serifs to the letters. It was used into 1857, maybe later. The "C32" type is with block capitals. They are rare.

Two other covers with same cancel on 3c 1867's are unknown to me—"N. C. RAILWAY" at top in small letters, then the date, month and day, and below "MONKTON". The type is small, and the pmk. a single line circle, both hit in blue ink. Who knows about this N. C. Railway? Monkton is now listed in both Vt. and Md., this probably being in the latter state. His third cover has a pair and single of 3c '69 issue, each hit by a generous sized "10" in bluish green. An interesting collection might be made of various denominations hit with incorrect figures of value.

Mr. H. W. K. Hale has sent in sketch of a "PAID 3" in circle falling on a 5c red-brown of 1862. This is quite uncommon, and would make a good start for a collection of one denomination cancelled with an incorrect figure of value. You may have seen the 24c 1862 hit with big red "48", or "24" cancellations, they are nice. "19" was used quite a bit, and you are indeed fortunate if you find one where it falls on the stamp. I have a 3c '57 cancelled with "PAID 12" in a circle. To show how eager folks are to get such items, I bought a whole collection to get that one little item.

Mr. W. H. Lyon has sent in a tracing of a very fine cut cork obliteration on 3c '61, "WHJ-PM", the letters being colorless and neatly cut. This is very uncommon, it probably was in use a very short time, as the spaces between the letters is small, and would easily break apart, ruining the P. M.'s handiwork.

Mr. R. S. Nelson has sent in interesting facts re Alabama & Tennessee River Rail Road, to wit, a folded cover bearing 3c '51, the text being relative to a remission of Duties upon Imported Railway Bars. Next is a stamped envelope, No. 2319, hit thrice with "ALA. & TEN. RIV. R. R. APR 6". To complete the file he sends a large bond of that road, showing six of the twenty coupons remaining uncut. The pale green seal affixed is interesting with its huge bell shaped smoke stack a la 3c '69. This document

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*112b	.08	.50	4.00
*112c	.15	1.20	10.00
113	.01	.03	.05
*113a	.02	.15	1.35
114	.01	.03	.05
*114a	.04	.30	2.50
*114b	.04	.35	2.75
115	.01	.07	..
116	.01	.04	.20
117	.01	.07	.40
118	.15	.75	4.00
119	.01	.03	.05
*119a	.06	.40	..
*120	.06	..	..
*121	.08	..	..
*122	.05	.45	4.00
123	.02	.15	..
124	.05	.35	2.00
226	.02	.07	..
227	.02	.05	..
228	.03	.15	..
251	.04	.25	2.00
251a	.10	.80	..
252	.25	1.75	..
253	.05	.30	2.25
*254	4.00	..	..
260	.07	.40	3.00
261	.07	.50	4.00
304	.01	.05	.20
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306b	.04	.10	.65
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deserves more study, tho lack of space prevents further notes here.

Mr. B. J. Barnett sends a cover from Lockport, N. Y., to Austria, carried by a 15c '62 cancelled with a large block type "L", and in addition, among other pmks., we have "PAID", and 15 in a circle, each in red. On reverse is an uncancelled 1c, probably not used as a Carrier, tho, more like a Christmas seal to hold down the flap of the envelope.

The No. 8 on this page from Putnam, Ct., is quite a pretty cancel. Note the dots are in black on this cancel. When we see dots like this, they are almost always colorless, which means the P. M. just dug into the cancel, while here he went to some trouble to make these raised points on his cancel. Will have in another lot soon. There is a great variety in U. S. cancellations.

SEEN AND HEARD:—

THE Keene, N. H., Philatelic Society has closed its charter list with twelve enrolled members. At the last meeting Evan C. White exhibited a collection of early envelopes and stamped bank checks.

A NEW advertiser in the person of O. W. R. Smith, Toronto, Can., is represented in our columns this week. Note his quarter page advertisement of first flight covers. Anyone interested in this branch of stamp collecting will do well to open business relations with Mr. Smith.

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THE Sharon, Pa., Stamp Club organized Jan. 17th with L. J. Shaughnessy as president, J. R. Dunfee vice-president and Paul P. Wentz secretary-treasurer. The club started with eleven adults, mostly members of the A. P. S. The feature of the evening was an exhibit by John Thomas of his collection of the 3c 1851, U. S. in eight volumes.

WE are indebted to many of our subscribers for favoring us with the address of Revillon Freres. The firm very courteously informed us that their rights in the article we desired to reprint had been transferred to another party. We are therefore unable to reproduce the article.

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C. A. HOWES, ex-president of the P. S., is editor of a stamp dep ment in *The Open Road*, a boys' ma zine published in Boston.

VICTOR WEISKOPF has renewed advertising contract for 3,000 line be used during 1926. He hopes to m it 4,000 lines and have the space re-ra to him.

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THE PHILATELIC INSTRUCTOR

By FRANCIS M. BOTELHO, Ph.D., Wayne, Pa.

CHAPTER XII.

Stamp Auctioning.

Recently a friend, connected with one of Philadelphia's A-1 banks, received an "auction list" from a well-known stamp-auctioning house and although he was much interested in several of the items offered he was filled with doubts.

His first question was: "What recourse will I have should the stamps, on delivery, be found torn, doctored or otherwise imperfect?"

The answer I gave him was as follows:—

"When you bid at any auction, you bid for merchandise 'as is,' and the bargain is closed when the auctioneer's hammer goes down. For this reason, you would attend auctions conducted only by responsible firms that value their own reputation. Usually, a person goes to an auction to acquire bargains, and, as a rule, he gets them. The exceptions are when he allows himself to become interested in the fake auctions of jewelry, such as those held on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. With stamps the same principle will apply. A responsible stamp auctioneering concern will not offer imperfect specimens without a notation or warning to the effect that the item is not wholly perfect."

"But," he objected, "if I bid by mail, how do I know I will get a square deal?"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"How can I know the auctioneer will not, on behalf of some friend, overbid me?"

The question was reasonable, but it also was extremely naive. After a pause, I counter-queried:

"If you were bidding for a desk or a rug how would you know the auctioneer was not bidding against you?"

"Because I can see him," my friend shot back.

That also was very naive. It was evident he had never attended any kind of auction sale.

The next few minutes were taken up in a more or less warm debate about the honesty of auctioneers in general and stamp-auctioneers in particular. Fortunately, at the end it was mutually agreed that as the auctioneer must have satisfied customers and as his profit is in the commissions on sales made, it is to be expected that he is not likely to cut his own throat by interfering with legitimate bids.

"What would you advise me to do?" my banking friend wanted to know.

"What do you want to accomplish?" I demanded.

"Get these items, if possible," he said, pointing out several numbers he had checked off on the auction list.

A glance showed me that the stamps he desired were not the usual approval sheet material. They were such as would enhance greatly the value of any collection.

"You should first find out the latest catalogue prices of each number," I spoke pompously, "and see what value each may have in its particular place in your album. Then decide on the highest figure to which you would go. Next, write out your bid and forward by first mail to the auction firm."

"Why first mail?"

"Because your bid isn't going to be higher by your delaying, but it may not be despatched by you until too late."

The conversation reproduced above is intended to reflect the mental attitude of a serious philatelist justifiably cautious in money matters. It also is meant to indicate that unless an auctioneer is honest in his dealings he cannot live long in the business.

Sometimes, as at the important Collectors Club of New York City, auctions are held in the same manner as at any general merchandise auction sale. Bids are made verbally after the stamps have been "on view" and inspected. An experienced hammerman can jack up bids materially when he can play up the enthusiasm of his bidders. Even at these "everybody present" sales, the auctioneer will have "instructed bids" (i.e., instructions from some prospective buyer or buyers to bid up to a named limit on an item or several items). Again, sometimes, the owner himself will have reserved a limit, below which his item is not to be sold.

When an item is not sold on account of the reserved limit being too high for the occasion, the auctioneer charges his commission, which the owner must pay (unless otherwise agreed), because the auctioneer had, strange to say, both sold and bought the item in question for the owner.

When the auctioneer has "instructed bids," his duty is to outbid, for the party instructing, against the others, but always, of course, not warranted in raising the bidding more than necessary.

In those stamp auctions where most, if not all, of the bids are entered by mail, the auctioneer's task is confined to picking out the highest bid. This highest bid may be the owner's reserved limit, an open bid, or an instructed bid. What is the latter? It is a bid worded to the following effect:

> "I bid $..... for No....., and if there is competition you are authorized to bid for me with raises of $..... per bid up to and not above the maximum of $....., at which my bidding ends."

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33	6.00	..
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*35	3.00	..
3 for 8.00		
36	2.00	7.50
*36	2.50	..
37	.60	2.50
38	.60	2.00
39	.25	1.00
40	.75	..
*41	1.00	..
42	.20	.65
43	.35	1.25
*44	.15	.65
o45	.12	.40
o46	.10	.30
47	.40	1.50
48	.50	2.00
o49	.75	2.50
*50	.10	.60
51	.05	.12
*52a	.50	..
*52b	.50	..
*52c	.50	..
52e	.25	.80
o53	.25	..
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*55	.40	..
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*57	.50	..
*58	.30	..
59	.50	2.00
60	.40	1.50
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o61	.08	.60
o62	.08	.60
63	.05	.35
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Chapter XIII.

Specializing.

In Chapter III, *Starting a Stamp Collection*, the advice was for the beginner to commence with a general collection. By following the methods outlined in the subsequent chapters, he will by this time have come to the conclusion that there can be little hope of his securing all of the stamps of all the countries issuing these interesting postage labels.

Yet, to drop general collecting may be likened to chopping down all the trees in a garden so as to allow sunlight to fall upon all of the flower-beds. Good landscape gardening is not realized that way. Likewise, good stamp-collecting does not require giving up general collecting to confine oneself to strict specializing. Doing that would be to rob from stamp collecting a large part of its general educational and romantic aspects.

Nevertheless, every advanced philatelist should be a specialist in some branch or country. Some branch, because he may devote his main efforts to Pre-cancels, Postmarks, Entires, Commemoratives, Surcharges, Imperforates, Mints, etc. Some country, because he may find his general collection has developed exceptional representation of one particular political division on the world's map.

All of which demonstrates that however half-heartedly a collector may begin, he will, unless he lacks average intelligence, soon find himself transformed into a keen philatelist, versed in an unusual degree in one or more phases of the fascinating hobby.

When you have arrived at the stage where you become seriously interested in specializing, you must decide on these points:

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Right here, it is well to turn back to Chapter VII, *Building Up a Collection Well*, and refresh your memory on the pointers given therein.

As the specialist is usually an advanced hobbyist, it does not seem necessary to go into details as to how he should proceed for attaining the objective chosen. Still, it would not be superfluous to proffer a few suggestions, namely:

(i) Set yourself a definite preconceived goal.
(ii) Aim at thoroughness.
(iii) Make careful studies.
(iv) Carry out researches.
(v) Seek publication for your findings.
(vi) Cultivate correspondence with fellow-specialists.
(vii) Discuss your work in the selected field.
(viii) Maintain tidiness.
(ix) Follow up all clues.
(x) Stick to your main purpose.
(xi) Invest liberally but prudently.
(xii) Display privately or through exhibitions.

To the foregoing a thirteenth (not necessarily unlucky) suggestion should be tagged. It is this: Don't drop general collecting, even if you have to subordinate it to pursue specializing.

(To be continued.)

JUST A WORD:—

IN addition to the list of names published in our special number as having made entries in our cover design contest we have two more to add. One is R. L. Hustis, Milwaukee, Wis., and the other John W. Creegan, Washington, D. C. We regret that these names were not included in the earlier published list.

THE first Wilson precancel is noted by N. R. Hoover, New Rochelle, N. Y. It is the N. Y. City on the new 17c stamp.

ARNS & SCHROTT of Dusseldorf, Germany, are making a specialty of what they call "Silver Lining Packets". A sample of the packet has been submitted. It consists of an open-faced envelope with stamps very neatly arranged and presented in an attractive form.

EDGAR C. CANTRELL, San Antonio, Texas, has taken out a three-in-one advertising contract and his advertisement will be found regularly in our columns during the coming months.

THE Detroit *News* of Sunday, Jan. 31, contained a very fine stamp feature. It covered nearly a page and was written by A. M. Smith in a very attractive manner. Two fine large pictures of Gen. C. A. Coolidge and John Kay were supplemented by two half-tones of the Detroit Philatelic Society. One showed the Club grouped for a photograph while the other pictured a stamp auction in progress. We heartily congratulate the member or members of this society who were able to put over this splendid publicity feature. Our thanks are given E. Walter Koenig for the clipping in question.

HARRISON TOWNSEND, 28 S. Ridley Ave., Aldan, Pa., is a boy fifteen years of age, who has been crippled for five years and deaf for the past three years. He began to collect stamps about two years ago and his collection now numbers 150 varieties of U. S. and 1,850 foreign. He writes:—"If any of your readers have any cast off stamps that would help me out in trading they would surely be appreciated. If anyone has a lot of U. S. mixed stamps that could be sold cheaply please advise the sending of address and price of same to me." We trust this notice will bear fruit.

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Not long ago in speaking of the Continental Stamps on silk fibre paper, skepticism was expressed as to the existence of the 2c brown on this paper. That has been changed since Mr. F. R. Schmalzreidt has submitted copies of this stamp which indisputably had the fibres present. And it also had vertical ribs present. Some combination—ribbed fibre paper! But there it was.

It was also stated at that time that the higher values had not been found on this paper. The fact that Mr. Klemann had reported finding the 24c on it some time ago, had entirely escaped my memory. Mr. Schmalzreidt has gone still further. He sends copies of the 7, 12 and 30c that are on this same paper. This means that all the values except the 90c were issued on this paper, and the 90c may have been. The fact that it has not as yet been found, or reported, does not mean that it does not exist.

So far as known this paper was used only by the Continental Bank Note Company, and until other printings are found on it, we may feel fairly safe in saying that stamps showing these fibres are the products of that Company.

When did they use it? The existence of the 2c brown on it disjoints the supposition that it was in 1877, for it is hardly likely that this stamp was printed two years after the change of color. The only dated copies I have seen of any value were used in 1877, and it is not likely that a stock of various values would be held for two years before it was issued. Perhaps some one can explain this apparent discrepancy satisfactorily. And are these fibres silk? Who can tell us that? I have no doubt that some scientific person can find out.

Some stamps have in the paper one or two little colored fibres, all I have seen are red or blue and no stamp that has come my way has been decorated with more than two of them. These are not the kind of fibres written about above. Those are frequently found in large numbers all over the stamp, and are black or dark, and also smaller than the colored fibres.

So much for fibres until some one shows us a 90c or some other fact that has not been recorded.

Mr. Horace C. Adams sends a copy of the 1c green 1898, which suggests that a sheet of these stamps may have been issued imperforate horizontally. The margins at top and bottom are so wide that it does not seem to have been trimmed. It is precanceled Boston, Mass., 10 01 with three bars, which extend across the whole stamp, giving the impression that they crossed the ten stamps of the row continuously. Has anyone a duplicate? Or a pair, vertical of course? Won't our pre-cancellation friends help us out in regard to this? A vertical pair imperf. between would be a mighty nice thing to report. Or a few pre-canceled copies on the covers might shed some light on the subject, though it would perhaps be going too far to claim that it was issued in this condition without the evidence of a pair.

In connection with the "Carrier" postmarks spoken of a short time ago in these notes Mr. R. L. Hustis submits the following:—

"Regarding the 'CARRIER' postmarks as found on covers of the '70's and '80's, perhaps a little history and speculation would help to answer some of our questions and clear up a number of the peculiar uses as either postmarks or cancellations as sometimes found.

In the 70's and even into the later '80's, by far the greater number of towns and even cities had either no carriers or a limited carrier delivery. The old-time 'post office' was in many instances located in non-government-owned buildings, and the old 'private mail-delivery box' showed its 5x6 glass face in long rows as many tiers high as could be conveniently reached. Box rental was still the postmaster's perquisite and box-delivery touted as being handier,—'get your mail without delay whenever you want it.' But towns grew in size and so did distances to the 'post office', and carriers finally were employed to deliver a proportion of the mail, which proportion gradually increased as the 'letter-box' or 'P. O. box' lost favor. So much for the 'background', as writers say.

It appears from looking over a couple of hundred covers and especially about fifty sent to Kalamazoo, Michigan, that in that city letters were back-stamped either 'Kalamazoo' or 'Carrier'. The latter were no doubt carrier-delivered to the street address and the others (addressed to a business-house) stamped 'Kalamazoo' being put in a 'P. O. Box' were called for by the addressee. In fact the 'P. O. Box number' appears on many of these latter. This would lead us to believe that *after being sorted*, for 'carrier' or 'box' delivery, *the mail was postmarked* as to its class of delivery. As to locals, the few I found were all canceled 'Kalamazoo' and only two back-stamped 'Carrier', the rest having no back-stamp and being supposedly 'box-delivered'. If this theory of back-stamping is correct it answers many things.

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THE *Panama American* of January 18 has a readable article about Adolphe Menjou and Jean Hersholt, both of whom are greatly interested in philately. The paper states that when Hersholt and Menjou are not acting they are arguing over "an innocent little piece of engraved paper, though possibly a little the worse for wear". The words used in their conversation "watermark", "uncancelled", "imperforate", etc., are Greek to the friends who chance to be listening in.

IT is an interesting co-incidence that our Second Assistant Postmaster General, Hon. W. I. Glover, has a running mate in postal service in the person of Hon. W. J. Glover, who is Second Assistant in the Canadian Post Office Department.

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WE thank various correspondents for clippings and information relative to the new 10c airmail stamp. We appreciate all courtesies of this kind.

WE have received copies of the program of the Washington (D. C.) Stamp Exhibition from William A. Johnson, president of the Washington Philatelic Society, and Maurice S. Petty, secretary of the Exhibition Committee. Pres. Johnson writes that the members are most enthusiastic concerning the Exhibition to be held Feb. 1-14 at the Public Library. A goodly number of new society members is anticipated.

U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS 1922-25.

Reviewed by PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

There has just been received from the English press a very attractive one hundred page booklet entitled, "United States Postage Stamps 1922-25" from the pen of our most English prolific writer, Mr. Fred. J. Melville. Those who are acquainted with Mr. Melville's writings will realize that they are the result of much study and investigation and are well worthy of a place in any library.

This little booklet covers only our current issue, but each stamp is taken up individually, described most carefully and full details given as to dates and issues, varieties, plate numbers and the like. The book is for sale at a price of 2s6d and should be in the hands of every student interested in our issues for it places between two covers information which is only available by a search through our philatelic papers. The later commemorative stamps, namely the Huguenot-Walloons, Lexington-Concord and Norse-American, in addition to our new Special Deliveries are covered.

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REVENUE NOTES

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Shifts

My attention has been called to certain shifts or double transfers in some of the revenue stamps, including: 25c Certificate, perforated double lines in letters at bottom; 5/8c Prop. 1900 hyphen-hole, double outer line at lower left; N. Y. Stock Transfer 1906 $2.00, doubles all over stamp.

Documentary State Revenues

Eleven states have issued adhesive documentary revenue stamps. Of these California was the first and by far the most prolific. Her stamps for Bills of Exchange, Insurance policies and License of Attorneys were issued July 1, 1857, hence antedating any similar issues by any state or any nation this side of the Atlantic. Upward of 1200 varieties of California revenues have been catalogued and others probably issued are not now known to exist. Denominations run from 3¾c to $400.00.

A brief schedule of documentary states follows:

	First Used.	*Tax Repeal.*	*Denominations*
California	1857	1873	44
Nevada	1865	1873	10
Louisiana—Lottery	1866	1869	3
Law	1880	1898	7
Alabama			
Tax on Seals	1867	1884	2
Oregon Insurance	1871	1886	4
Virginia			
Tax on Seals	1900	In Use	1
LiquorPrescript'n	1916	1919	1
New York			
Transfer	1905	In Use	9
Secured Debt	1911	1922	14
Investment Tax	1917	1922	16
Missouri, Option	1908	In Use	1
Massachusetts			
Transfers	1914	In Use	8
Pennsylvania			
Transfers	1916	In Use	9
South Carolina	1923	In Use	12

Georgia Cigar and Cigarette Tax

In my last notes I mentioned certain values as coming in new colors. Since then I have found the facts to be as follows: This set was issued Jan. 1, 1924. Oblong format. 35x21 mm., lithographed and roulette. Arms in circle with tobacco plant on either side. *"Cigar and Cigarette Tax"* around Circle. *"State of Georgia"* at top, values:

½c chocolate. 12½c olive.
1c red. 25c orange.
1½c blue. 50c violet.
2c green.

Soon after issue a large part of the supply of 1c and 1½c were stolen and those remaining were surcharged vertically with a line about one mm. thick continuous through the sheet in black on the 1c and in red on the 1½c. When this supply was used up these values were issued in new colors, the 1c in violet and the 1½c in green.

At first the high values, those used on cigars, were easily salvaged by collectors, but later the law was changed so that they are now so placed as to be destroyed when the box is opened.

New York Liquor

I have seen two values. Large upright rectangle 92x125 mm. Arms in center in circle surrounded by *"State of New York Liquor Tax"* value top and bottom.

50c black, imperforate.
100c red, perf. 12.

The 50c stamp is cancelled by rubber stamp in purple "Gibson-Snow Co.—312 W Willow St." Stamped also with date "Syracuse, N. Y.—July 31, 1920."

I would be glad to hear from anyone having information either of additional values or data in regard to their use.

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2. State the British possessions having a definite air-mail issue.
3. Give the British Colonies in which King Edward and King George appeared simultaneously in the same set.
4. Which Colonial design was longest in use?
5. Give the British Colonies having a map incorporated in the design.
6. Which Colony adopted a pair of scales as a symbol to denote "Postage Due"?
7. On which other Colonies does a pair of scales appear in the design?
8. Which Colonies have had their stamps printed by a foreign power?
9. Give a list of Colonies having utilised Brittania in the design.
10. On the stamps of what countries does St. George and the Dragon appear?
11. Which is the largest stamp illustrated in Gibbons catalogues?
12. Which countries have issued mourning stamps?
13. Which country uses the money unit "Metallik"?
14. Which foreign country has a good representation of a British policeman?
15. Give a list of foreign countries having the figure of Justice together with a pair of scales worked into the design.
16. Give a list of foreign countries having a pair of scales in the design without the figure of Justice.
17. On what country does a centaur appear?
18. On which country does Mount Ararat appear?
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Postmaster General New announced today that, on February 13, a new 10-cent Air Mail Stamp will be issued and placed on sale by the Post Office Department.

The stamp is a horizontal rectangle 75/100 by 1 84/100 inches in size and is printed in blue ink. The central design represents a map of the United States, showing some of the rivers and mountain ranges. On each side is an airplane in flight, one traveling east and the other west. Across the top of the stamp in white Roman letters are the words "United States Postage," with the words "Air Mail" directly beneath. At the bottom of the stamp in shaded letters is the word "Cents" and in both lower corners are the white numerals "10". Ornamental plastic brackets appear at each side of the stamp.

The new air mail stamp will first be placed on sale at the post offices at Detroit and Dearborn, Mich., Chicago, Ill., Cleveland, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. It will also be on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department, for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers.

The Postmaster General also announced that the Department is prepared to issue a 3-cent foreign single and 3-cent foreign reply postal card of new design, in compliance with the action of the Universal Postal Congress of Stockholm in having adopted the three cent rate of postage for postal cards mailed in the United States for delivery in foreign countries, effective October 1, 1925.

The single card is 3¼ by 5½ inches and is printed in red ink on cream colored paper. The stamp is a rectangle on end and bears a portrait of William McKinley. Above the portrait, in a curved panel, are the words "U. S. Postal Card" and below, on a ribbon scroll, is the name "McKinley" with the years of birth and death "1843-1901." At the bottom of the stamp are the words "Three Cents" with the numeral "3" in both lower corners. Triangular ornaments appear in both upper corners. In the upper left corner of the card appears the following inscription in English and French: "Universal Postal Union, Union Postal Universelle, United States of America, Etats-Unis D'Amerique" and below this are the words "This side of card is for address only." The entire card is enclosed within a double line border, the upper portion of which forms a panel containing the words "Postal Card—Carte Postale."

The reply card, when folded, is 3½ by 5½ inches and is printed in red ink on cream colored paper. The stamp on the message part is a rectangle on end and bears the portrait of William McKinley, Above the portrait, in a curved panel, are the words "Message Card" and below, on a ribbon scroll, is the name "McKinley" with the years of birth and death "1843-1901." At the bottom of the stamp are the words "Three Cents" with the numeral "3" in both lower corners. Triangular ornaments appear in both upper corners. In the upper left corner of the card appears the inscription "Universal Postal Union, Union Postale Universelle, United States of America, Etats-Unis D'Amerique" in both English and French and below this are the words, "This side of card is for address only." The card is inclosed within a single line border, the upper portion of which forms a panel containing the words "Postal Card With Paid Reply—Carte Postale Avec Response Payee."

The 2-cent foreign single and 2-cent foreign reply cards will continue in use to meet the new rates applicable to postal cards addressed for delivery in Canada, Spain, and the colonies, and the Pan-American countries.

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While on the subject of the co-operation of influential factors in bringing stamp news to the fore, the New York *Times* should be written in letters of purple and gold. This great newspaper receives our words of praise periodically for high devotion to philately in a news sense. Some years ago, it began to recognize stamps as a vehicle in which a good many folks took pleasure in riding, and down to the present day, the *Times* has not wearied of well-doing. With this newspaper in hand, the philatelic editor has more time in which to ponder his misdeeds, as with his trusty shears he may transfer a share of the contents of the New York *Times* to his own pages, much to the advantage of his brain child. For instance, we learn from its columns that Mr. T. E. Steinway has been elected president of the Collectors Club, which intends to move to its new home in 48th street in May; and now we read that three youths have been arrested in Paris as wholesale counterfeiters. It is said that "numerous ten gulden stamps of unusual date, selling for 250 francs each were sold by the trio" and it is thought that number marketed far exceeds 200,000 francs. Detection of the forgery was made by a French police inspector who bought one of the stamps only to be told by one more experienced than he that his specimen was a bad one. An investigation disclosed the activities of the forgers in Paris who sold their stuff not alone in that city, but in Brussels and other cities as well. The stamps under discussion are the ten gulden, Netherlands, 1905, No. 93, and the ten gulden, Netherlands, 1913, No. 108, as well as the ten gulden, Nos. 118 and 119, respectively, surcharged 2½ gulden, 1920. Numbers 93 and 108 have been counterfeited outright and the black surcharge has been removed from numbers 118 and 119 and cancellation applied—hence the "unusual dates." The stamps from which the surcharge is removed are thus converted into specimens valued about five times as much as the surcharges. The Dutch stamp papers have reported the existence of these forgeries, which we are informed by Dr. C. W. Hennan are well executed. The traces left by the removal of the surcharge are covered up to some extent by the faked postmarks. The news that the forgers have come to grief is welcome and collectors will say that it is well worth paying cable tolls for, as the *Times* has done.

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The following preliminary announcement coming from a member of the committee shows that President Wilhelm's appointees on the Convention Committee of the American Philatelic Society realize that time is fleeting and that it is just as well to get off to a flying start. According to word just received from New York, Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, who is secretary and librarian of the Collectors Club of New York, and who teaches calculus and sometimes finds it possible to look in at his law office has stopped all these endeavors in order to concentrate on plans for the convention of the American Philatelic Society. This efficient chairman, who, as is known, as an authority on the stamps of Austria and Mexico, anticipates an attendance of around one thousand members at the coming convention, to be held during the week of the stamp Exhibition—on the first three days to be exact. Dr. Chittenden's estimate of attendance is well within bounds in our opinion and as time goes on, it may be found to be too modest. The schedule of entertainment is being evolved and although the expense of ing for the pleasure and comfort thousand members or so is no small ter of business, it is not expected the stamp folks of the convention se will neglect the out-of-town bret Dr. Chittenden's associates on the mittee are: Messrs. R. N. Hoover M. Konwiser, H. L. Lindquist and Lewy.

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The editor of the "Mailbag" Cl land, Ohio, is a shrewd observer an the February number of his paper trills the following lay: "On Jan 11, the post office department put on the new 13-cent stamp. Not long ag 17-cent was brought out. If an wonders why we needed a 13 or a 17 stamp, I will provide the answer. T are several million stamp collectors in world and if only one million of t buy and put into their collections each of the two new stamps, the office has a profit of practically $300. And if a slight error or variation sh accidentally occur in one stamp in sheet of 100, the profit would be dou or tripled." While the remark is s what catty, it is not unclever, alth we cannot subscribe to any inference the department would profit through "error".

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The Cleveland newspapers call at tion to an exhibition of a stamp collec made by George Gessner, fourteen y of age, at the Lorain branch of the Cl land public library. Here is an av for publicity that might well be t advantage of by other collectors.

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MONGOLIA.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* in their recent issue chronicle a set of seven stamps printed at the Russian Government Printing Office in Moscow. They are all of the same design, perf. 10-13½ and sizes range from 18x25mm (1c) to 30x38mm ($1.) The values and shades are 1c brown, black and grey on bistre; 2c deep green, black, red brown and blue on grey brown; 5c grey, black, claret and yellow; 10c deep blue, black, blue and red brown on dull blue; 20c green, ... h blue, black, blue and white on pale H... ue; 50c pale brown, black and ... on salmon and $1 bistre, black, ... red and white on olive yellow. ... of these stamps are perforated ... tally across the center, enabling ... be divided into two parts, each ... ing franked up to one-half the ... f the stamp. Each value differs ... in the minor details of the design ... inscriptions.

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By W. GARDNER.

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Don't despise the common stamps. Many of the specimens now judged to be of great value were once regarded as common. It is never possible to foretell exactly which stamps are likely to be valuable. It is only possible to guess that this stamp will have a short life and that one will not be much used. It need not matter to the young collector whether his stamps are likely to yield a big return by way of investment. Rather is it better for him to get the fullest pleasure out of present possession, by learning all he can about them, by arranging them nicely, and by always striving after more stamps and more knowledge. Knowledge of stamp designs begins with the common varieties. It is easier far to get a useful acquaintance with the rarer stamps by thoroughly studying the common ones in our collection. The eye-practice that is necessary for the appreciation of shades and colour varieties comes from the study of common stamps, and it is only by much familiarity with such stamps that colours become memorized. Such stamps are equally good material for training the eye to observe differences of detail. All who would extract the best fun and interest from stamps will lay the foundations of their collections with the commoner stamps.

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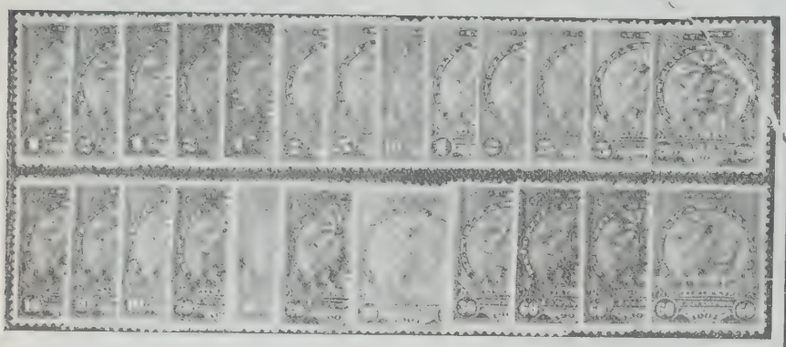

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Numismatics and stamps go well together, and on the stamps of Liberia, Greece and Crete we find specimens of current and ancient coins. Russia has also used a kind of postal money, the stamps being printed on stout paper, with an inscription on the back telling the people their value in silver.

Geography can be learned in the very pleasantest manner, for there are thousands of examples in existence from which some ideas of the geography of a country may be gained.

First, quite a host of map stamps may be found, giving us the shapes of the countries. Then we may find the different races of mankind, white, red, brown, and yellow, intelligently depicted. These races must work and produce various things in order that they may live, and we can find farmers, blacksmiths, miners, fishermen, etc., all hard at work on hundreds of different postage stamps. The articles produced, wheat, fruit, ivory, cotton, sugar, and coal, have to be transported from place to place, and the different methods of transport, mule, motor, bullock, camel, ships, and rail are excellently illustrated by many countries. It is quite easy to fill several album sheets with a miniature fleet and the various types of locomotives found on postage stamps.

Flowers, fruits, beasts, fishes and even insects are to be found, and these, together with the wonderful scenery depicted on many stamps, make a truly delightful show.

All these, together with a knowledge of the various countries' coinages and a smattering of their language (even if the pronunciation is not all that it might be) make geography a very delightful and pleasant study.

Besides all this, we get an idea of the many kinds of printing—steel or copper plate printing, typography or surface printing, lithography and embossing. We also become interested in the making of paper, the production of watermarks, the different methods of separating stamps, and many more points of interest, and everyone who is a philatelist will surely be able to show the outsider that there is something, after all, in the collecting of stamps.—*Postage Stamp.*

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selves *cancelled* with a 'Carrier'? I have a beautifully centered 'can' on a 2c, '83, reading, in 27mm circle, 'CHICAGO, ILL.' above, 'CARRIER' below, parallel to circumference, and 'JUL 22 2PM' in three lines between. How did this happen? I judge that an honest and over-zealous 'Carrier'-cancelling clerk noticed this stamp had slipped through as far as the desk without being canceled, so he canceled it himself, with the handiest tool, the 'Carrier' right in his hand! The many 'duds' or 'uncanceled-tho-used' stamps of those days prove that this was possible. I have and have seen a few other 'Carrier' cans. on stamps which I judge were canceled in a like manner.

This 'Carrier' back-stamp was apparently to record the date (and time) when the piece of mail entered the carrier-delivery system, a visible check on it for the addressee, it seems, and a deterrent from the carrier's carrying it home at night and delivering it the following day. Even in New York City, in November, 1883, the carriers were not too much trusted in *delivering* letters as appears from a 1⅜x1 inch yellow label pasted on the face of a 'Returned to Writer' cover, which I have, which reads, 'Letter returned to the office by Carrier. If the address on this letter is correct, or there is any other reason why the carrier should have delivered it, please send the envelope, with a statement of the facts, to the Postmaster that he may inquire why it was not properly delivered.'

This particular cover was a New York local or 'City' addressed, canceled 'Nov 16 630 PM' on face. On the back is a 24mm circle containing a 6mm nearly round 'expanded-Roman' C, with '11-17-83', '1-A' and 'N. Y.' in three lines below. This is evidently a 'Carrier'. Then again turning to the face we find a large purplish-ed hand containing 'Returned to Writer. Cannot be found by N. Y. C.', the 'C' here being 'carrier' without doubt. Also another circle, double lined 16mm diam., in blue containing a large 'B. L.' What does this signify? And on the back again a circle similar to the 'carrier', but with an 'A', '11-20-83', '4 P', 'N. Y.', and a third circle like the other two reading 'P. O.', '11-20-83', 'N. Y.'. All this together with the yellow label on face mentioned above. A much post-marked cover. What does the 'B. L.' signify?

I also have a cover addressed to Boston, Mass., which is back-stamped with a fairly heavy 26mm diam. circle in black containing 'NOV 9 85' above and '8 PM' below a 7mm high heavy expanded Doric 'C'. Evidently another 'Carrier'. Of course we both know this theory and these later-day 'Carrier' cancellations and post-marks have nothing to do with the earlier 'Carrier's' of the '60's and even the earliest '70's, as that was a 'special' service with different postal rates as 'local mail' from the general 'outside' mail."

Only one or two have sent specimens of these markings from other cities than those first mentioned, which indicates either that not many cities used them, or that no one has thought enough of them to collect them, or to report them.

After the above was written Mr. Hustis obtained and submitted a cover carrying a 1¢ blue and 2c vermilion American postmarked at a Vermont town, Nov. 29, 1879. On the face is a receiving mark [illegible] anything except plain enough to "get" Boston. This cover is back-stamped in blue, B[illegible]26 '20 and upholds the theory advanced above by Mr. Hustis. If anyone else intends to send in lists of R. R., R. P. O., or Agt. postmarks in connection with the Bank Note issues so that we'll be glad to have them *promptly* corrected or published as soon as possible.

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An exhibit of postage stamps was opened at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts on January 23rd, and will continue one month. According to Russell A. Plimpton, director of the Art Institute, the purpose of the exhibit is to show the relation of postage stamps to the fine arts and to bring the importance of stamp collecting before the general public. January

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It would certainly be interesting to know the actual weight of this stamp, which is undoubtedly the most valuable philatelic entity in the world.

If for the purpose of gaining an approximate idea, it is assumed that its weight is about the same as a present issue United States 2c in mint condition, an equal quantity of gold would be worth approximately $3.00. The value Mr. Hind places on this stamp is $32,500.00, making this insignificant piece of paper worth 10,000 times its weight in gold.

However, a great many of us are anxiously awaiting the International Exhibition in New York, when we hope to be able to feast our eyes on this Philatelic Wonder.

Again, a smaller number of the WEEKLY readers may have been further interested in C. E. R's suggestions, regarding the use of the assay balance as a means of examination of stamps for paper, watermarks, overprints, etc.

Being also a chemist, and also of the inquiring mind, which I must confess oftentimes borders on the critical, I proceeded to determine if possible to what extent, and just how reliable, the information so obtained would be.

The mode of attack adopted was to take 10 copies of the present U. S. 2c, selected at random from a sheet, and weigh them with a view to discovering just what variation they might show.

Secondly, each of these 10 stamps was washed to remove the gum, desiccated, and then weighed again.

Finally, 10 used stamps were selected, each having the conventional Springfield postmark present in as even distribution as possible, and these were weighed.

The following is the results obtained:

No.	Weight o.g. in milligrams.	Weight without gum in milligrams.
1	52.42	31.51
2	53.32	33.04
3	52.80	32.61
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The greatest variation in the unused condition, but without gum, was in Stamp No. 1 and No. 5, or 1.58 milligrams.

In the case of postally used stamps the widest variations found was 4.86 milligrams.

To recapitulate and interpret in terms of the weights of the stamps, it might be said that the following variations were observed:

In mint, O. G. condition,	3.1% variation.
Mint, without gum,	5.0% variation.
Postally used,	9.1% variation.

In view of such startling variance in perfectly conditioned stamps, it would appear that even small tears or thin spots, not to mention watermarks and postmarks, can hardly be expected to so materially affect the weights of stamps as to make their detection possible by means of the assay balance, even if the price of the latter were within the reach of the average philatelist.

It would, therefore, seem that any imperfection of such dimensions as to warrant detection by this means, would at the same time be of such proportions as to not escape the eye of the veriest tyro.

The result of my meager investigation would seem to indicate that the method may have limited application to stamps in mint, O.G., condition. In stamps without gum any information derived by this means would seem extremely doubtful, while in the case of postally used copies any value accumulated by this means would be entirely valueless.

I would like to offer my thanks to C. E. R. for his suggestion of the possibilities, and hope that some other readers of the WEEKLY will at some time in the near future be able to offer further light on the subject.

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They have been greatly admired, and as I have been complimented on my classification and mounting, I will describe same, not necessarily as a guide, but as a help to others who are confronted with the same problem.

I chose the Lincoln album on account of its size, being slightly larger than the average loose-leaf album. In mounting, I found three ordinary size, or smaller covers could be easily mounted on a page, or two larger, or bulky ones.

First of all, I went over the entire lot, refolding and creasing those that required it, and cleaning those that were at all soiled, with art gum.

The next thing to do was to classify them, previous to sorting.

After a careful study of those I had, I decided on the following classifications:

(A)—Very old covers.

In this class I included all covers prior to 1845 that had no distinctive features entitling them to a place in some other class.

This included even some of the larger cities, where a century ago it was customary to abbreviate the name in the postmark.

Many of the postmarks of that period were fancy, usually elliptical, and the color most often red. The earliest year dated I have is Tallahassee, Florida, 1842.

(B)—Franked and Free. This includes Government Departments, Postmaster's, Senator's. Members of Congress, also Soldiers and Sailors.

(C)—Locals, Steamboat, Railroad, Express, and similar carriers.

(D)—Forwarded and missent. These are especially attractive, since they have two or more postmarks, often in different colors, besides other interesting marks, and show odd rates for forwarding charges.

(E)—Odd rates. As I collect only stamped rates, in this class, the variety is not great. These I arranged in numerical order, starting with 1c and ending with 40c, the highest I have.

(F)—Foreign addressed to the United States. These are probably the most showy of all, as in addition to the foreign postmarks, various paid and ship marks, they have often American stamped marks. Often the ship is designated in writing by the sender, and may be a famous one. I have for example, the "Great Eastern."

(G)—Confederate States. These are hard to find, but were used by many Southern postmasters during the period after secession and prior to the issue of either postmaster's provisionals or the regular Confederate adhesives.

Many resurrected their old stamps of pre-stamp days, while others had new ones made.

(H)—Ten-cent rate.

(I)—Five-cent rate.

(J)—Three-cent rate.

These latter three classes I subdivided as follows:

(1)—Two colors. Example—red postmark with black or blue "Paid."

(2)—Odd colors. Purple, brown, green, etc.

(3)—Blue—Red—Black—each color by itself, subdivided as follows:

(A)—Fancy—either fancy postmark, "Paid" or figure.

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(C)—Straight line "Paid" and figure.

(D)—Roman figures.

(E)—Circular, large size.

(F)—Circular, small size.

(G)—Plain figures.

In mounting, I placed two hinges at top, and one at bottom, hinging as tightly as possible.

I have also mounted only one or two covers to a page now and then, to leave room for new acquisitions.

In the February *American Philatelist*, those of you who are members of the A. P. S. will find my offer to loan my collection to all A. P. S. Branches for exhibition purposes.—*MacLaren's Stamp Hunter.*

STRAGGLING ITEMS:—

THERE has been announced a 3c foreign single and a 3c foreign reply postal card of new design in compliance with the action of the Universal Postal Congress at Stockholm. This 3c rate of postage for foreign countries became effective October 1, 1925. The old 2c rate will continue in force on postcards to Canada, Spain and Colonies, and the Pan-American countries. C. E. Nickles sends us a first day 3c single dated Washington, February 1. Thanks.

THE Ford airmail flights were postponed from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, for the reason that the proposed 10c airmail stamp could not be made ready in time for the original date.

IT may interest your readers to know that plans are nearing completion for an attempted non-stop flight across the North Atlantic by the Irish Free State Air Force. The take-off will be from Clifton on the west Irish coast at the point where Captain Alcock alighted in 1919, after the first eastward transatlantic flight. If the Irish attempt succeeds, it will be the first non-stop westward flight.—G. V. STEWART.

A DOZEN stamp collectors in St. Johnsbury, Vt., composed of adult collectors of both sexes and a group of enthusiastic boys have formed the St. Johnsbury Stamp Club with the following officers: Pres., Arthur F. Stone; vice-pres., Paul R. Washburne; secy.-treas., John L. Steele. Their first item of business was to subscribe for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for the reading room of the Athenaeum where is also on file the *American Philatelist*, donated by one of the members. The club will meet twice a month through the winter season and expects to add materially to its membership. Several of the members have collections that are especially rich in early United States and North American issues while in the collection at the Fairbanks Museum are two specimens of the first issue of Natal.

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EW FINDS do not occur frequently, yet occasionally I receive, when uying up correspondences, some unusual nited States stamps on original covers. ecent finds included the following: Ver- ont and Massachusetts Railroad on 1847 and on 1851 3c; South Carolina Railroad n 1851 3c; Washington and Philadelphia ailroad on 1851 3c on small envelope. cott's No. 1875; 1857 1c cracked plate No. L with 1857 year dated Providence, R. I., ring it to drop letter; red Baltimore forseman carrier used together with 1851 c. Will send any of these on approval nless previously sold. A quantity of low riced early covers are also available, all arked at net prices. Selections of from 10 up to $50 now ready.

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By C. A. HOWES.

"To the memory of the man, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen!" Thus spoke Gen. Henry Lee in his eulogy on George Washington delivered in Congress on December 26, 1799. And the philatelists of a century later might add: "first and foremost on the postal issues of his country."

As is well known, the United States was somewhat slow in adopting the English system of prepayment of postage by means of stamps, which also accompanied a sweeping reduction in postal charges, and which took effect on May 1, 1840. Several other countries recognized the advantages of the new scheme before this country took any action in the matter, even the South American Empire of Brazil being four years ahead of us. But at last popular clamor caused Congress to move in the matter, and by the act of March 3, 1845, the previous heavy letter charges, regulated by the distance traversed, were abolished and the single rate made uniform at five cents for all distances under three thousand miles. In the same act was a provision for the adoption of the English system of prepayment by means of adhesive stamps, but this was stricken out at the last minute.

But if Congress was so conservative in making innovations, the various postmasters throughout the country were at least awake to the advantages which the postage stamp system offered. Hence the various "Postmasters' Provisionals," which might never have appeared if the clause spoken of had not been stricken from the law of 1845. This law also accounts for their being all of five or ten cent denomination—the first for single letters, as already noted; the second for double letters or those going beyond the limit of three thousand miles.

Among these provisionals, the best known and most common is perhaps that of the Postmaster of New York, Robert H. Morris. It is fortunate for the purpose of this article that this stamp was of private make since it can therefore be illustrated without hindrance from the Post Office Inspectors. Many foreign countries are vastly more liberal than our own in this regard, allowing reproductions of their stamps for legitimate, illustrative or educational purposes; but our own is so strict that the outlawed and demonetized issues of 1847 and 1851-57 cannot even be reproduced.

This handsome stamp made its appearance in July, 1845, and was the first stamp on Government mail to bear a portrait. Naturally, perhaps, the subject selected was America's first citizen, the greatest man the Republic had produced up to that time—the immortal George Washington. It was not till a year later that its only companion Postmaster's stamp to bear a portrait—that of Millbury, Mass.—made its appearance, the idea as well as the portrait being ac-

knowledged to have been suggested by the receipt of mail from New York bearing the stamps of that office.

When at last Congress found that the postage stamp was a thing that could not be evaded, it finally passed an act on March 3, 1847, authorizing the preparation and use of the Government stamps, and prohibiting the further use of any issued by postmasters on and after July 1 of that year. The Government stamps were not ready until August 5, however, when they appeared in the two values we should expect from the postal rates—five and ten cents. In this issue and that of 1869, as will be seen. Washington's features did not appear upon the value in most common use for letter mail, as they have in all other cases, barring the commemorative series. Other values, however, were honored with his portrait in the early issues, most all being the same as that upon the New York stamp. This portrait is known as "Stuart's portrait," or more accurately, perhaps, as the "Athenæum portrait."

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The portrait itself was finished in due course, but the background was never filled in, and in that condition it still remains. At the same time he also painted a portrait of Martha Washington, which remains in like condition. Concerning these portraits Miss Stuart says: "When General and Mrs. Washington took their last sittings, my father told Washington it would be of great importance to him to retain the originals, to which Washington replied: 'Certainly, Mr. Stuart, if they are of any consequence to you; I shall be perfectly satisfied with copies from your hand, as it will be impossible for me to sit again at present.' The copies made from the originals were for Mount Vernon. A short time after these last pictures were finished, the President called on my father to express the perfect satisfaction of Mrs. Washington and himself at his success."

The above extract apparently refutes the common story to the effect that Stuart's first trial did not suit him and was erased; that the next attempt was the one under discussion, which was so successful that the artist did not want to part with it, keeping it "unfinished" as an excuse, while he made copies of it.

After the death of Stuart these two portraits were offered by his widow to the State of Massachusetts (the artist's home was in Boston) for the sum of one thousand dollars, which offer was declined. Subsequently an English gentleman offered ten thousand dollars for the pair; but while Mrs. Stuart was hesitating, thinking they ought to remain in America, he became impatient and departed. Some time after that, an offer of fifteen hundred dollars was accepted from the Washington Association and other gentlemen who, in 1831, presented them to the Boston Athenæum, whence the name usually applied to them. Here they remained for fifty years, when they were transferred to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where they now are.

We give a cut of the Millbury stamp to show how much it does *not* look like Washington, although supposed to have been copied from the New York stamp. We also include a cut of one of the New York Carriers' stamps, for practically the same reason. The latter belonged first to a private delivery company, which so cut into the Post Office business that the Government practically bought them out by employing them, adding the name "United States" to the former title of "City Despatch Post." These were really the first stamps in this country and

the first following the example of Great Britain. The Confederate States likewise chose to represent Washington on one of their issues, as will be seen by the 20c green of the 1863 issue (Scott's A9), and adopted the Athenæum portrait, which was very well reproduced.

It might be added, in passing, that the head of Martha Washington on the current 8 cent stamp is from the companion portrait of the Athenæum Washington, which was spoken of above.

But one other portrait of Washington has been employed upon the United States stamps. The ninety cent values of both the 1857 and 1861-8 issues present features of quite a different aspect from the venerable face of Stuart's. The original was a full length figure of Washington painted by John Trumbull, another American artist. He knew the General at the outbreak of the Revolution, when he was about forty-five and in the prime of life, and was with him again toward the close of the war in 1782-3. No other artist saw more of Washington under circumstances so favorable to a study of his person and character, and none was honored by him with more sittings.

Trumbull, in his autobiography, says; "In 1792 I was again in Philadelphia, and there painted the portrait of General Washington which is now placed in the gallery at New Haven, the best, in my estimation, which exists, in his heroic military character. The city of Charleston, South Carolina, intrusted William R. Smith, one of the Representatives of South Carolina, to employ me to paint for them a portrait of the *great man*, and I undertook it *con amore* (as the commission was unlimited), meaning to give his military character, in the most sublime moment of its exertion—the evening previous to the battle of Princeton; when viewing the vast superiority of his approaching enemy, and the impossibility of again crossing the Delaware, or retreating down the river, he conceives the plan of returning by a night march into the country from which he had just been driven, thus cutting off the enemy's communications, and destroying his depot of stores and provisions at Brunswick. I told the President my object; he entered into it warmly, and as the work advanced, we talked of the scene, its dangers, its almost desperation. He *looked* the scene again and I happily transferred to the canvas the lofty expression of his animated countenance, the high resolve to conquer or to perish. The result was, in my opinion, eminently successful, and the General was satisfied. But it did not meet the views of Mr. Smith. He admired, he was personally pleased, but he thought the city would be better satisfied with a more matter-of-fact likeness, such as they had recently seen him—calm, tranquil, peaceful. . . . Another was painted for Charleston, agreeable to their taste—a view of the city in the background, a house with scenery and plants of the climate; and when the State Society of the Cincinnati of Connecticut dissolved themselves, the first picture, at the expense of some of the members, was presented to Yale College.

Trumbull claimed that his portrait represented Washington as he knew him and as he was known to his associates the members of his military family. He said his aim was "to preserve the *military* character of the great original," and that "in the countenance of the hero the *likeness*, the mere map of his face, was

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CLASS I-A. — General Collection of United States. This class was added because of the strong demand for a class covering United States issues as a whole. According to the old arrangement a collector exhibiting a collection of United States stamps would be compelled to break it up and exhibit it in parts under the various sections; now, if he so desires, he can exhibit it as a whole in the new section.

THE RARITIES CLASS.—This class has been put back into the program and will be limited to fifty items—a block, sheet or reconstructed plate to count as one item. Stamps shown in the Rarities Class cannot be considered and will have no weight in any other class.

CLASS XV.—Historical and Educational Collections. This class will be increased in the number of sections, the exact number to be decided on later.

CLASS XVI. — The Air Mail sections are to be redivided and enlarged.

With the beginning of the new year the Ways and Means Committee has been reorganized with the following members: Theodore E. Steinway, Chairman, J. P. Benkard, A. H. Caspary, E. H. R. Green, T. C. Henry, S. P. Hessel, C. K. B. Nevin, C. E. Severn, A. H. Wilhelm.

JUDGES. — Additional to the list published in the program, the following acceptances to serve on the Jury have been received: P. T. Berry, Australia; Robert Walser, France; F. Reinhard, Switzerland; Alfred H. Caspary, Dr. Carroll Chase, Judge Robert S. Emerson, Major T. Charlton Henry and John N. Luff, United States.

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The rules and regulations which have been drafted by the Jamaican Society are as follows:—

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Mr. Coes' remittance of $10 represents a ten-years' renewal of his subscription and due reference is made to the fact elsewhere in this issue. We thank Mr. Coes for his expression of his loyal interest in and support of the WEEKLY.

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THE S. P. A. AT CINCINNATI

By R. K. THOMSON.

One of the features of the convention of the Philatelic Americans in Cincinnati, August 9, 10 and 11, will be the award of a gold medal to the designer of the most artistic and attractive postage stamp, issued during the period July 1, 1925, to July 1, 1926. A member of the Cincinnati Collectors Club was proffered the medal in the belief that the collectors who derive so much pleasure from accumulating specimens of the engravers' and designers' art should show their appreciation of talent and skill.

The Cincinnati Club will be host of the convention, and the award will be announced at one of the sessions.

In order that every lover of stamps shall have an opportunity of expressing his opinion on the artistic merits of the stamps, collectors are invited to nominate their individual choice. The idea is to gain a consensus of popular opinion and the stamps having the most "votes" will be surveyed by a committee of artists from the Cincinnati Art Academy and engravers who will make the final choice.

If you desire to express your artistic views, write them briefly on a post card, nominate the stamp, by Scott's number and mail to E. J. Rudolph, secretary of the Cincinnati Collectors Club, care Business Men's Club, Cincinnati, Ohio. There are no conditions attached, members of all societies, clubs, and all collectors, whether allied with societies are included in this invitation to help find the most artistic stamp so the artist may receive a token of stamp collectors' appreciation.

The Cincinnati Club is planning to entertain the conventioners with a hospitality that will be a lifelong memory. It is no part of the entertainment committee to reveal too much in advance and some of the features will be deep secrets until the last moment. There will be excursions on the beautiful Ohio River, to places of historic and artistic interest and if you are inclined to express your opinions on the speed of horses, the races will be going on at Coney Island Track.

Preparation of the public mind is going on apace, the Collectors Club members have turned window dressers and frames of beautiful postage stamps form part of the attractive displays in many show windows. The libraries, high schools, universities and men's clubs down town are posting similar exhibits, so that the folks in Cincinnati are rapidly getting an idea of the importance and delights of stamp collecting.

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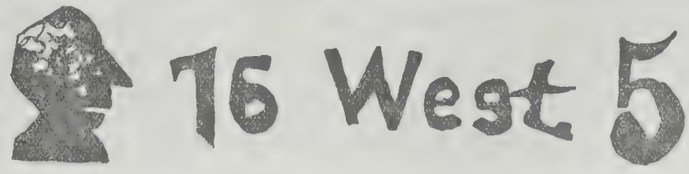

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

W. R. Parker sends a fine lot of items, the first of which is a piece of a cover postmarked Chicago, Ill., upon which is a 3c green 1879, cancelled with a large man's head, in profile. No. 1. Then there are several covers from various towns in California with the name of the County in the postmark, Big Bend, Butte Co., Cal., on a 2c 1884 stamped envelope, the stamp being cancelled by a star in a circle. The postmark is 32mm in circumference, with the name of the town and county at the top, the abbreviated name of the state at the bottom, and the date in the center, in three lines.

Brush Creek, Butte Co., Cal., is the next one. This has a double circle, the outer one heavy, 29mm in diameter, the inner one very light. The name of the town is at the top, and those of the county and state, at the bottom. The date is in the center in three lines. Two 5c stamps of 1890 are on the cover, each canceled, with a large mss. *N*.

The first three letters of the next one are indistinct, but it appears to be Bigg's Station, Butte Co., Cal. This also has a heavy outer circle with a lighter one just inside it, the outer one being 32mm across. The name of the town is at the top, and of the county and state at the bottom. The date runs across the center in a single line, and above and below it are curved ornaments. This one is in blue, while the stamp, 2c 1883, is canceled by six heavy horizontal bars in black.

Three covers bear the postmark of Cherokee, Butte Co., Cal., one in black, one in blue, and the third in magenta, each has a single circle 32mm in diameter with the town name at the top and the county and state at the bottom. The date is in a single line across the center with two curved lines above and below it. The stamps are all 3c green. Two of them are cancelled by targets, the same color as the postmark, but the one with the blue postmark is penstroked. The dates are, purple 1878, black 1881, blue 1882.

Durham, Butte Co., Cal., is the same as the last, except for the name of the town. The stamps are 1c, 2c and 10c 1879, each canceled by a target. This seems to have been a very popular type of postmark for Butte County. Any other towns use it?

Then there is Elk Grove, Sac. Co., Cal., single circle 28mm across. The town is at the top, the county and state at the bottom, and the date in three lines. The 2c 1887 stamp has a target cancellation.

Again a double circle, the outer one heavy and 32mm. At the top Wheatland, at the bottom Yuba Co., Cal., and in one line across the center the date. The stamps are 6c embossed No. 2369, 3c and 10c, both re-engraved. All three are canceled with black smears.

Three covers each postmarked Eldorado, Cal., W. F. Tracy, P.M., and canceled with a solid black five pointed star are the next exhibit.

A 2c 1887 and a 2c 1890 are canceled by a tiny five pointed star with a larger star outside it. The outer one is made of lines only. The postmark at the top reads Bijou P.O., at the bottom, California, and the date in a single line crosses the center.

A 2c 1890 is tied to the cover by a double lined 34mm circle from Georgetown, Cal. At the bottom is C. F. Shepherd, P.M. The date is in a single line across the center with CAL above it and a scrolled ornament below.

A 2c 1883 has a large single circle with C. Winkelman, P.M., at the top, Greenwood, Cal., at the bottom, and the date in one line in the center, and a 2c 1887 has the same postmark on the stamp in purple.

Two covers show an oval 42 by 26mm, with Boston, Ga., at the top and J. Nevins Carson, P.M., at the bottom. The date is in one line above the center. Just above it is a short curved line, and just above the name of the Postmaster is a shorter wavy line. One has a 2c 1879 and the other a 2c 1883. Each stamp is canceled with a target.

A 3c green 1875 canceled "76" has a Peru, Mass., postmark. No. 2.

A 2c 1887 has an octagonal postmark, Georgetown, Cal., and the word WEST in large letters across the stamp, tying it to the cover. No. 3.

A large cover has a pair of 10c 1875 canceled with a quartered cork. The only postmark is San Francisco, Cal., St. Shp. Above the stamps the words United States Cons. (The rest of this word is torn away.) Evidently it is Consulate. Under this, Valparaiso, Chile. On the back is a large wax seal in which is impressed a design, not distinctly enough to be made out, but at the bottom the word Valparaiso can be plainly seen. Without doubt an example of U. S. stamps used in a foreign land.

A 6c and 12c Interior on one cover is the next item. Nice.

Then comes a block of four 6c 1875 with a 1c of the same issue on a large piece of a large cover postmarked, Port Hudson, La. In the center of the block is a target and at each corner is another target tying each stamp to the cover. Supply your own adjective.

Then we behold a 4c green, 30c 1879, and 2c red brown, on a large piece, each canceled by a large figure 5 in the style so much in vogue in the '40s but larger than most of them. No. 4.

And here is a 3c green canceled by an eight pointed star with an open center, and postmarked Strawberry Valley, Cal., in a big wavy circle. Never saw one like it.

Next is a cover showing a 1c and 2c 1875, each canceled by a large heavy type S in a rough circle. Postmark N..... San Juan, Cal.

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Further, the authorities at Washington are of the opinion that the special stamp is a fitting vehicle for the expression of respect or gratitude to the person or subject that it exploits. Left to its own devices, it is somewhat doubtful whether the post office department would espouse the cause of additional issues, but it would base any omission on the fact that the usual business of the department is of such volume as to keep things lively and not on sentiment. Judging from the welcome that the commemorative issues receive from collectors, the department thinks that these stamps are acceptable to them and when political approval is given a proposed issue, the department cooperates as a matter of course.

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The following letter has been received from Mr. J. J. Klemann, Jr., New York: "Further, in reference to the matter of eliminating the duty on canceled United States stamps it is proposed to obtain a department ruling eliminating the tax. Mr. Ackerman, with the co-operation of as many congressmen as he can get, will take up the matter with the Treasury Department with that end in view. If you get the opportunity, will you kindly write your congressman calling his attention to the state of affairs and ask him to confer wtih Congressman Ackerman in reference to this matter.". We shall adopt Mr. Klemann's suggestion, of course, and for the benefit of providing a concise form of petition, we cite this letter as written to his congressman by Mr. Klemann: "By reason of a ruling of the Treasury Department a tax of 25% is being collected on canceled United States postage stamps, which are brought into the United States from foreign countries. This I believe to be a regulation and not a law and I would appreciate it, if you would use your good offices to have this restriction removed, especially in view of the fact that there will be an International Philatelic Exhibition in New York in October of this year, and the restriction tends to work a hardship on American collectors. I would suggest that you confer with Congressman Ackerman in reference to this matter." We think that our legislators at Washington will be impressed by the interest that is being shown in support of the removal of the objectional clause. We are all interested in the success of the Exhibition and are eager to do what we can to remove any hampering restrictions.

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Readers have noticed how Mr. Frank L. Coes, of Worcester, Mass., has been championing the cause of an organization that would combine all the divisions in our pursuit. He is engaged himself heart and soul in the work, and while he has the support of not a few adherents to the cause, he realizes that the scattered interest of a good many philatelic welfare workers must be concentrated if real progress is to be made. Mr. Coes approves the following call for action that has been offered by Mr. Tom V. Binmore, and it is likely that some definite course of procedure will be adopted at the meeting mentioned: "There is projected a meeting of accredited representatives of local, national and international stamp organizations to discuss ways and means for uniting all philately for the purpose of strengthening our ranks, dignifying our pursuit in public estimation and securing better co-operation between our different organizations and individuals. While those who have been working for the last year or two have considered carefully an agenda most likely to succeed, no one or group need feel sure that there is a tailor-made program, which will slight the needs of any section of the pursuit. The idea has met with universal commendation. The leaders have been asked to meet together and get things moving. Among those appointed by a large number of clubs are: Charles J. Phillips, Hugh M. Clark, Arthur O. Litt, R. C. Bach and Tom V. Binmore." This proposed organization is not antagonistic to any now in existence, but is to be based on the broadest of lines. It is intended to be a mobile force that will represent all classes who owe allegiance to philately and when once it becomes operative, the results will justify its existence. The meeting at New York should be productive of working ideas that could be operated to advantage. The Exhibition will mark a new era in philately and in order to keep pace with it, the advisability of preparing for greater things is not to be argued against.

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Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, whose early Colombian Republic are in the epic class and whose United States are very restful to the philatelic eye enjoyed his recent philatelic pilgrimage to Europe and Africa and now contemplates another trip in the opposite direction. On March 4th, Mr. Newbury will leave Chicago for Vancouver, where he will embark for New Zealand and Australia. He will remain among the South Sea Islands until August 1st. It is his expectation to return to Chicago about August 30th, in time to adjust business affairs in order to attend the Exhibition in New York. Incidentally, correspondents of Mr. Newbury may be guided by this information. Mr. Newbury is one of the best philatelic influences imaginable as he takes a collection or two with him on his travels and is keen to detect philatelic signs *en route*.

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Transvaal is scheduled to have a "Union" new issue on sale January 1, 1926, which will attract attention, inasmuch as the set is to be a pictorial one and will present a departure of a marked character. Quoting from Mr. Valentine's stamp department of the Rand *Daily Mail,* Johannesburg, we read: "The stamps which are being manufactured overseas, will be pictorial designs and will be printed on the sheets alternately with English and Dutch inscriptions, so that two stamps of each value will be required by collectors. What the new denominations are to be I am unable to say, and I do not know if the new series will include a set of postage dues." It is understood that after the overseas printing of the new stamps becomes exhausted the later stamps will be printed at the Government Printing Department, Pretoria, and the surface indications would be that the printing abroad would be desirable, if only a normal supply was made. We are in receipt of two denominations of the new set, the ½d and the 1d, green and red, respectively, typographed and each with central design in black, that of the ½d being the head of a "beeste" and that of the 1d, an old-time vessel. The two stamps of the ½d, for instance, differ in their inscriptions, the Dutch equivalent of "South Africa" and "Postage-Revenue" being Sud Africa and Posseel-Inkomste, respectively. Should this innovation become popular, the polyglot nations may yield to the political persuasions of the hyphenated parts and give all the clans an inning.

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Captain Thomas I. Porter, the head of the United States secreta service in Chicago gave up his post recently, at the age of nearly eighty years. Captain Porter is known to many philatelists, he having conducted many investigations in which their interests were involved. His work on behalf of the government has been valuable and his retirement marks the passing of a faithful officer and a man who won the regard of all, but those who deservedly were prosecuted by him.

Charles Lathrop Pack has donated 320 acres of timber for demonstration purposes of the science of forestry and this field laboratory, which is located at La Grande, Washington, has become the property of the University of Washington college of forestry.

Here is a sample of college humor from the *Columbia Jester* that misses a philatelic mark: "Please, could you change this here stamp? 'Tain't no manner o' use to no one. Father's licked it, mother's licked it, aunt's licked it, we've all licked it and 't won't stay on nohow."

A copy of a first day postal card issued February 1, 1926, the 3c red McKinley Postal Union card has been received from Mr. C. E. Nickles of Washington.

Our attention has been called to the illustration of a cartoon showing three high values of the present issue in their entirety. The correspondent says: "Who said that we cannot have photos of U. S. stamps?" We didn't do it, mister.

Mr. A. F. Henkels, Philadelphia, has sent us an envelope showing picture of the Citizens Volunteer Hospital, Philadelphia, Civil War period, that makes an interesting addition to Sanitary Fair pages.

The following readable account of the activities of stamp hunters appeared in the Indianapolis *News*, and we thank Mr. LeGrand Payne for the clipping:

"Though checkmated at the beginning of his search to obtain a creditable collection of postage stamps and cancellation marks on early letters in this country for the State Museum, Verne Patty, curator, with Jules Held, a local collector, obtained permission from county authorities to search the records in the Marion County Courthouse and was rewarded with fruitful results. Before that he searched the old files in the Statehouse, and found they had been rifled by collectors.

So successful was the search at the Courthouse, however, that one collector was sent to Harry S. New, postmaster-general, who in reply advised Mr. Patty that his 'very interesting and remarkable collection,' after an inventory had been made and filed with the philatelic bureau of the postal department, would be deposited for permanent preservation in the postal exhibits of the National Museum. A similar collection has been placed on exhibit in the Statehouse.

Perhaps the exhibit of first importance in the collection is a series of unstamped letters dated from 1835 to 1851. In those early times of our postal service a zoning system such as is employed now in the parcel post service was used, but the distance between points was not so much of major importance as the transportation facilities, according to Mr. Patty. If the mail was carried from one point to another in saddlebags by a lonely rider, the price of postage was apparently much greater than if carried by boat or steam railroad, though the latter be from a greater distance.

Postage stamps were first printed by the government in 1847, but did not come into common use until 1851. Prior to that time the local postmaster, when a letter was brought to him for mailing, weighed the volume, denoted the route it must travel and figured the cost. This amount he wrote in large figures in the corner of the envelope where the stamp is placed now, and, after receiving the total, stamped the face of the envelope with a rubber stamp leaving an imprint of the town and the day on which mailed.

Envelopes did not come into general use in this country until shortly before the Civil War period. The letter was folded and sealed with wax to form its own protection to the message within. The general appearance, however, was not dissimilar to the present average letter. Peculiarities in the spelling and abbreviations of towns and states are to be found on the letters in the collection at the Statehouse. I, In., Ia., and Ind., are all used as abbreviations for Indiana. City of Washington and Washington City were both commonly used on stamps on letters from Washington, D. C.

One of the letters mailed from Washington, December 22, 1835, shows that the sender paid 50 cents to have it delivered. 'It must be remembered that 50 cents was a heap of money in those days,' said the curator, in commenting on the cost of postage in the early nineteenth century. By the early fifties, however, the records show that some parts of Indiana could communicate with one another for only 5 cents.

Mr. Held has also sent a collection of the unstamped letters to the Field Museum of Chicago."

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New Provisional. Twopence halfpenny on 3d.
I. Pale blue, Plate 2.
II. Bright blue, Plate 3.

	I.	II.
A. Normal "y" under "CE" of "PENCE"	12c	10c
B. "Halfpenny" more to right, "y" under "E" of "PENCE"	16c	12c
C. Ditto to left, "H" under "T" of "TWO"	16c	12c

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Guadeloupe, Nos. 80, 81 .....2 Varieties .18
Ivory Coast, Nos. 67, 68 .....2 Varieties .18
Madagascar, Nos. 124, 125, 126..3 Varieties .18
Martinique, Nos. 104, 105, 106..3 Varieties .18
Mauritania, Nos. 42, 43 .....2 Varieties .18
Niger Territory, Nos. 21, 22, 23...3 Vari. .18
New Caledonia, Nos. 120, 121, 122..3 Var. .30
Reunion, Nos. 94, 95, 96 .....3 Varieties .30
St. Pierre, Nos. 113, 114, 115 ..3 Varieties .18
Senegal, Nos. 109, 110, 111....3 Varieties .30
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2726	1½c on 1c on amber	.75
2727	1½c on 1c on buff	.50
2728	1½c on 1c on blue	.10
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United States.

Washington News

I have recently learned that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has made 3c, 6c and 8c plates for use on the flat bed press with the star spacing—hence, these three denominations will appear in due course with the star imprint near the plate number. Heretofore, only the 2c denomination was obtainable in this condition. All of the ½c and 1½c plates have the wider spacing, but do not show the star in the upper right pane. This is not necessary for there is only the one type of plate—hence, they do not have to be distinguished from the normal variety.

In addition to the five varieties of the 2c, which I mentioned in my chronicle of February 8th, it is also possible to obtain the larger five point star above the plate number. Heretofore all of the side stars have been below. This new variety is found on plate 17189, 17207 and 17222.

I further learn that two additional plates have been made showing a five pointed star wth long thin points resembling a star fish. These have been etched in by hand instead of being stamped in by a punch as has been usual in the past. I have not learned definitely as to what plates these are found upon, but if anv of our readers locate them, I would like to see blocks showing the variety.

Another oddity which has not been mentioned heretofore is what is known by the Bureau as an "O" plate. The letter "O" about one-eighth inch high appears in the upper right hand corner of the margin of printed sheet. I have not seen an actual impression from such a plate, but they will no doubt appear in short order. The "O" plate is identical with the other with the exception of the fact that the plate was hardened in oil instead of cyanide, which is the usual method. Plates hardened in oil evidently have some peculiarity that tends to lengthen the life of the plate.

"Specimen" Departments

Mr. Wilh. E. Haack submits two copies of the 1c green State Department with "Specimen" overprints and calls my attention to the fact that one of the copies has the normal overprint and that he believes the second copy to be the "Sepcimen" error corrected. After comparing the variety with dozens of normal copies, as well as with copies of the actual error, I have reached the same conclusion. The stamp with the error corrected shows the "SPEC" somewhat higher than the "MEN" and the first four letters look to be slightly larger. I have not had an opportunity as yet of checking up a sheet of the "Specimen" stamps with the error corrected. The two copies submitted are on the soft paper, which is a late printing and which by the way is not known with the "Sepcimen" error surcharge.

Air Mail News

By the time these notes appear the first contract air mail service will have been inaugurated, the routes running from Detroit and Dearborn to both Cleveland and Chicago. This service was inaugurated on Monday, February 15th, the special 10c stamp to be used for the service, having been placed on sale in these four cities as well as in Washington on the Saturday previous, namely Feb. 13th. I have not as yet seen the stamp although I am informed it is very attractive, and because of its size may be readily noted by the postal clerks in assorting mail. With the rates for contract mail service differing from the Government service, there is likely to be a considerable amount of confusion especially where a letter goes part one way and part the other. It is expected that the further routes for which contracts have been awarded will be ready to open shortly, so that by Spring several will be in operation.

BULGARIA.—Messrs. Bright & Son show us the 1 leva "Sunday charity" label mentioned in these notes a fortnight ago, together with two others, viz., 2 leva green and 5 leva blue, these being in a uniform design, depicting an imposing mansion or palace in a transverse oval frame, flanked by iron telegraph cable posts of the type one sees on the Continent. The subject of the 1l label is also an imposing building, but in this case the view is a distant one. The inscriptions are in native characters—in two lines at top and one line at foot of the 1l, and in two lines at foot only of the other two denominations. We understand supplies of the 1l are already exhausted.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co., Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts advise that the 15c, Sower type, has been issued in brown. Copies have been received from the above mentioned correspondents.

GIBRALTAR.—We have received official information that the stock of the 4sh stamps is exhausted at the Post Office and as this value is no longer required no further stock will be ordered. We have received the 2sh script watermark in quite a new shade, mauve and blue on blue, whilst the old shade is deep purple or grey-purple and blue on blue. No more of the old shade are obtainable at the Post Office—*Whitfield King's Monthly Bulletin.*

KUWAIT. — *The Philatelic Journal of India* states on official authority that no stamps overprinted "KOWEIT" were either printed or issued. The numerous rumors regarding the existence of such stamps must therefore be set aside as false. We understand that the future of the Kuwait Post Office is still under discussion. The overprinted stamps may therefore have a longer life than was prophesied.—*Stamp Collecting.*

MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received from this country the following new postage due stamps: 20c brown on buff, 60c grey and 1fr lake on cream.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a 50c Charity stamp of black and gold colors. It has the inscription at the top "Sociedade Humanitaria" in white letters and below in gold "Cruz do Oriente." In the centre is a wheel like figure with a shield and on the shield a gold cross with the letters "S H C O." At the base is the name of the province with "Porte Franco" below. Upon this stamp is the two line surcharge "50 Centavos" in black.

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SYRACUSE STAMP EXHIBIT

We have received from A. A. Leve of yracuse, N. Y., a clipping from a local aper that we are very pleased to re-rint. It gives the particulars of the nnual exhibit of the Syracuse Stamp lub, which is running through the month f February. It is being held in the ibrary building and is receiving much ttention. The clipping follows:—

Much interest is manifest in the Syra-use Stamp Club's annual exhibition at e public library, and the cases on the cond floor of the library building were rrounded by library visitors yesterday. H. C. Skinner has one case filled with ew European issues, including many re Rumanian and Hungarian occupation amps, nearly all unused. Dr. L. P. eming, president of the club, has a case Bavarian stamps, including the very re "No. 1". Every issue of Bavaria represented, and in some issues the sets e complete.

A. A. Leve is displaying accessories ed by stamp collectors. He also has a se of air-mail covers and another of irst day" covers, or covers bearing all e later issues, canceled on the first day issue. He is showing two North Pole rds, carried by Amundsen last year to ithin 150 miles of the pole.

There is also a metal toy soldier that me in the only freight shipment that er crossed the Atlantic by air. These y soldiers were distributed to persons ho aided the Christmas fund in Phila-lphia. They were consigned to John anamaker, and the first one was sent President Coolidge.

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and on 2c green from Fyffe, California, and in purple from Eldorado, Cal., on a 2c green stamped envelope and a 2c 1890.

A perfect double lined Maltese Cross on a 3c re-engraved postmarked Auburn, Ala., in a double lined circle, the outer line being one of the fancy designs used at that period.

You probably all know the monogram P.O.D. in a circle. Here is the first one that has come my way on a cover. The stamp is a 2c 1883 and the postmark Cowlesville, N. Y. What other towns used this monogram?

Attica, N. Y., is present with a 3c green, grilled, canceled by a large A.

And here are three covers postmarked Clarksville, Cal., in magenta. The postmark is shaped like the ticket office stamps used in the '70s. The stamps are a 2c stamped envelope of 1884, another of 1887, and a 2c adhesive of 1890.

Cool, Cal., is represented on a 2c stamped envelope of 1884 with the U. S. mail monogram on the stamp, and Bishop Creek, California, presents a large oval postmark and a Maltese cross in purple.

And last, but far from being least, is a whole herd of mules, 24 of 'em, all kicking. And not one from Port Townsend.

Two are from Susanville, Cal. Mr. Parker found these and one other. The stamps are 3c green. One of them has a team of mules on it. The other only one, mostly off the stamp.

Six covers are from Forbestown, Cal. My memory may be playing tricks, but it seems that a few covers from this place were unearthed a few years ago by friend Jones? Two of these covers have on each two 1c stamps 1881, two have a single, and one, two copies of the 2c 1883, and one a 3c 1879. Off cover and on pieces of covers are one 2c 1883, six 2c 1887, seven 2c 1890, in black, two 1c 1887 and one 2c 1890 in purple. This town used the cancellation for at least nine years, as evidenced by the dates, and perhaps more will come to light as time goes on.

Our thanks are surely due to Mr. Parker for a real treat.

ODD BITS:—

THE February number of the *Aero-Newsletter* is at hand from the editor, Geo. W. Angers, Box 412, Springfield, Mass. It is a very interesting number, not the least of its attractions being no fewer than nine propositions for membership. Various maps showing the routes of air service are accompanied by informative articles. Sample copy of the March issue and possibly February may be obtained by sending remittance to cover postage.

WE have received from the Alabama State Department of Archives and History its "Monthly Bulletin" for February and March. It is a very interesting mimeograph production and contains considerable matter of interest to the stamp collector. There is an article on "Alabama County Seats and their Early Postal Affairs" continuing the series begun in May, 1925, by Mr. Peter Brannon. The article is freely illustrated and we note some facsimiles of covers from offices where the postmaster had no handstamp.

AGAIN Jupiter nods. In our issue of January 4, we reprinted an article from the London *Times* headed "Splendid Stamp Prices" and gave credit to Fred J. Melville. Our old friend Douglas B. Armstrong very courteously and yet very justly calls our attention to the fact that he is the one entitled to the credit for writing the article in question. We humbly and publicly beg his pardon. For the past fifteen years Mr. Armstrong has been the philatelic correspondent of the *Thunderer* and during that time has contributed a tremendous amount of matter on philatelic topics.

THE Martauco Stamp Co., 45 W. 45 St., N. Y. City, has issued under date of March, a booklet of wholesale offerings. It will be sent to any address upon request.

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TOM V. BINMORE, 575 Fifth Ave., Long Island City, N. Y., would like the address of one Joseph Aaron who failed to include it in an order for stamps.

A. H. PIKE, of Binghamton, N. Y., would like to know what is being done by local philatelic societies in the building up of libraries. It is a well-known fact that the Collectors Club of New York City has a very fine library, but what are other clubs doing in this direction? Mr. Pike feels that a larger interest should be taken in philatelic literature, and our columns are open for such matter as will be helpful in stimulating any interest in the literature of our hobby.

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ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the advertising of David O. Plotz, Albany, N. Y. Mr. Plotz has advertised in our paper in the past. He has recently purchased the stock of William Southworth, Cooperstown, N. Y., which with a recent find of old covers and his own stock places him in a position to handle want-lists.

THE new triangular stamps issued by the Union of South Africa are greatly deplored by the *Philatelic Magazine*. They call the issue of these stamps "a sorry exhibition" and "a debauchery of the postal service". The editor believes that the promotors of these stamps are capitalizing them upon the fame of the original Cape triangulars, and that the stamps are issued "for the sole purpose of wheedling money out of collectors". This seems strong language, but it is probably warranted.

THE Pacific Stamp Co. recently sent us twelve new subscriptions in a single mail. This is a splendid piece of work and it shows what an interest in the WEEKLY will accomplish. This company is one of the number which feels that it does not hurt their business to help in increasing our subscription list.

AN International Exhibition will be held at Frankfort, Germany, from March 28, to April 5. We have as yet heard of no U. S. collectors who propose to attend.

AMOS A. ETTINGER, Easton, Pa., sold thru our columns a few years ago his collection and this week he uses a half page to sell a second one.

FEB. 8 the United Stamp Co., advertised Section 3 of the U. S. Album (Revenues) as a section of 60 pages at $1.00. This is wrong. It is a section of 100 pages at $1.50 and we hope this paragraph will offset any trouble the firm is put to answering letters. Anyway, it gives us a chance to commend the Marquette Sectional Album as a splendid Album production.

THE Suburban Stamp & Curio Club, of Boston, Mass., is to be congratulated on having recently held its 300th fortnightly meeting. Organized in March, 1912, this progressive club has met regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month since then, during which time it has grown from a mere handful (8—to be exact) of enthusiasts who met in each others' houses to one of the largest clubs of its kind in this part of the country. Its membership list is now approaching the 150 mark, and the meetings are held in a big room at the Quincy House, Boston, where, through the efforts of an energetic and effective Entertainment Committee, the members are always assured of an interesting meeting. The 300th meeting of any organization is well worth celebrating, and the "Suburban Club" will hold a 300th Meeting Celebration Dinner at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston, on February 24 to mark the event. Particulars later.

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WASHINGTON—FIRST ON OUR STAMPS.

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not all that was attempted." It is a good portrait, and many artists affirm that, from internal evidence, it is doubtless the truest likeness of the man.

We now come to the third representation of Washington, the profile bust. The Act of Congress approved March 3, 1851, reduced the single rate for letters to three cents, and the new issue required in consequence shows the features of the first President in this form upon the stamp for ordinary correspondence. A list of the stamps bearing this profile bust is as follows:

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This likeness is taken from the marble statue of Washington in the State Capitol at Richmond, Virginia. The story of the statue is as follows: The General Assembly of Virginia, soon after the declaration of peace that closed the Revolution, decreed a statue to General Washington, to be placed in the Capitol in Richmond, and "to be the finest marble and best workmanship." Jefferson and Franklin, being then in Paris, were authorised to select the artist, and they choose Jean Antoin Houdon. Concerning him Jefferson wrote: "He is the finest statuary of his age," and again: "He is without rivalship in it, being employed in all parts of Europe in whatever is capital."

It was necessary for Houdon to see Washington to take his figure, and the latter wrote him: "It will give me pleasure, Sir, to welcome you to this seat of my retirement, and whatever I have or can procure that is necessary to your purposes or convenient or agreeable to your wishes, you must freely command, as inclination to oblige you will be among the last things in which I shall be found deficient."

Houdon reached Mount Vernon on October 3, 1785, and remained a fortnight, during which time he took a cast of the face, head and upper part of the body, and minute measurements of his person, and studies of the costume of the period which Washington daily wore.

The artist was to receive as compensation for the statue and pedestal, 25,000 livres, or $5,000, and his expenses for the trip to Virginia reimbursed to him. In addition, his life was to be insured during the time of his absence from France. The contract allowed him three years for the completion of the statue, and it was done within the time. The State Capitol, however, was not finished, so that the statue was not shipped until its site was ready for it. It was finally erected in the quadrangle of the Capitol on May 14, 1796.

The statue is a remarkably fine piece of chiseling, the treatment of the face being so delicate that it needs but the flush of natural color to make it absolutely lifelike. It presents the figure erect, the head uncovered, the sword on the left, the cane in the right hand, and the fasces and plow at his side. It is exact life size—six feet two inches in height. Those acquainted with Washington have pronounced this statue the best representation of his person which exists. Lafayette, on his visit to America in later years, pronounced it a "facsimile of Washington's person." It therefore well deserves the place which has been given it upon the stamps of our country.

Besides the adhesive stamps, the Houdon bust has been placed upon all the envelope stamps bearing Washington's head. All the Civil War revenues, also, had Stuart's portrait as an invariable centerpiece down to 1875. On the proprietary issue from 1875 to 1881, however, Houdon's profile bust appears. The Stuart portrait will likewise be found upon the $100 revenue stamp of 1917, a beer stamp of 1878, a tabacco stamp of 1868, a snuff stamp of 1872, and a few stamps for imported cigars.

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A GOOD many stamp collectors are real students of their stamps, but are somewhat indifferent to postal rates. Otherwise they would know that the rate to Spain and its colonies is only 2c per ounce. They would also know that 2c must be added to the zone rate in sending a parcel, in accord with recent legislation.

HAROLD B. MAYNHAM, American Consular Agent at Medellin, Colombia, advises the Stamp Trade Protective Association of Kalamazoo, Mich., that Henry James who has been trading in stamps at Medellin is unreliable and a warning is issued cautioning persons not to have dealings with him.

A POSTAGE stamp known as the "Martin City Post Stamp," issued in the city of Charleston between the years 1858-60, by a postmaster of the name of Marion, has been sold by Fritz Kracke of Charleston, S. C., for $500. This specimen was disposed of to the Nassau Stamp Company of New York The stamp is of a two-cent denomination. —Press clipping from Emil J. Rall.

THE annual banquet of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society was held February 16, at the Marquette Hotel.

VOLUME 1, Number 1 of the "Alvonis Bulletin" under date of Feb. 1, 1926, but "issued at intervals" is at hand. It lists a goodly number of bargains and a sample copy will be sent on request.

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THE Schoolboys' Exhibition recently held in the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, was a marked success. The postage stamp section was under the direction of Fred J. Melville, who states that the hall was crowded all the time and the right class of boys and girls was introduced to the pleasures of stamp collecting. The dealers did a very prosperous business throughout the week and it will probably become an annual affair.

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By WILLARD O. WYLIE

"I have seen many of the great exhibitions in Europe, beginning with the one instituted by the Philatelic Society of London, in the Portman Rooms, London, in 1890, which was the first I attended, and yet the more I see the more it makes me feel how much there is yet to learn".—W. Dorning Beckton.

A great many philatelists have a natural repugnance towards publicity of any kind, and the publishers of a newspaper recognize the fact that there are many who dislike to be interviewed. The great Exhibition to be held in New York in October will have in attendance a large number of celebrated philatelists. Our readers will be interested in knowing about them and their philatelic possessions. The Board of Judges comprises a large number of noted philatelists and one of these is W. Dorning Beckton of Manchester, England.

Mr. Beckton very frankly meets our request for some facts about his career with the statement that he does not like self-advertising. Several so-called interviews have appeared during the last twenty-five years in the English journals, but all of these have been written without his being asked for any information. Mr. Beckton realizes that the forth-coming International Exhibition is one in which all serious collectors should be interested and very generously furnished us with the information upon which this article is based.

The stamp collection of Mr. Beckton was started in 1879, and he has never ceased collecting and during all this time has never sold a stamp. As a general collector he has taken all countries up to 1890. In that year he decided that to continue keeping up with the new issues of the world would be an impossible task and this decision he has never had any cause to regret. He specializes in many colonies and countries, with a penchant for the stamps of Europe, particularly the Italian States, Greece, Roumania, Spain, Norway, Denmark, Servia, Afghanistan, Indian Native States, Straits Settlements and the Protected States, and British Africa.

Mr. Beckton first exhibited at the International Exhibition in London in 1897. This Exhibition was promoted by the Royal Philatelic Society, then the Philatelic Society of London. He was awarded two gold and two silver medals with four exhibits. At Paris in 1900 he won gold, silver and bronze medals with three exhibits, and at Berlin in 1904, gold and silver medals with two exhibits. Premier awards with single exhibits have also been obtained at Calcutta in 1898 and other places. This is a notable record, and moreover it can be said in connection with these awards that Mr. Beckton never exhibited the same country twice.

At the International Exhibition under the auspices of the Royal Philatelic Society London, in 1906, having accepted the position of Judge, Mr. Beckton decided not to exhibit again. One may well imagine that our friend might be content with the successes he had attained. He has served as judge at various exhibitions, including the one at The Hague, and was president of the Jury at the last big exhibition in London in 1923, promoted by the Junior Philatelic Society.

Besides being a student of stamps and active from the collecting standpoint, he has also written numerous articles, which are to be found in the *Philatelic Record*, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, the *Monthly Journal* and the *London Philatelist*. His first article of importance was upon the stamps of Greece, first type of head, this article appearing in the *Philatelic Record* in 1896. His most recent contributions to the philatelic press are those upon Corrientes, the local surcharges of British Honduras, and "Retouches of the Sher Ali Issues of Afghanistan". The last two articles appeared during last year.

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It will be a great pleasure for the philatelists of the U. S. to meet one who has given so much energy, time and interest to philately as has Mr. Beckton.

ACTIVITIES OF MR. BECKTON

By CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

I have known Mr. Beckton for some thirty years or more and have visited at his home in Manchester and have met him on a great many occasions.

He is one of the few collectors that has never parted with a stamp and is a thorough student of every country that he takes up. He began collecting in 1879 and his collection is particularly noted for the very large number of blocks, panes and sheets that it contains. In the quite early days he recognized the importance in the study of philately of accumulating sheets and blocks and he bought very largely from the old stock of J. B. Moens.

One can see in this collection sheets and blocks of stamps showing varieties that I do not think could be met with elsewhere. For instance, in Griqualand, the interesting studies that have been made of this country could not have been compiled without the Beckton collection, as he has a large number of very valuable and interesting blocks and sheets showing various settings and arrangements of the large "G's".

Mr. Beckton was one of the founders of the Manchester Philatelic Society. He has been President for many years and he is a member of the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society. He is also a member of the Expert Committee and he is widely known as a writer and as a philatelist of the first rank. Some of his most important work has been done upon the Stamps of Greece upon which he wrote a monograph which is invaluable to the student.

In conjunction with the late Mr. Duerst, he wrote a very important article upon the early issues of Roumania. In addition to the above the following are a few of the more important contributions that he has made to philatelic study.

"Retouches of the Early Issues of Afghanistan" in the *London Philatelist* of last year.

"Bangkok" in the *Monthly Journal*, Volume XII.

"Bolivia" published in the *Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain*, Volume XXVIII.

"The Local Surcharges of British Honduras" in the *London Philatelist*, Volume XXXIV.

An important series of illustrated articles on the very interesting "Local Production of Corrientes," *London Philatelist*, Volume XXVI.

"Early Issues of Fiji" in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, Volume XVIII.

"Johore" in *Gibbons Monthly Journal*, Volume XI.

"Liberia Issues of 1880", the *Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain*, Volume XXXV.

"Mexico", *Philatelic Record*, Volume IX.

"Rarities of the 1d on 3d Orange Free States", *Gibbons Monthly Journal*, Volume XI.

"Re-entries", *London Philatelist*, Volume XXVII.

"Servia" an important series of articles on the early issues, *London Philatelist*, Volume XXV.

"The Sierra Leone Provisional", *Philatelic Record*, Volume XXVII.

"The Surcharged Native States of the Straits Settlements", *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, Volumes XI and XII. An important series of articles.

In addition to this Mr. Beckton acted as the Editor of the *Philatelic Record* for a considerable period and has published a very large number of short articles of high philatelic interest.

His last and one of his most important works has been to act as Chairman of the Philatelic Index Committee, which Committee only a few months ago published their invaluable work listing the chief articles in the British Magazines.

NEW 10c AIRMAIL STAMP

We are indebted to Albert E. Gorham for a set of five first day covers showing the new 10c airmail stamp doing service between Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago. The stamp itself is oblong rectangular in shape, 1¾x¾ inches. Besides being curious in size the stamp is also curious in design. It consists of a map of the entire United States with two airplanes at the right and left.

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As has been previously shown in the WEEKLY the Service undertaken by this contract is between the cities of Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland.

We also have to thank Raymond V. Bahr of Springfield, Ill., for a first day cover leaving Springfield Feb. 13 and bearing a Chicago, Ill., airmail marking.

A little confusion has existed in regard to the date of appearance of the new 10c airmail stamp. A correspondent, Thomas A. Kraus, calls our attention to the mix-up and suggests that our advertisers should exercise a little more care in their announcements. We may say in justice to them that the Department made a postponement of the flight, which doubtless complicated the situation.

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Design.	Stamp.	Town.	Color of Canc.	Reported By
1. Pony Head	24c 1862	?	Black	K. Koslowski
2. Black Cat	Env. #2350	?	"	H. P. A.
3. Dog	3c 1869	Lansing, Mich.	"	K. Koslowski
4. Horse	6c Cont'l	?	"	K. Koslowski
5. Kicking Mule.	Comes on many stamps, and is now known by all collectors.			
6. Pig	3c Nat'l	?	Black	W. E. Whitnall

Just below is the data which should have accompanied last Forum.

Varieties of U. S. Framed.

1.	3c 1861	?	Black	L. R. Sours
2.	"	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	"	H. P. A.
3.	"	?	"	L. V. Swallow
4.	"	Albany, N. Y.	"	L. G. Pelton
5.	"	Putnam, Ct.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
6.	"	?	"	H. V. Swallow
7.	"	?	"	H. V. Swallow
8.	"	Putnam, Ct.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne

Sorry I unintentionally omitted this in last number; but you can cut it out and stick it onto last Forum if you are saving all these cancellations.

In this group we have the well known Kicking Mule, which had a long life, being seen on the Trans-Mississippi issue, in purple. It comes frequently on the War Department stamps, 3c greens, etc., etc. You have read a great deal about it presumably, so no more here.

The other five are quite unusual. Mr. Koslowski contributes Nos. 1, 3 and 4, calling No. 1 a sheep; but my drawing shows something more like a Shetland Pony, tho it was rather faintly seen thro tracing paper, and it may be a sheep. The Newfoundland dog is perfectly clear, and he calls No. 4, "Spark Plug," which is as good a name as any.

Am told that No. 2 has a tail making graceful turn over the cat's back; but my copy was de-tailed so to speak. No. 6 is a fine cleanly struck animal, the owner finding three of them in several thousands of our Bank Note issues.

This makes twenty cancels with the question mark under them—meaning the town that used them is unknown, and if you can tell the town please do so. To date not one has been sent in. You'll have plenty of cancels to look at during the summer; but right now the space allotted to the Forum is necessarily curtailed. Have a mass of unusual items to be listed also, and this will be covered in due course.

Mr. H. C. Brooks sends in some of the covers, which have come to him in reply to his voluminous ads the past year. They are a beautiful lot, and I append but a portion of them.

Patriotics.—Big head of Lincoln, covers entire height of cover, pmkd. Lansing, Mich., 3c '57. Another, Lincoln head above, flat boat below, rail fence border on left side and across top of cover with 3c '57, pmkd. Kalamazoo, Mich., in blue. Another, "The Eloquent Persuader" showing a rifle with big chased butt, printed in lavender, and pmkd. Washington, D. C. Another shows a plant which has grown two U. S. flags, labeled "Sweet Flag of Our Country" 3c '61 on

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At the meeting on February 3rd the Collectors Club, New York City, was honored by the visit of Dr. W. L. Babcock, who specially made the long journey from Detroit to give a display at the Club. Unfortunately, the blizzard of that evening kept away many of the regular members and only about 30 braved the elements, but they were amply rewarded by the interesting talk Dr. Babcock gave on "Supplementary Mail Cancellations" and an exhibit of these and of early United States on cover.

Dr. Babcock referred collectors to his article on the Supplementary Mails in the *American Philatelist*. In the course of these remarks he said:—

Illustration Type A comes in red only from about 1857. Scott's list a 3c 1857 in both Types I and II, but this is not the New York Supplementary Mail but that used in Chicago.

In the 1861-66 issue he showed the 1c to 30c, including the 5c mustard and 24c steel blue. In the 1862 the Type B was used, and he showed the 5c with the "A" and "B" types. Of the 1867 grilled he showed the 15c and 30c only.

In 1869 the 10c and 30c, the latter rare, with Type "A" cancellation.

In 1871 Types "B" and "X" were used. The Type "B" ran through the 1870's and is used with Type B on the left and Type B D on the right. The latter form is used with the numerals "1" or "2" being used on Foreign mail only.

The Supplementary Mail Bag from 1857 to the middle of the 80's was made up at the junction of Morton, Washington and West Streets. New York. The Supplementary Rate was double first class rate, but not always double postage.

Cancellations "C" is the only one now in use and the numbers at the bottom run from 1 to 28 and are the numbers of the piers in New York. The Supplementary Mails are now sent direct to the steamship piers from seven main Post Office branches. This Type "C" is used as a postmark and the stamp is defaced with a smudge.

In Chicago the Supplementary Mail cancellation consisted of the letters "C. A." with a single line round all in blue, and C. B. with a double line, also blue. This was used for late mail to Eastern Points, but no extra rate was charged. These are much scarcer than the New Yorks.

Of Type XX Dr. Babcock only knew one copy, which is the 1873 15c in the B. K. Miller collection in the New York Public Library.

In early U. S. stamps on covers Dr. Babcock showed a wonderful lot, among which I noted:—

1847, 5c, several pairs used abroad.
" 10c, Philadelphia Railway.
" 10c, Raleigh & Wilmington Railway.
" 10c, two fine singles on one cover
1851—A superb lot, many pairs strips almost all used abroad and ma rare combinations. I noticed strip three 1c fine green cancellation. T varieties of the 3c cracked plate on c ers. Four 5c imperf. used abroad. in strips with and without recuts. one cover a bi-sected 12c used with a and 3c equals 10c rate.

1857—3c strip of three with the Can "Lyre." Many strips of the 5c and a p cancelled "PAID 3" in green. Cov were shown of letters carried on Brit Mail Steamers with a large "19" in on the cover. The rates were 24c a the "19" showed Great Britain t 19c out of the 24c, and poor Uncle S had to be content with 5c. A sca cover was one franked with 12c and 3

In 1861 issue there were several Brit Columbia, three 3c blue and U. S. and many other rare and interesti pieces in the 1869 to 1888 issues.

Mr. T. E. Steinway proposed a ve hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Babcock his interesting talk and fine displ which was carried unanimously.

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8. There were 13 ships in the first nerican Navy.
9. Perry's victory on Lake Erie was n on the 13th day of the month.
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They ran from the sublime to the ridiculous; and each received the attention it merited. Some gentlemen were anxious to have a special class created for their own collections. These were immediately scrapped. A half dozen suggestions were adopted, and the work of putting over the greatest exhibition yet went merrily along.

The most interesting addition to the competitions was an addition to Class XVIII, Philatelic Publications. A new section has been added called Section X.

"Monographs or special handbooks published since October 1st, 1925."

The purpose of this particular competition is to encourage the producing of new philatelic work in the literary field. It offers to every collector a chance to write an article or handbook on his favorite stamp subject. The Judges will be men well versed in the literary side of philately and there should be a wealth of fine new material appearing in the philatelic press.

To prepare such monographs or handbooks requires no great literary training. What the Committee is seeking is to get at the great unexplored and half covered fields of philatelic journalism and foster our American papers. While it seems a bit harsh to say, it is nevertheless in my opinion true, that we do not stack up so well as other countries in the production of Philatelic Literature.

This is perhaps primarily due to the terrific costs of printing production. The cheapness of Continental work is evidenced by the magnificent Auction Catalogues gotten out in Europe, with page after page of illustrations.

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The *Forum*, a meritorious publication of the Senn High School, Chicago, included in the January number a readable article, "Philately at Senn," illustrated by cuts loaned by the United Stamp Company and A. Hippchen, Chicago. Senn has an active stamp club whose faculty adviser is Miss Starbird, "who is a collector of many years' standing." We have reason to know that the Senn stamp club is composed of not a few enthusiastic collectors whose interest in stamps is not a perfunctory one.

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We got our money's worth in the new ten cent air mail stamp, which was received in time for use on letters carried on the new Detroit service. The map of the U. S. is spread before the eye and it would take a bolder topographer than we to criticize it. The stamp has a strong "personality" and it will create an atmosphere of its own in the stamp album. In this connection it is to be said that the Detroit celebration of its aerial ascendancy was an event in local history, in which Second Assistant Postmaster-General Glover, Henry Ford and other worthies participated. Detroit usually does not do things by halves and the special postmark that it used on first-trip mail is "high, wide and handsome."

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A Washington correspondent, in commenting upon impending philatelic legislation in Congress says that "in all probability, there will be three bills introduced asking that special stamps be issued for celebration purposes but you will have to take this prediction for what it is worth for I am not allowed to go into particulars. All in good time." Reading between the lines of the letter further, the surmise is made that one reason for the refusal to consider the claims of the Mecklenburg Declaration proponents for stamp recognition was that although the event was historically important, the act of the early declarants of independence is not familiar history to many of our people. As he says: "We are not drawing any comparisons, invidious, odious or otherwise."

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It is hoped that the good judgment of those having legislative and postal affairs in charge will prevail and that quantity will be side-tracked for quality. The impression prevails among non-philatelists that collectors are eagerly expectant of new issues and to some extent this idea is used in support of special issues by those who have the task of "putting over" the proposal. Our referendum on the question commemoratives showed almost a draw, so far as any decision was to be made. When dollar values were omitted and short sets became the rule, the protests registered at Washington when a special issue was announced were not vigorous or in considerable number. They reached their high-water mark at the time of the Trans-Mississippi set, somewhat to the puzzled surprise of the department, who thought that it was making contented philatelists by its act.

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We have been shown by Mr. E. R. Jacobs, Chicago, a cover bearing the ninety-cent blue of 1857-60 and so the select little coterie of three known envelopes with this stamp must simulate a welcome to this important addition to the group. It may be remembered that Mr. Jacobs was the first collector to discover this stamp on cover some years ago in the east, and now a fourth copy becomes his property, reaching his hands directly from those of the finder. The stamp shows the dark blue line cancellation and the postmark, Jan. 6, of Cincinnati, in the same color, making the typical cancellation used in the Ohio metropolis at the time. The envelope is addressed to a neighboring state and enclosed documents that required the postage rate shown by the stamp, as it was used singly and not in combination with any other stamps. By an endorsement on the envelope the year of use is ascertained to be 1861, when the rate of postage was three cents a half ounce; and it is assumed that the weight of the envelope was from fourteen to fifteen ounces. This cover was found among a number of envelopes that had on them stamps rating postage from thirty cents to over a dollar and the find, while not very extensive, was a very profitable day's work!

Particulars of the case involving the counterfeiting of the ten gulden orange, Netherlands, are received from Mr. C. Bangs, who is still in Europe. He sends an article from the *Matin* of January 31st, which presents the story in detail and pictures the three men, charged with forging this and other stamps, Alexis de Zagorski, Constantin Makaroff and Jean Cividini. From the translation we learn that Cividini is a Parisian and that when his quarters were searched, many evidences of his activities were found. It is alleged that he swindled a Belgian philatelist out of a considerable sum by exchanging a lot of counterfeit Belgian for genuine stamps. His accomplices were clever abetters of the schemes and it is likely that they will receive a punishment, with their principal, that will fit the crime.

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"School Life" is a magazine published monthly by the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior, Washington, at fifty cents a year. A copy of the September, 1925, issue has been sent us by the courtesy of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company and the leading article is by Harry S. New, postmaster general: "Postage Stamps Promote Popular Education and Stimulate Patriotism. Historic Scenes and Features of Great Men Become Familiar Even to Persons of Little Education. First Knowledge of Important Past Events Often Gained Through Stamps. Thirteen Commemorative Series in 33 Years Have Contributed to Public Enlightenment. Postal Service Ancient but Adhesive Stamps a Recent Invention." The story is well illustrated and in every way is a significant tribute to the postage stamp. M New realizes that our little postal me sengers are an integral part of every-d life and by the intimacy of their conta with the people are the means of i troducing an element of romance in the lives, in a mild way. Here are the wor of the head of the postal service, glorif ing the mission of the postage stamps a national sense and none will read the without gaining an added respect for t issues. As it is shown that the labels a entitled to serious consideration as o jects of interest, the inference is pla that philately is a pursuit that is wel founded, inasmuch as it concerns itse with the study of all stamps in an order and systematized manner. We co gratulate Mr. New upon his achieveme in cataloguing the suggestions of o postage stamps and he may know that h interest in our issues is regarded a provingly by the host of philatelists.

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Mr. H. M. Konwiser, New York, h been engaged for some time in an inte sive study of the Specimen departme stamps and just now he is in quest information that will locate the exa position on the plate of the stamp wi the small "i" in the word Specimen. H has reason to think that the variety o curs on the seventh stamp of the t row, judging from a strip of the Exe utives owned by Mr. Charles J. Phillip plate No. 1, altered to 82, with the err on the stamp under the plate numbe Blocks and strips owned by Mr. Ko wiser do not prove the position of t error, however. Incidentally, it may said, the "SEPCIMEN" error is on t first stamp in the third row, No. 21, in t plate. These specimen stamps of the d partments are working their way into t regard of collectors here and there and is possible that the information that sought will be forthcoming.

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Dr. C. W. Hennan's work on Cu acao has been published as the first of t series of hand-books of the Chica Philatelic Society and it is a well-printe catalogue of the stamps in question, wi many incidental notes that will appeal the one interested in the issues. The i lustrations are good and the orderly ma ner in which the stamps are listed w give the collector an easier understandi of them.

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(Through the courtesy of Albert E. Gorham, we are able to present the text of the address given by R. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, at the opening of the Second Annual Exhibition of the Washington Philatelic Society held last month. Mr. Regar's keen interest in philately is appreciated by those who come in contact with him.—W. O. W.)

It gives me great pleasure to attend this meeting of your Society and to extend a few words of greeting on behalf of the Third Assistant Postmaster General's Bureau of the Post Office Department that has direct control over the manufacture and sale of postage stamps and other postal issues, as well as supervision over the operation of the Philatelic Agency which ministers directly to the wants of stamp collectors.

As Chief Clerk of the Post Office Department, when the Philatelic Agency was established, I became somewhat acquainted with stamp collecting in general. However, it was not until I assumed my present official duties and have had better opportunity to learn more about the magnitude of the stamp collecting business that I realized that collecting stamps is no longer termed a "pastime of children" or "old man's hobby."

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I believe the publicity which the Department has been able to give to these matters through the Philatelic Agency has done much already and will continue in the future to help create a wider interest in stamp collecting.

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The Washington Philatelic Society exhibits the collections of its members and the displays of the Post Office Department Smithsonian Institute, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The object of the Exhibition is to impress the collector and non-collector with the importance of the postage stamp as a factor of education.

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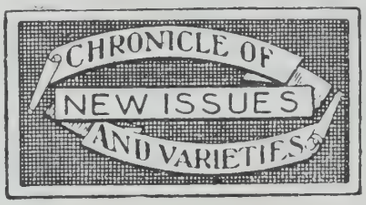

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

1926, 10c Air Mail Stamp

The new 10c air mail stamp which pays for postage in the first zone made its appearance on Saturday, February 13th, in accordance with schedule, the stamp having been placed on sale on that day in Washington, Chicago, Detroit, Dearborn and Cleveland.

Personally, I think the stamp one of the most striking that we have issued and its size immediately attracts the attention of the postal clerk. The large figures indicate its value and I believe that with this new stamp available that the air mail service is likely to be more satisfactory.

I note in the first day covers from Cleveland that although they are dated February 13th, the postmark also reads "First Air Mail Flight, Feb. 15, 1926, Cleveland to Detroit."

These stamps are printed in sheets of 200, which in turn are cut into post office panes of fifty. So far, five plates have been made although I cannot state the reason for making the fifth plate unless something has happened to one of them. These plates bear numbers 18246 to 18250 inclusive.

While the 10c stamp only pays the postage in the first zone for the contract service and as it is necessary to use ordinary stamps to pay the additional 5c for the second zone, it was thought that there was a possibility of a 15c and 20c air mail stamp following in short order.

The Third Assistant Postmaster, Hon. R. S. Regar, however, informs me under date of February 12th that the Department is not as yet considering such an issue, but that the matter may be taken up at a later date so that special stamps will be provided for contract air mail going into the second and third zones.

While February 13th is the date of issue of this special stamp, February 15th will be the first day of the new contract air mail service and Mr. Herman W. Boers kindly sends several clippings from Detroit papers, wherein this new service is given much publicity. The article in each case is on the first page and the local postmaster seems to be very active in calling the attention of the patrons of his office to the possibilities of this new service.

The same postmaster also distributed under date of Feb. 1st and 6th circular letters calling attention to special air mail envelopes, which it is suggested should be used for they help to identify the air mail envelope. The second communication calls the attention of the Detroit business man to the air mail service between Detroit and Cleveland and Detroit and Chicago, incidently mentioning that the firm holding the contract with the Department is the Ford Motor Company. The postmaster states that he would like to see a substantial quantity of air mail on the first flights and suggests that the business firms arrange to send their correspondence on February 15th in this manner. He also extends the general public an invitation to be present at the Ford airport field at Dearborn on the first day.

At the time of writing this chronicle, I have not as yet received the air mail covers.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of February 11th, Postmaster General New awarded the contract for operating air mail service from Atlanta, Ga., to Miami, Fla., via Jacksonville and Tampa, to the Florida Airways Corporation, with offices at East 42nd Street, New York and Tampa. Reed W. Chambers is President of the Corporation. During the World War he was decorated four times with the D. S. C., with the French Legion of Honor and three times with the Croix du Guerre. John Harding, Jr., who made the round the world flight, will be in charge of maintenance of the company.

The bid of the corporation was for 80 per cent of the revenues carried.

Under the terms of the contract, the service will begin operating from Jacksonville to Miami April 1, 1926, and it will be extended to Atlanta, Ga., not later than June 1. The distance covered will be 664 miles each way.

Fourteen planes will be used by the corporation in transporting the mails over this route, ten of which will be employed at once and four held in reserve. They are all of the metal Stout type, equipped with Liberty motors and capable of maintaining 120 miles an hour.

The tentative schedule provides that a plane shall leave Atlanta at 7 A. M. and arrive at Miami at 3 P. M. Returning the plane will leave Miami at 7 A. M. reaching Atlanta at 3 P. M. the same day.

It is supposed that this route will later on continue from Atlanta to New York. Right at present Philadelphia, which will be on such a route has no airpost station although it has a wonderful landing field and is the third largest city in the country. Our representatives in Congress are no doubt asleep, but I guess most of us in this city are pretty much in the same category.

Plate Number List

Through the courtesy of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Mr. A. W. Hall, we are in a position to bring our list of plates up to and including those issued to Feb. 12th. In this list we will find the first of the 10c air mail plates in addition to a further set of four plates for the new 17 Wilson. The second lot of 7c, 8c and 9c plates to be used on the rotary press are found in this list, but the Department still maintains that it will be some little time before these odd denominations in the perf. 10 series are available.

Plate Nos.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	Sub
18128-18129	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	17
18130-18134	8c	"	"	40
18135-18138	10c	" Cvd.	"	40
18139-18140	2c	" "	"	40
18141-18142	2c	" "	"	17
18143-18146	17c	"	1925	40
18147-18148	2c	" Cvd.	1922	17
18149-18152	3c	"	"	40
18153-18156	4c	"	"	40
18157-18160	5c	" Cvd.	"	40
18161-18162	2c	" "	"	40
18163-18166	7c	"	"	40
18167-18170	2c	"	"	40
18171-18174	2c	" Cvd.	"	17
18175-18178	2c	"	"	40
18179-18180	7c	" Cvd.	"	40
18181-18188	5c	"	"	40
18189-18192	8c	" Cvd.	"	40
18193-18194	9c	" "	"	40
18195-18196	7c	" "	"	40
18197-18200	2c	"	"	40
18201-18202	9c	" Cvd.	"	40
18203-18230	2c	"	"	40
18231-18234	2c	" Cvd.	"	40
18235	1½c	" "	1925	40
18236-18239	2c	"	1922	40
18240-18243	2c	" Cvd.	"	40
18244-18245	2c	" "	"	17
18246-18250	10c Air Mail	" "	1926	20
18251-18252	2c	" "	1922	40
18253-18254	2c	" "	"	17
18255-18258	2c	"	"	40
18259-18262	2c Book	"	"	30
18263-18266	2c	"	"	40
18267-18270	5c	"	"	40
18271-18272	2c	" Cvd.	"	17
18273-18274	2c	" "	"	40
18275-18278	7c	"	"	40
18279-18282	2c	"	"	40
18283-18284	2c	" Cvd.	"	40
18285-18288	10c	"	"	40
18289-18290	2c	" Cvd.	"	40
18291-18294	2c	" "	"	17
18295-18296	2c	" "	"	40
18297-18300	2c Book	"	"	30
18301-18302	2c	" Cvd.	"	40
18303-18306	2c	" "	"	17
18307-18310	2c	"	"	40
18311-18314	5c	"	"	40
18315-18316	2c	" Cvd.	"	17
18317-18318	2c	" "	"	40
18319-18322	2c	"	"	40
18323-18324	2c	" Cvd.	"	17
18325-18328	10c	"	"	40
18329-18330	2c	" Cvd.	"	40

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3347-18350	2c	"	"	400
3351-18352	2c	" Cvd.	"	400

ALBANIA. — The new postage stamps earing a portrait of the President have ow been issued and comprise the following values:—1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 qintor, 2, 3, 5 gold francs. There are also ew postage dues, values 10, 20, 30, 50 intor.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

GREECE.—A new stamp is to be issued commemoration of the hundredth anniersary of the breaking of the blockade f Missolonghi. — *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. — Our Edinburgh riend, Mr. James A. R. Dryden, kindly ends for our edification four handomely engraved labels, in blue, green, rown, and red respectively, of a uniform esign and "denomination," inscribed VIII SLET VSESOKOLSKY V PRAZE 1926" at op and "TYRSUV DUM" at foot. These re intended to commemorate the Sokols National Athletic Meeting), to be held May and June. They have a fine view f the new headquarters of the Sokols, n old palace with extensive grounds now eing restored at great expense for training purposes. In the lower corners of ach label are the monogram of the Sokol ommittee and the numerals "10" respectively.

We speak of these attractive souvenirs s *labels* rather than as stamps, for we elieve they are devoid of postal frankng validity.—*Stamp Collecting.*

HUNGARY. — The new currency (1 engo=100 garas=12,500 kronen) will aturally call for a new series of stamps. ts appearance will definitely close the eriod of the fall in the European exhanges, as all currencies are now more r less stabilised. — *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

ITALY.—*Il Bolletino Filatelico* states hat a stamp will be issued to commemorate the Virgil centenary. The design vill be taken from a rare old mosaic, epresenting the poet with two muses. We wonder whether this stamp will make his works any more popular with the young idea!—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

MALTA.—It is stated that when the new stamps, which are now in preparation, are issued, those now in circulation will be withdrawn and overprinted "Gozo" and that they will be on sale only in that small island. This is a totally unnecessary and speculative issue as Gozo is under the administration of Malta and is part of that Colony, and there is no valid reason why Gozo should have a separate issue. It is as unreasonable as if British stamps were overprinted for the Isle of Wight. We hope that the Government of Malta will be dissuaded from making this issue, and instead to emulate the example of Gibraltar and either destroy the stock of old issues, or continue their use until sold out.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

PERSIA.—A set of six stamps has been issued in commemoration of the elevation of Riza Khan Pahlavi, late Prime Minister of Persia, to Prince Regent. This issue has been made by overprinting in gold on fiscal stamps, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 chahi, 1 kran, the following inscription in Persian:—"Posteh Nokoumateh Movaghati Pahlavi, 9 Aljanmah 1304," which means "Post of the Pahlavi Provisional Government, 31st of October, 1925." We have up to the time of going to press received only a few of these stamps used on entire envelopes, and it is said that these stamps were available for foreign correspondence for three days only and that the remaining stock was used in the interior until completely exhausted.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

TRANSJORDANIA. — Messrs. Bright & Son write:—

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It would be of interest to know whether this same error exists on the current 10 piastre Palestine, and we should be glad to hear from any reader who may possess or have heard of it.—*Stamp Collecting.*

OUR BOOK REVIEW

The most pretentious book dealing with airmail routes is one published by Francis J. Field, Ltd., Sutton, Coldfield, England, entitled "A Commercial and Historical Atlas of the World's Highways." The price of the book is 60c and all collectors who are interested in airmail progress will find it worth while to secure a copy of this book. It has chapters entitled "Aircraft," "Insurance Against Air Risks," "Forwarding Goods by Air," "How to Use the Air Mails," "Countries Issuing Special Stamps," "Air Post Terms," etc. These chapter headings give a fair idea of the scope of the book. There are a large number of maps illustrating the routes described. All in all, the book is a valuable contribution to philatelic literature.

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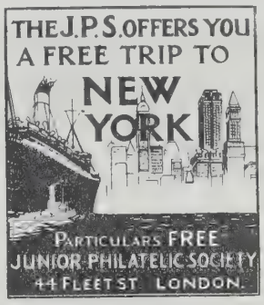

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"SHORT STORIES" of Feb. 10 contained a story by H. Bedford-Jones entitled "George Tete-Beche." The story is interesting to the stamp collector. It dignifies a counterfeit tete-beche French stamp, and H. P. Atherton, who sends in the clipping, suggests that such a counterfeit as described is no stranger to American dealers.

JACK ARTHUR informs us that *Hair-cnik*, an Armenian daily published in Boston, recently contained an article giving an outline history of postage stamps, etc. Dr. Avazan opened in the same newspaper a contest offering $80 to the one writing the best article on the stamps of Armenia. The contest will end June 30. 1926.

ALMA NEWCOMB of South Brewer, Maine, desires to thank the kind friends who have corresponded with her in response to the recent reading notice published in the WEEKLY. She writes:—"Already I have made many friendships which I hope and think may last all my life."

WE have received the January number of *The Air Post Bulletin*, published by Alan Turton, 59 Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2. A sample copy can no doubt be furnished by Arthur Barger of Framingham, Mass., who is Mr. Turton's representative in America and Canada. The *Bulletin* is a pretty magazine of 16 pages and is handsomely illustrated.

THROUGH E. O. Barnes we have a clipping from the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* giving the particulars of a collection in the possession of S. J. Peters, a druggist at 741 State St. The article states that the collection is worth between $10,000 and $15,000.

WE are also under obligations to Fred Slack for a batch of four new subscriptions, two for one year and two for three months. One of the yearly subscriptions is for the East St. Louis Public Library of East St. Louis, Ill. Mr. Slack indicates that he intends to continue his missionary work by asking for a supply of our subscription forms.

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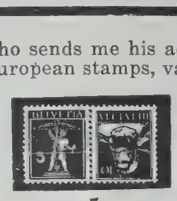
Swiss tête-bêche stamps | 10 | 10 |  | 20 | 20

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

Gibraltar.—After Malta, Cyprus; after Cyprus, Gibraltar; thus each of the three Mediterranean Colonies have in turn given us a sensation with their modern stamps. Most readers will know that as suggested in the "P.M." columns a month or so ago, the 8sh Gibraltar Script wmk is the latest recruit to the ranks of the Modern B. Colonial rarities. What this stamp is going to be worth it is hard to say, but £15 is mentioned in certain quarters, and it will not be surprising if it rises to this figure before a year has elapsed. The 10sh Malta script has now reached this, and it probably exists in greater numbers than the Gibraltar 8sh. There is sure to be a brisk Continental demand for this stamp once its rarity is generally realized, and it is unlikely that any large stock exists, as it was withdrawn without any notice, and the remainders burnt.

The two lower script values 2sh and 4sh are also in demand, as it was expected when the 8sh was withdrawn these would follow suit. There was consequently a rush for them at the Post Office, and about a month later the 4sh ran out. A fair number were bought up during the period, so it is not likely to increase proportionately to the 8sh, although it is already showing a distinct advance.

The 8sh K. George in old watermarked paper is quite a good stamp, although of course nothing like as rare as its script counterpart, nevertheless it is worth picking up at present prices, and it exists in two distinct shades, not yet catalogued, pale lilac and a deeper purple.

Stamps of "The Rock" are always popular, and a good collection of the 20th Century issues is a very sound investment, and it must always be remembered that the more high or rare values a collection contains, the more readily salable it becomes.

Another Colony where the Georgians seem likely to appreciate shortly is British Honduras. The 25c on the old type is interesting on the three different papers, but the stamp of distinction will probably be the $2 K. George, old type. It is scarcer than catalogue suggests and an appreciable rise seems likely.

Barbuda.—The stamps of Barbuda have been in some demand and widely offered, especially the 6d and 1sh values. These two were on sale until quite recently in this tiny island, and one cannot predict any great rise for them. The five low values were sold out previous and will show the largest proportional increase; some of them may easily go to ten times face during the next few years. The high values may also turn out quite good; none as yet appear likely to become rarities, but all are rising in value. All these stamps are very scarce used, and most of those seen appear to have been canceled by favour on entires, often in sets. As the demand for used is not so great, they rightly do not fetch appreciably higher prices.

Palestine.—Although Palestine is not quite so popular as many of the Crown Colonies with collectors, the stamps have been in some little demand recently with the again revived rumour of a pictorial set, this time of German origin. This has been denied. It is to be hoped that if we have a new pictorial set, the stamps will be engraved and printed in London.

The figures given below and from official sources are interesting and perhaps explain certain price movements mentioned below:

	Approximate Totals
EEF, 1st type, 1pi deep blue,	235,000
1st type 1pi ultram.,	338,000
5 mils. on 1pi (3 printings)	150,000

On these figures the price of the deep blue stamp can only be explained on the assumption that the majority were used, and destroyed during the stress of war.

The early issues, however, have not shown much profit to the ordinary collector, as the 1pi ultramarine was distributed by New Issue Services at 9d ("cost") and the 5mil on 5pi at 4sh. As it was already catalogued at 15sh this appeared reasonable, but recently mint sheets have come on the market, and it is doubtful now if mint copies are much scarcer than used, and the price has fallen. Some of the local trilingual overprints are, on the other hand, rising in value. Many collectors view with greatest pleasure the stamps that they consider have been the greatest bargains and have turned out best, and a rare stamp bought at top price is thought much less of. The man who bought his 1sh Turks old script at 1s3d will turn it up with more pride than the man who only got his recently and perhaps had to pay £1.

Useful information as to the future trend of the stamp market is obtainable by what has happened in the past. One of the best means of doing this is by the study of bound volumes of stamp journals issued during the last ten years or so. These show the fluctuations that have taken place in modern stamps better than can be seen by a study of a set of catalogues.

Glancing through some of these, one can see the rise and fall of many favourites. During the period following the armistice many stamp dealers flashed across the firmament with their wares printed in large type. Many are seen no more, presumably they made their pile by selling hundreds of 1sh Falkland Wars at 7s6d and "N.F." ½d and 1d at 5sh the pair!

A year or two previously great interest was being taken in the War Tax stamps. It is interesting to note that the St. Vincent first War local sold for 4sh when the St. Lucia was freely offered at 1s The latter was turned out much be being now cat. 15sh whereas the St. V cent is still only cat. 4sh. No st created more excitement than the C mans War locals. The first type on is was offered at a few pence, but with few weeks it was quoted at 5sh and and dealers were offering to buy back 4sh, and although it was only then at 2s6d the price soared to $5 in the S. A. At the present time it is obtain for under a dollar. This price se about right, as 10,000 are stated to h been issued—about the same number the St. Kitts 2½d blue script or T centenary, which are obviously be buys at their present prices, of less t half the above, and much more likely rise in value, as the demand for this t of stamp is incessant, and of which hoarded stocks are very small compa with those of most War stamps.—*P atelic Magazine.*

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this. Another shows Jeff Davis lead a butternut by a rope pmkd. from Chic in blue. These are usual Patriot Then there is a Douglass campaign co "The Cabinet Maker of 1861" show his head at left, and interior of the c net shop at top, pmkd. Crestline, O.

An unlisted railroad on a Nesbit "I & Fran. & Lex. & Fran. R. R. Jun Midway". Looks like a Kentucky R.; but there are 16 Midways in the O. Guide. It is in blue, and measu 34½mm, the letters are tiny type, and capitals.

3c, '51's contain letters from Ho Greely, and Wm. Cullen Bryant. I latelists save all autographs of note th days. We mentioned cover from Cha Dickens last time.

"New-York Jul 1 Paid Quarterly the pmk. on cover carrying a pamp urging the recipient to make use of latest styles, always to be found in I terick patterns. No stamp on this co

Confederates.—A lovely horizontal s of three 5c blue lithos pmkd. "Mars Tex Sep 19 1863" with "DUE 5" mss. shows each stamp hit by a bl grid. It is a beautiful cover. Anot shows the 5c green litho pmkd. ac stamp, "Ala. & Ten. Riv. R. R.", v uncommon. And here is a very unu item, a U. S. Patriotic envelope, Colun firing a cannon back at U. S! It is pr in blue "Richmond Jun 8 1862 Va." 5c blue litho. The best of all is a v fine copy of the 20c yellow green sected, and used for 10c. This cove pmkd. "Houston, Tex Apr 5", and to Galveston. These bisects are bec ing very scarce and few genuine co are now found.

There is a fine "Intemperance" co printed on gray envelope, which is common. The 3c '51 is hit beautif with a good sized "3" in blue, and s not to ruin the cover, the P. M. kin struck his pmk. on the reverse, also same color, blue, Oberlin, O. A bea

To list the cancellations in this would take a column, so will merely that they have all been traced, and will eventually see them, stars, hea shields, golf ball, etc., etc., and numb too. As these are all on covers we list them as they should be, town and

One cover is very beautiful, it b carried by a 3c, '51 orange-brown, pmk. being "Rappahannock Acad Oct 15 Va" in a double lined ell while over the stamp is another ell containing "PAID 3". Both are in It is very beautiful indeed. Excuse superlatives; but you just ought to these covers! !

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A TRIBUTE FROM FRANK L. COES

We have a right to take a measure of pride in our Honor Club organized last year. It requires but little space to chronicle its happenings week by week, and the words of cheer which accompany the applications for membership are very gratifying to those who are laboring for the success of the WEEKLY.

It has been a marvel to us that week after week and month after month we have been able to list so many of our subscribers, who have been willing without premium or allowance of any kind to make applications for membership in our Honor Club by paying $5 for five years' renewal of their subscriptions.

Frank L. Coes of Worcester, Mass., has just sent $10 for a ten years' renewal, while a previous five years' subscription is as yet unexpired. Mr. Coes likes the WEEKLY, and does not hesitate to say so. Moreover, he demonstrates his interest in a tangible manner. He makes one suggestion in regard to changing the size of our pages, but adds:—"As it is kept thus, for some good reason, it is not a fault." This is indeed charitable and our best reason is the fact that the WEEKLY is a newspaper and does not pretend to be a magazine. He writes:—"The fault is negligible."

Mr. Coes is proprietor of the Coes Wrench Co., of Worcester, Mass. He is a virile writer and if any of our readers ever have the opportunity of perusing a letter from him they will find that he has a refreshing way of expressing himself.

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THE Rhode Island Philatelic Society celebrated its 41st anniversary on Tuesday evening, February 16. The Managing Editor regrets that he was unable to accept an invitation to be present. He was with the society sixteen years ago when the 25th anniversary was observed.

J. MARSHALL of N. Y. City informs us that the 25, 68 and 85c French surcharges were withdrawn from sale February 13.

EMIL J. RALL is leaving Ancon, Canal Zone, for a period of about three months, and during this time he will be located at Arica, Chile. His connection with the Panama Canal Zone will not be severed. He will be on a leave of absence while serving with the Plebiscitary Commission.

RECENTLY four hundred 3c stamps of the Canal Zone with surcharge reading "ZONE" instead of the regulation "CANAL ZONE" were discovered at Panama and destroyed by a committee representing the Director of Ports, the Auditor and the Collector. As may be expected, some of the errors got into circulation, but no definite information is obtainable as to the exact number.

IT seems that the Tacna Arica Plebiscitary surcharges have only been used on Peruvian stamps for the despatch of mail posted aboard the Peruvian warship stationed at Arica, Chile. We are indebted to Emil J. Rall for this information.

THE stamp exhibition under the auspices of the Washington (D. C.) Philatelic Society at the local public library last month was well attended and much interest was manifested. The medal winners were announed as follows: A. E. Gorham, air mail stamps; J. F. Duhamel, stamps of Argentine, Brazil and Japan; B. H. Howard, consular stamps of Madagascar; V. Weirgang, Norway and Sweden; N. H. Sanborn, British colonies; E. Kelly, Belgium and air mail; C. H. Vaughan, Canada and early Great Britain; W. N. Sahm, British colonies; F. S. Gichner, United States envelopes and Austria; W. M. McKelvey, stamps and map illustrating the voyages of Columbus. Thanks to Mr. Gorham for the clipping sent.

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Having been requested on behalf of Mr. Arthur Hind, to prepare a list of the one hundred rarest stamps in the world, I started by noting down all those I consider worth $1000.00 each and more, and then arranged these stamps in the order of commercial value.

When we speak of making a list of the rarest stamps in the world we must define what we mean by the word "rarest."

There are many stamps of which only one, two or three copies are known and which, although they must come in a class of the rarest stamps, still they have not the recognized value of $1000.00 each.

Such are Jammu-Kashmir, 1877 oil colors ½a. and 1a. various colors, some exceedingly rare but none of them would bring anything like $1000.00.

In the following list I have therefore used the word "rarest" to mean rarest in the commercial sense of what the stamp is worth in today's market.

In most cases I have taken the prices quoted in Scott's catalogue when I think this approximately represents the real market value of today. When I do not agree with their quotations I have put my own idea of value.

Another point I want to mention is the question of dealing with the same stamp in unused as well as used condition.

Very often an unused stamp is worth very much more than the same stamp used. Also I have to consider that there are many collectors in America who collect unused only and they may wish to have my opinion as to the place in this list that their rarities should hold. For these reasons I am including both unused and used separately, but I do not include a stamp unless I have reason to believe that it exists in an unused condition. For example, India 4a. head inverted. I do not know this unused and what is the advantage of including in such a list an unknown variety.

Personally I am not at all well acquainted with the present value of the stamps of the twentieth century and I may have omitted some varieties that are worth $1000.00 or more, but I have had the opinion of Messrs. E. Stern and W. C. Phillips on these issues so trust I am not far out, as both of these are good judges of the value of modern issues.

I have not included in this list any revenue, Fiscal or Envelope stamps, except the "Postmaster" envelopes of the United States which have a special interest for American Collectors.

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*Cape of Good Hope, 1851 Woodblock, 4d red, error	5,000
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Roumania, 1858, 27 par. black on rose, tête-bêche	5,000
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U. S., 1867, Grill all over, 5c brown	1,500
1867, Grill all over, 30c orange	1,500
1867, Grill 18x15 mm. 3c rose	1,500
* 1851, 1c Type I	1,500
* Aug. 1861, 12c black	1,500
Confed. States, Emory, 5c blue	1,500
Franklin, 5c blue on buff	1,500
Goliad, 10c rose	1,500
Gonzales, gold on garnet	1,500
Greenwood, 10c black on laid	1,500
Independence, 10c black on pink	1,500
Austria, Newspaper, 1851, 6kr red	1,500
*Barbados, 1861-70, 1s blue, error	1,500
Bermuda, Postmaster, 1848, 1d black	1,500
Br. Guiana, 1850, 4c pale yellow on pelure	1,500
*France, 1849, 1fr orange-vermilion	1,500
*Gt. Brit., 1902-4, I. R. Official, 6d purple	1,500
* 1902-4, I. R. Official, 10sh ultramarine	1,500
Hawaiian Islands, 1851, 13c blue (A.2)	1,500
*Newf'dland, 1860, 6½d orange-vermilion	1,500
*Niger Coast, 1893, 20s in vermilion on 1s	1,500
* 1893, 20s in black on 1s	1,500
*Spain, 1865, 12c rose and blue, Frame Inverted	1,500
* 1867, 25m blue, Frame Inverted	1,500
Tuscany, 1853, 4c green, value Inverted	1,500
* 1860, 3 lire, ochre	1,500
Germany, 1906-11, 5m slate & carmine, centre Inverted	1,500
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*Canada, 1851, 12d laid paper	1,250
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Marion, 5c black	1,000
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Bavaria, Postage due, 1889, 2pf in red on 3pf gray	1,000
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*British Guiana, 1852, 1c magenta	1,000
Canada, 1851, 12d black on laid	1,000
*Ceylon, 1857, Imperf. 9d lilac brown	1,000
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* 1865-67, 2d yellow green	1,000
Dominica, 1886, 1d on 6d green	1,000
*Fiji Islands, 1878, 2d ultramarine	1,000
*Finland, 1856, 5 kop. tête-bêche	1,000
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Gold Coast, 1883, 1d on 4d magenta	1,000
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* 1d rose red, plate No. 77	1,000
* 4d vermilion, plate No. 16	1,000
* 4d sage green, plate No. 17	1,000
* Board of Education 1902, 1sh green and carmine	1,000
Guadeloupe, Postage due, 1876, 40c blue	1,000
*Hong Kong, 1882, Crown CA, perf. 12	1,000
*Mexico, 1892, 10p blue-green	1,000
*New Brunswick, 1s dull violet	1,000
*Newfoundland, 1860, 1s orange	1,000
* 1860, 1s on laid	1,000
*New Zealand, 1855, 1sh no wmk. green on blue	1,000
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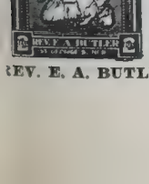

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SOME U. S. AUCTION PRICES

By J. O. MOORE, JR.

Percy G. Doane's 183d sale, held at the Collectors Club, New York, February 12th and 13th, proved one of those which furnish a key to current prices and its results are worth recording in the good old note book. The collection dispersed was that of Mr. Charles R. Gehrman, who chose his stamps with care and got together a very fine lot of U. S. regular issues, departments, essays and proofs, and some very nice Confederates. There were none of the 4-figures postmasters' provisionals, no very fancy pieces, but a sound lot of stamps in particularly good condition. New high prices were realized for many stamps that catalog under $5.00 in ordinarily fine condition, but which leave catalog figures in the distance when truly superb.

A very nice copy of the 5c New York (No. 17) canceled with the familiar red PAID sold $71, while a similar copy pen-canceled brought an even $40. Fairly representative figures I thought. Fine copies of the 5c and 10c '47's proved to be very much in demand and at prices well above the levels of a year ago. Only the disconcerting last-minute announcement that the first one offered, a sheet margin copy apparently unused, dark brown shade, proved to have been cleaned knocked the price down to $13.25! Cleaned or not, two dealers afterwards told me they would have given nearly double if they had had time to think it over. A nice copy canceled with straight-lined PAID in black, the stamp with a slight smudge or stain sold $28.50; another with the far from rare framed Phila. PAID struck twice fetched $22.50; while a very pretty one with a blue town cancellation (off cover, too, mind you) realized the attractive price of $23.00. Another with Philadelphia town in blue, while still a third blue town cancellation on a nice stamp brought $13.75. A blue grid, off cover, sold for $15.50. The pairs did not particularly impress me and I thought they did fairly well to bring $40, $50, and $51.50 respectively. Singles on cover did well considering only one was remarkably fine. That was tied on with red PAID, grid and town cancellations and sold for $31. If 25% is added to these prices, at least, to cover overhead expenses and profit it is not hard to figure what a dealer who has no printing press and who is forced to buy his stock in the open market must charge for them if he is to continue in business.

The 10c, '47's in fine, though seldom superlative, condition were almost as strong, the prices ranging from $41 to $53 each for ordinary printings, to $66 for the variety "Line through F" and $142 for a fine copy of the big "POST OFFICE" shift on cover.

The 1c '51's were a nice lot and the prices realized made the catalog seem useless. There were four unused stamps of which three were in the deep blue shade generally attributed to Plate III. The first brought $32.50, the second $63 (this had a trace of imprint at right), while the third had a pinhole, but sold so far beyond my limit I was helpless with astonishment and failed to record the figure. Someone to my mind had a bargain in a vertical strip of Nos. 8, 18 and 28 R, Pl. I, early, for the No. 8 was a corking copy with strong scrolls, even though the lower stamps were below par. It sold at $145, but I think some of us were dozing at the time. Two fine singles, Type II used, black town cancellations, fine but not sheet margins, sold $12.50 each, while nice strips of three, not wonderful, brought $47 and $56 respectively. A type II with red City Dispatch "I" carrier off cover sold $11, while another No. 31 with black Phila., carrier was run up to $32, though the stamp otherwise fine was close at bottom.

3c, '51's evidently are still on the boom. The catalog says 15c off cover, and 25c on, but the first nice used single, with splendid margins and a black grid cancellation (certainly not a rarity) sold $2.75, while another single with part of imprint went for $8.50. A fine horizontal pair but with small margins, black town cancellation, $9.50; horizontal strip, very fine, $14.50. Another horizontal strip of 4 one stamps slightly defective, $22.00. "Line through THREE CENTS", ordinary, $11.50; the cracked plate through 84 and 94 in a pair, $103. Good copies with PAID or PAID 3 in circle sold at prices ranging from $2.90 to $4.10. "Steam" on cover $6.00 "Route 7309" $7.; Albany & Buffalo R. R. rather faint, $11.75; Phila. & Pottsville, $16.60; P. H. & Fishkill R. R., $20. Three fine copies, blue cancellations, $5.75!

All the 5c '51's brought good prices, the two really fine singles selling at $67 and $57 respectively, while the two covers brought $101 each.

Last year I thought the 10c '51's were in the doldrums, but the prices realized by these stamps at the Gehrman sale show they are off to a fresh start. The first offered, a superb copy of Type I, full shells, with sheet margin on neat cover was run up to $46.50, while the next brought $19.00. Fine singles Type II sold as follows: Type II, black town, canc., $6.50, $7.25, $13., $7.25, the highest price being for copy with shift in upper label. A nice pair sold $32, and a strip of three with sheet margin at top and left fetched $77.00. The Type III singles with black cancellations sold higher, bringing $12.75, $8.50, $6.75, $7.00, $9.00; a fine pair, $62. The Type IV, recut top or bottom sold $41.00 and $36.00; a pair, one recut, $39.00.

The 12c '51 is another fine stamp that has been selling below its fair level for a year or more. At this sale they did better, fine copies selling at $11.00 for one with a crease, but otherwise attractive; $20.50 for fine copy with red town; $22.00 for a fine uncanceled copy.

There were hardly enough of the rarer types of the 1c '57's to establish any prices standards, but a nice lot of the Type V with carrier cancellations. I think all of these sold for more than "Specialized" catalog prices, the black Phila. carrier bringing $4.25; black "U. S. Mail 2," $8.00 and off center at that; fine New York City Del. in red $6.25; blue Balto. $5.75; with the framed "1 ct" St. Louis topping them all with $10.50.

A block of Type II of the 3c '57's furnished one of the sensations of the sale. This was described merely as superb block of four "Pekin, Ills." town canc.

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By H. M. KONWISER.

Tentative plans have been made to entertain the members of the American Philatelic Society, at the New York convention next October, and these plans are being made upon the belief that about one thousand members of the society will attend the annual gathering.

Past attendance records were smashed at the last Detroit convention when three hundred or so registered, but all the conservative folks in New York agree that the attendance records for A. P. S. conventions will reach a total of great proportions at New York.

"Anyway," said Dr. J. B. Chittenden, "the convention is scheduled for New York; I am pleased to be able to head the Committee of Arrangement and those of us in this section must take a hand and show the folks that the New York stamp folks are social animals, with a very friendly disposition. It means work that is worth while."

Dr. Chittenden addressed the first public meeting of the Convention Committee at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on the evening of the 18th. A general call for co-operation had been sent out, asking for support and the report was that 200 had signified their intention of wanting to support the Convention Committee in any suitable manner, and thirty-four attended the first open meeting.

Announcement was made of committees, as follows:—

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Eliott Perry is expected to attend to the production of the annual convention photograph; A. E. Pade will look after the music required for the Sunday reception, as well as at the dinners scheduled: Lieut. Johnson, U. S. A., will be in charge of the boat ride that is scheduled, and Harry M. Konwiser will look after the publicity, having appointed on that committee, the following: Charles E. Severn, A. V. Dvorak, R. Bach, A. Lampe, Tom Binmore, N. R. Hoover and Crane of the New York *Times*.

It is not proper to divulge the entire entertainment at this time, as part of it will be left as a surprise. Nothing will be done to displease anyone, that everything will be done to please everyone. That seems a stunt beyond the ordinary, but as Harry Lindquist said, as he left Chicago — "Why, anyone can conquer New York."

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A STAMP club has been formed at Rahway, N. J. It consists of fourteen boys, and J. O. Marsh, one of our subscribers, is very much interested in the organization. He is so much interested as to subscribe for the WEEKLY for one year to be sent to the new organization.

THERE are two magazines published in Great Britain, one the *Stamp Collector* and the other *Stamp Collecting*. This accounts for the mistake which occurred in our issue of Jan. 25, when we reprinted an article on "Passing of Half Catalog," which originally appeared in the *Stamp Collector* and which we credited to the other magazine. We regret the mistake.

THE Bronx Philatelic Society meets at 784 East 156th St., the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Auction sales at every meeting. Collectors are invited to attend.

THE Harding Museum at Marion, O., was officially opened on February 22 and W. G. Windhurst of Marion with his usual enterprise took cognizance of the event by sending out an envelope suitably inscribed and bearing a Harding stamp with Feb. 22 postmark.

WALTER ENDRES sends us a clipping from the LaCrosse, Wis., *Tribune*, in which there is an account of an address on stamp collecting by Rev. Ferdinand Cech at the local Normal School.

THE Surburban Stamp & Curio Club and the Boston Philatelic Society held a joint dinner at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston, on Feb. 24. An account will doubtless appear in our next issue. Both the Managing Editor and Mr. Jewett acknowledged with thanks invitations to attend, and regretted their inability to accept.

CHARLES A. WEILLER, noticing our reading notice concerning Harrison Townsend, 28 S. Ridley Av., Aldan, Pa., who is crippled, sends us a dollar and asks us to purchase and send Mr. Townsend some stamps for his collection. We have passed this remittance on to H. E. Harris & Co., and asked the firm to fill the order. The WEEKLY is pleased to recognize this act upon Mr. Weiller's part and is glad of the opportunity of being the medium through which the collection of Mr. Townsend can be enlarged.

THE superb collection of Henry Schinzel has been acquired by Charles J. Phillips and due announcement has been made elsewhere in this issue. It is confined to 19th Century and has a catalog value of some $200,000, four great collections having been drawn upon for material. Mr. Phillips was a recent visitor to Chicago where he was the guest of the Chicago Philatelic Society on the occasion of its anniversary.

LOOKING ROUND

By "MARQUETTE."

A correspondent writes that he finds it impossible to cover Georgian Colonials on the small amount of cash he has available, and laments the monotony of these issues from the point of view of design.

I have always considered the De La Rue keyplate designs to be the bane of a British Empire collection, and think the time has come when the stamps of the Empire might be used to advertise the Empire's resources, in conjunction with the movement to extend trade within the Empire. The philatelist would no longer have to bemoan the monotony of British Colonial stamps.

There is at the present time a distinct reaction against modern Colonials, due mainly to the dullness of the present period, when most of the Script watermarks have been issued, and only a comparatively few changes are taking place. This reaction will probably continue until the adoption of a fresh watermark, or some similar cause, produces a further big batch of new Colonial stamps.

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A group of real interest to those who wish to specialise cheaply will be found in the modern issues of Roumania. The 1893 types, with their later variations, interlock with the equally interesting 1908 issue. The stamps of the war period have good reason for their existence, and many scarce perfs. may be picked up cheaply; while the current issue affords material for a really fine display. Perhaps it is their rather unattractive appearance which is responsible for the neglect of Roumanian stamps, but those who make a close study, either of the classic or later issues, should have no cause for complaint when this country attains recognition as one of the most interesting, philatelically speaking, in Europe.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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At the banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society on February 18, 1926, the guest of honor was Mr. Charles J. Phillips, who made a profound impression on the sixty-six diners by his intimate philatelic revelation. He chained the attention of all and his stories of King George, Ferrari and other truly great philatelists, so far as their enthusiasm was concerned were most interesting. Authoritative versions of the classic tales, such as the sacks filled with triangular Capes, woodblocks, errors and all were presented in vivid verbal pictures. We say with all confidence that Mr. Phillips is doing most effective work in broadening the views of collectors and focusing outside attention on philately. He has the vision to know that the growth of collecting will be relatively slight unless advantage is taken in these days of advertising generally, of the different phases of publicity. As one who puts precept into practice with intelligent direction, he deserves well of philatelists. At the banquet Mr. Phillips exhibited an old letter-sheet that was mailed from Chicago in 1834, and he thought rightly that the newspaper press would be interested in the bit of history that the text of the letter revealed. Mr. Phillips gave the cover, through Mr. Golding, the president of the C. P. S., to the Chicago Historical Society and the Sunday *Tribune* of Feb. 21st gave a good account of the data. Mr. Phillips told, also, of the plans for the working out of the huge Exhibition and the convention of the A. P. S., next October.

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Some months ago, the students of Webster College at Webster Grove, Missouri, started a movement having for its object the erection of a monument to Pelatlah Webster, "a father of the United States constitution," and at the time we were informed that the honorable Cleveland A. Newton, congressman from St. Louis, intended to introduce a bill providing for a Webster memorial this year, which is the second centenary of Webster's birth. A philatelist has engaged the attention of the Hon. Cleveland A. Newton to the question of a special two cent stamp to mark the date and he has suggested that a sort of referendum be taken of the opinion of collectors on the subject. Advices from a correspondent at Washington recently have hinted that bills providing for a number of celebration issues will be introduced this year and it is probable that he has some knowledge of the plans for the Webster exercises in any stamp relation. The indications are that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be a hive of industry this year, if the expectations of the hopeful stamp boosters are realized.

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A valued reader brings to notice a case involving the range of the stamp dealer's guarantee and in its ramifications, the question covers so much ground that it is impossible for one to make an equitable decision. The "guarantee" was discussed by the dealers at the last convention of the American Stamp Dealers' Association and the basis for a thorough consideration of the subject was formulated, but the topic was not debated to a finality. It is understood that the problem will be given the floor at the next convention and it is not unlikely that rules for the guidance of all will be adopted then. In the meantime, it is to be said that a reasonable regard for the rights of both buyer and seller must be recognized and we know that reputable dealers are not disposed to be arbitrary in settling cases when their liability is established.

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A few letters have come expressing concern over conditions that have been deplored several times in this column, touching upon the difficulty of obtaining philatelic material that might be used for stamp talks over the radio and for the columns of the non-philatelic press. Philatelists sometimes have the privilege of speaking at business and luncheon clubs and they wish to be fortified on such occasions by well-proportioned reviews of the subject of philately. One correspondent thinks that with our firm's "Charm of Stamp Collecting" and Poole's "Lure of the Postage Stamp" (which was distributed by Mr. Poole at the convention in Los Angeles) the philatelic volunteer is not badly equipped. Another collector says that if he can find the time, he will prepare a number of leaflets intended to "help fill the void."

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One Louis H. Allen, whose addresses are rather well scattered over the country and who is alleged to have preyed on numerous collectors evidently has reason to avoid the hospitable confines of Los Angeles, as Mr. Frank L. Coes, Worcester, Mass., the Nemesis of the elusive Allen has had the following letter from Deputy Sheriff Geo. H. Bent, 202 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California: "Am enclosing a picture of this subject (57126 Los Angeles police records) and am asking that if you ever come in contact with him or learn of his whereabouts, you will wire me direct, collect. This man is wanted on a very serious charge and secured his release pending trial by posting a $5,000 cash bond, which he forfeited and we are very anxious to catch this fellow. If you should by any chance come in personal contact with him, h the first officer you see arrest and h him for us." Allen attended some of stamp conventions, but the story of activities at Worcester broke just in t to keep him from joining the Ameri Philatelic Society, at Detroit. The le from the Los Angeles officer speaks itself and Mr. Coes is positive of identity of Allen whose foray in W cester brought a hue and cry after h Developments are awaited.

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A discovery of importance has Mr. E. R. Jacobs and Mr. R. McP. been, two Chicagoans who collaborate the study of early U. S., in their mi differences, to ask if there are two sta of Plate No. 1 used in making the cent stamps of 1851 and 1857. It been known for some time that one pl only was used for printing the imp forate ten cent of 1851. This plate b the number, 1, and all the four typ which include the recuts in later ca logues, came from this plate. Likew the four types, perforated, were produ from it. Type V stamps, which are ways perforated, came from a new pla number 2. These gentlemen now s "There has recently passed through hands an entirely new position of the imperforate showing an extraordina double transfer, comparable to the w known 10c shift of 1847. The 'X's' a surrounding frames are double and th is a very strong shift in the words, 'U. Postage,' the letters being double w the periods showing as colons. There a strong line across the colorless o surrounding the medalion reaching fr the 'N' of ten to the 'T' of cents. T value label has a strong line across t bottoms of all letters from 'E' of ten 'T' of cents. Many other details of t

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On February 16th, at the home of the Reverend Ray; Batavia, Illinois, a number of local collectors gathered to view the collection of airplane covers of Mr. Max Golding, president of the Chicago Philatelic Society and hear his remarks generally on the subject of stamp collecting.

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In the newspaper, *Neue Freie Presse*, Vienna, we find a well-handled stamp department, "Der Philatelist," under the charge of G. Luithien. Philately certainly is in the air, the world over.

The Wildwood *Leader*, New Jersey, of January 28, 1926, contains an interesting account of the philatelic activities and opinions of William Lycett, Cape May, N. J., secretary of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Mr. Lycett surely is entitled to all consideration for his consistent support of this society, which through his efforts and those of other unselfish workers has been restored to the position that was enjoyed by it of yore. Furthermore, he is tireless in promoting our pursuit by enlisting the interest of the younger generation in it. We find in *The Ink Well*, published by the pupils of Cape May High School, an article, "Philately," a well-written, but brief review, that is illustrated by the real thing in the way of a stamp, and a footnote says that the stamps were supplied by Mr. Lycett.

Jimmy Murphy, in his Toots and Casper comic strip, released February 14th, shows the baby, Buttercup, as indulging a penchant for collecting all the mail that he can find in his own home and at the doors of other tenants on the floor. The adoring mother exclaims in the last picture: "It's the stamps he likes, Casper. He's not going to be a mailman! He's going to be a great stamp collector!"

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* recently told of the death of Thomas Otis Blood, son of the last Daniel Otis Blood, known to fame as the originator and owner of Blood's Penny Post. We quote: "Mr. Blood's father, trading under the name of D. O. Blood and Company, issued postage stamps known as Blood's Penny Post, and which provided for delivery of mail from the post office to the home. Another, issued in 1845, Blood's City Post Despatch, was before the Post Office Department took over the personal delivery of mail."

Peter Mantzoros, a young student in Chicago, is doing exceptional service in stimulating stamp interest among the young people of his city. He not alone encourages the organizing of stamp clubs in different communities with which he has touch, but works to this end among the different junior societies, sponsored by the newspapers. A recent issue of the *Journal* contained the picture of Peter whose enthusiasm has been brought to the attention of the Chicago Philatelic Society; and it is possible that some alliance may be made between the two to further foster Peter's work.

Among the visitors to Chicago for the banquet of the local society on February 18th, were Mr. A. W. Filstrup, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Mr. A. C. Stewart, Toledo, Ohio, and Mr. N. E. Carter, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

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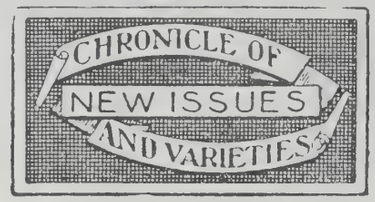

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Contract Air Mail Inaugurated

It will be recalled that some months back, mention was made in this column of the fact that the Postmaster General was authorized by Congress to enter into negotiations with private concerns for the carrying of air mail over certain routes. To date several contracts have been signed, but on Monday, February 15, 1926, there was inaugurated the first of these contract flights. The mail was carried via airplane through contract with the Ford Motor Company of Detroit, between Detroit and Chicago and Detroit and Cleveland. Arrangements were made for the mail to be carried in both directions.

The inauguration of this service was of such importance that I learn from clippings so kindly sent me by Mr. Herman W. Boers, that there were present when the plane set out from Dearborn (the location of the flying field immediately outside of Detroit) the Second Assistant Postmaster General in charge of the Air Service, the Governor of Michigan, the Mayor of Detroit, the Postmaster, Mr. Henry Ford and other notables.

Arrangements had been previously made for special cancellations and a description of the cancellations are worthy of note. Those used at both Dearborn and Detroit were identical in size and design, the differences being the substitution of the word "Dearborn" for "Detroit." The cancellation consists of three concentric circles nearly 1¾ inches in diameter reading "First Flight Inaugurating Contract Air Mail Service in U. S.—Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland—Detroit, Mich., 10 A. M. Feb. 15, 1926." Those that I have seen have been in black. Letters mailed from these points to Cleveland show a backstamping of "Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 15, 3 P. M." Those mailed to Chicago show a backstamp in one case of "Feb. 15, 8 P. M.," and in a second case "Feb. 16, 9 A. M."

In Cleveland, a special cancellation circular in form, in black reads, "First Air Mail Flight Feb. 15, 1926 Cleveland to Detroit" and vertically across within the center "Feb. 15-10 A. M. 1926." In addition, the Cleveland post office placed the flying wing insignia of the Air Mail Service on the front of the envelope. Mail from Cleveland to Detroit shows a backstamp similar to the one that this city used for the outgoing air mail dated "Feb. 15—6 P. M." Mail from Cleveland to Dearborn shows a Dearborn backstamp dated, "Feb. 15, 4.30 P. M." I have also seen a cover from Cleveland mailed on the field canceled, "Air Mail Field, Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1926" with the Detroit air mail backstamp dated 6 P. M. of the same day.

The city of Chicago used a similar air mail stamp to that of Cleveland, which they applied on the cover, but used to cancel the stamp the regular Chicago canceller reading, "Chicago, Ill., Air Mail Feb. 15, 6 A. M." For this trip the Chicago office had a special three line postmark reading, "First Air Mail Flight Feb. 15, 1926, Chicago to Detroit." Letters addressed to Detroit and Dearborn received the same backstamps as those from Cleveland. I have also seen a cover mailed from the air field in Chicago with cancellation reading, "Air Mail Field, Chicago, Ill. Feb. 15, 8 A. M." This cover received in addition the three line cancellation and the air mail cancellation just described on the other letters.

Mr. Boers, who has sent so many clippings regarding the flight, writes that on the evening of Feb. 15th, Messrs. Heyerman and Swan, two well known philatelists of the Detroit Philatelic Society, gave a small banquet in honor of Hon. W. Irving Glover, the Second Assistant Postmaster General. The banquet was held at the Detroit Athletic Club and eighteen members of the local society were present. Mr. Glover spoke on, "National Postal Affairs," Mr. Woodward on "Contracting Mail Service" and the postmaster, Mr. Kellogg, on "Local Postal Matters." Everyone present enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the whole affair was carried off in a way most creditable to Detroit.

Bureau Star Plates

In my chronicle of February 15th through error I stated that the 3c, 6c and 8c plates had been made in star form instead of the 3c, 8c and 12c. In other words no 6c plate has as yet been laid down but a 12c plate has been made with the star spacing.

In the case of these three plates, the well known six point star is found in the upper right pane, the 3c and 8c being near the top plate number and the 12c at the side.

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Report Director of Bureau, 1925

The annual report of the Director the Bureau of Engraving and Prin came to hand several days back, b have not had an opportunity of reviewi it heretofore. The report of Mr. A. Hall covers the year ending June 30, 1 During this time the Bureau exper an amount of $10,041,457.46, an incr of 6.8% over the previous year, the w completed exceeding all records, inclu the war peak. During these tw months the Bureau received from Post Office for the printing of 244,000 sheets of stamps, etc., an amount $1,710,801.46. It will, therefore, be that less than one-fifth of the work the Bureau is in behalf of the Post O Department.

During this period, many minor provements in economies in the Post Stamp Division were made in the g ming, perforating, book, coil and pac sections, which are concretely reflecte a reduction of sixteen employees an the increase of about five percent in duction. In the book section, unneces accounts of book covers and folded b were discontinued. In the coil sect the size of coil boxes was changed eliminate the neccessity for cardbo fillers. Gummed paper seals instead wax seals are now used on packages postage stamps. It was on October 1924, that a new scheme of organizat at the Bureau was put into effect. H tofore there had been a Director Assistant Director, but on this date new scheme inaugurated provided fo Director with three assistants one b in charge of each of three major gro of the Bureau.

The stamp which was issued in smal quantity during 1925 was the $5.00 and blue of which one hundred fifty-f sheets made their appearance. Of Norse-Americans, 88,680 sheets of the were delivered to postmasters and du the same time 17,425 sheets of the 5c. the Postage Due varieties, the 30c c tinues as heretofore to be the denom tion used in the smallest quantity, for 1,378 sheets were delivered, the nea approach to the figure being the 50c, which 17,730 reached the hands postmasters.

The report covers the delivery to Canal Zone of upward of 50,000 she of stamps, which includes two hund sheets of the $1.00, five hundred she of the 50c and five hundred sheets of 30c. Of the Postage Due stamps s charged for the Zone, three hund sheets of the 1c were delivered and hundred each of the 2c and 10c.

The report also covers the delivery "Specimen" stamps to the Postal Un but on inquiry I learn from the Depa ment that this does not mean that t are surcharged "Specimens", but simply the normal stamps which t classify as specimens.

The Philippines received nearly o half million sheets of stamps wherein smallest deliveries were in the case of 12c and 26c of which but twenty-t sheets were sent to the Islands and the 8c, fifty-two sheets. This small nu ber is no doubt accounted for in the lar

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data concerning the Revenue stamps.

DAHOMEY.—The Economist Stamp Co.
e shown us the 30c and 50c, type of
1913 issue, in new colors. The former
now in yellow with lilac centre while
50c is in soft shade of red with blue
the middle.

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA. — The
onomist Stamp Co. have shown us the
brown and blue, 30c grey and yellow
l the 50c carmine and green stamps of
bon all surcharged for use in this
ony. The overprint on the first value
in red, but the other two are in black.

FRENCH OCEANICA. — The 10c in red
nge and dark red, 30c in black and red
nge and the 50c in grey and blue are
w on sale. The Economist Stamp Co.
vise us of these changes.

GERMANY.—In regard to the recently
onicled Charity stamps Mr. A. Wag-
advises that he is informed by a rela-
e of his holding a position of high
hority that these stamps will have
tal value up to and including May 15,
6. This is six weeks longer than orig-
lly intended. Mr. Wagner also sends
a translation of an article that ap-
red in the *Illustrierte Briefmarken-
rnal* in the Feb. 3rd edition and is as
lows:—

"The German P. O. Department con-
plates, on the occasion of the impend-
new issue of postage stamps, to print
mps in the colors stipulated by the
iversal Postal Union. New stamps,
wever, are not to be expected before
summer of 1926, because the very
ge stock of stamps of the current set
l not be cleared before that date. To
ie stamps of a 15pf and 25pf denomi-
ion (the present postage for foreign
ds and letters respectively) for the in-
terval is not feasible, because the quantity of stamps required for so short a period would be disproportionate to the cost of a special issue."

The above mentioned periodical is published by Senf Brothers of Leipsig, Germany.

IVORY COAST. — The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 10c is now on sale in rose red on grey and the 30c in blue and rose red.

MAURITANIA.—Three new colors have appeared. They are the 10c magenta on grey, 30c black and yellow and 50c green and blue. The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us the new items.

MAURITIUS. — Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have sent for note the following new colors all in the Arms type and on script watermarked paper, 2c lilac on yellow, 3c green on white, 4c brown on white, 12c grey on white and 20c lilac on white.

NIGER TERRITORY.—The Economist Stamp Co. report that the 10c is now being printed in magenta on grey paper.

POLAND. — Mr. Frederick D. Markee sends a cover from this country bearing the date of Jan. 15th last that has a 10gr Charity stamp of new design. It is bright blue in color and at the top has the two line inscription "Z Powins Zowaniem Nowego Roku". Just below is the year date "1926". In the centre is the likeness of a woman with a small child kneeling at her knee.

REUNION.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to the following new colors: 10c red and orange red, 30c grey and rose red and 50c yellow and violet.

Russia. — In a recent letter from Mr. Karl Koslowski he informs us that the set of small stamps chronicled in issue No. 1831 is called the Decabristu issue, but that he cannot give further information regarding the designs.

ST. LUCIA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 3p purple on yellow, script watermark, Die 2. This is a reversion to the old color but the new die.

SENEGAL. — The Economist Stamp Co. report the following changes: 30c grey and blue, 50c red orange and green and the 1fr in blue.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the new triangular 4p stamp with the surcharge in black sans serif capitals "South West Africa" in two lines on the English type and "Suidwes-Afrika" in one line on the Dutch.

We have also received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. copies of the ½p and 1p, new type of the Union of South Africa surcharged vertically alternately so that the surcharge in Dutch falls on the Dutch inscribed stamp and the English overprint on the English. Mr. Roberts also sends for chronicle a pair of the 1 pound stamps of the Union of South Africa with the surcharge "South West" 16mm and "Zuidwest" 12mm in length, 9½mm between the lines of the overprint.

UNION OF S. AFRICA.—The issue of a reproduction of the Cape Triangular in the new series for this Dominion, the early values of which are now at last to hand, proves that the Union Government has the intention of making collectors pay a proportion of the cost of producing the new stamps, for an imperf. stamp of triangular shape is by no means practical for general use, even though, for the convenience of business firms, the stamps are sold, already cut up, in packets.

Nor can we imagine that the issue of alternate stamps with inscriptions in English and Dutch (in the same sheet in the case of the ½d and 1d and in different sheets in the 4d) is a real necessity, as dual inscriptions on the same stamp are quite feasible.

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9	1921, Famous Snake Triangles 620-24	5	.50	.35
10	1924, Registration complete 630-34	5	.75	.45
11	1897, 3c and 8/3c, 2 values 58, 128	2	.20	.10
12	1906, 1c to $5 complete, Post. and Of. 101-13, 798-808	26	4.98	2.50
13	1918, 1c to $5 complete, Post. and Of. 163-75, 845-57	26	14.40	3.50
14	1921, 1c to 75c 134-5, 183-91	11	2.20	.75
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I have remounted the stamps in about 126 of my approval books and I can now send collectors any country on approval that they care to see.

The prices are, in general, on the following basis. Stamps from 1880 to 1900 from 50 to 60% of catalogue. Stamps before 1880 about 30 to 35% under catalogue, except for exceptionally fine pieces in early issues which are priced at low market values. The following are brief details of the approval books I have now priced ready for sale.

Ceylon

The old "pence" issues form the most valuable group in the whole collection. I have ten books made up pricing to over $18,000. I have divided these into (I) stamps on covers, (II) unused, (III) used.

In the unused there is a fine Imperf. 4d from the Sir W. B. Avery collection, price $1500 (cat. $2500), five 1s 9d green in shades, and a grand lot of "Star" and "C & C C" in shades.

The used include 10 of the 6d on blued paper and a fine lot of imperf. 4d, 8d, 9d, 1s 9d and 2s. Later issues are superb.

West Indies

There are eighteen books of these with all the old issues strongly represented. In Trinidad I note four unused blue lithographs with a superb very early impression with gum, the only one I have had, thus, in forty years dealing. The Barbados are very fine and include 1d on half of 5sh unused superb pair, two used pairs and several singles. St. Vincent very strong in unused and used. All the Provisionals, the rare 5sh Star is here in six well centered copies. Grenada has most of the errors, many being both unused and used. Turks Island, many of the rare surcharges. Nevis, a grand lot for plating, a great opportunity to fill up gaps in one's plates.

British Guiana has some good items, such as 1852, 4c blue (Scott 7) unused; 1862, 4c blue, a strip of 4 types unused. Set of the rare officials unused, etc., etc. British Honduras. All the rare provisionals, Scott's 26, 26a, 51a, etc.

New South Wales

A fine lot of "Sydney Views", 4 fine unused and 83 used. These include a superb strip of four 1d, plate II. The other Australian Colonies are well represented.

British North America

Most of the rarities are here. Canada, a superb 12d laid paper, unused. New Brunswick, two 1sh's and the 5c Connell. Newfoundland, scarlet, 2d unused, orange 1s unused, etc., etc.

Space will not allow full description, but all the British Colonies 19th Century are very fine and most Foreign Countries are well represented, for instance:—Naples "Arms" and "Cross" unused, and also used on newspapers.

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The annual banquet of A. P. S. Branch No. 58, the Collectors Club of Southern California, was held February 11th at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, an establishment whose magnificent appointments and superb cuisine are world famous.

President Sydney B. Brown and his entertainment committee, Messrs. Bloss, Henry, Weisbrod and Prof. J. T. Armstrong, provided an array of entertainment of high and varied order, the management of the Club delivered a banquet of super-satisfaction, the diners were equipped with all the necessary qualifications to enjoy both program and feast, and when the soiree ended at a late hour, the only kicks that had been registered were those of a "cute" little dancer who seemed to have a great deal of attraction for the bachelor member of the entertainment committee.

The usual procedure of the Los Angeles club, that of a throttling long-winded oratory, was rigidly followed: President Brown, in asking members to speak, placed a strict limit on the speech, so that everything was short and snappy. One speaker was allotted five minutes: he used two by the stop watch. Whereupon the next person called to the front was allowed but two, and spent them in protesting the discrimination.

Bill Bloss spent his time, as always, in boosting for a bigger A. P. S. membership. Charley Beamish told a story about Russell Sage, and cut as close to the limit as possible—3c. Parker Lyon prayed for Western Franks on cover, and described himself as the "Original Overland Male." Harold Sandberg, the club treasurer, invited the assemblage to visit him at Sandberg, the town of which he is landlord, banker, postmaster, and J. P. Harry Lelande spoke of the "good old days" of stamp collecting in California, when there was sawdust underfoot, and watermarks were detected by means of "suds" instead of benzene.

The Allied Artist's Bureau presented the following program: Ballads, Miss Billie Hoffman; Dances, Miss Pauline Becker; Jazz Songs, Miss Irene McKinney, and Pianist, Miss Nianne Ghirardelli. The songs were soothing to the ear, and the performers, without exception, were more than soothing to the eye.

Prof. Armstrong also presented a program, as follows: Greek Songs, Mario Gengio; Irish Song, M. Franklin, and Old English Impersonations, D'Arcy Corrigan.

Seventy-five diners absorbed the following menu:

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Prof. Armstrong predicted that the next banquet would have 150 persons in attendance, and a menu such as the above should certainly produce this result. L. M. Passmore told us that he is going to buy three tickets for himself next time, and spend the night with the eats.

The Los Angeles A. P. S. Branch now has over one hundred members, and is reaching out for the largest membership in the United States. The officers are:—President, Sydney B. Brown; Vice-President, Chas. Beamish; Treasurer, Harold Sandberg; Secretary, J. D. Fisher; Board of Governors: Messrs. Lelande, Henry and Weisbrod; Entertainment, Prof. Armstrong and Byl Bloss; Publicity, Messrs. Thompson, Gerson, and Fischer.

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ANY reader of our paper who has been unable to secure replies to letters addressed to Wesley W. Hibbard, Detroit, Mich., are requested to file complaint with the Postmaster at Detroit.

RECENTLY Arthur M. Lazier of Jamestown, N. Y., submitted a suggestion to the P. O. Department for a Sesqui-Centennial commemorative stamp. The Third Assistant Postmaster General replied that the issuing of a set of postage stamps is under consideration, but no definite action has yet been taken.

THE *Detroit News* of Feb. 15th had a very comprehensive article dealing with the institution of airmail service between Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago as the marking of a new era in American history. Clipping from Philip Short.

THE Huntington (W. Va.) Stamp Club held its first annual celebration February 16th. Harry E. Bryan and Howard M. Jones were re-elected respectively President and Secretary.

IN the *British American Illustrated Review* for January, 1926, appears an excellent article by Albert H. Harris on "The World's First Postage Stamp." Thanks to Wm. M. McFarlan for the clipping.

WE have information of several impending important changes in New Zealand stamps. The 1d stamp is to bear a portrait of His Majesty in Admiral's uniform, and the new 2s, 2s6d, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 10s, will present the King in his Field Marshal's Uniform. These new issues are due for issue about April next. The old Queen's Head long stamps have done duty as postals since 1883, of course, with several changes of paper and watermarks.—WILCOX, SMITH & Co.

WE are indebted to Cecil F. Blogg for several stamp clippings. From one we glean the fact that the Belgian Government has decided to issue some overprinted stamps for the benefit of sufferers from the recent floods to which Belgium has been subjected. Another clipping describes the activities of the Puget Sound Branch of the American Philatelic Society.

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in black. It started quietly enough, but soon was bouncing along at $5 a lick until sold at $91.00. Of course it was a "sleeper" the lower right stamp being the rare damaged plate variety showing a vertical row of triangular scars on Washington's neck. Even so, an ordinary used block of the same stamps sold up to $15.25, and three singles with shifts sold at from $2.50 to $5.00.

Truly fine copies of the 5c brick red ran well above catalog, selling at $39.00, $37.00, and $60.00, each with just ordinary cancellations. The only copy of the red brown described as "very fine" brought $28.50, while the 5c browns Type I sold for $11.25, $11.75, $13.75, and $14.25 respectively. A beautiful strip of 3 on cover seemed cheap at $101.00. Type II stamps of this value continued to sell well below catalog, the best copies bringing $7.00 to $8.00.

Fine copies of the 10c '57, Plate I, as usual ran away from list prices. When well centered these stamps are very scarce and though No. 49a only lists $3.50 the three fine singles offered here brought $5.75, $6.25, and $10.50, with $36.00 offered for a fine strip of three. The 10c No. 50's also brought good prices one with PAID selling $6.00, Wells Fargo cancellations on singles bringing $8.00 and $14.00 each; STEAM SHIP, $11.00, and a fine copy on cover marked "via Panama" (which is usual) $14.00.

Another stamp just beginning to be recognized at something like its true relative value, the 12c 1857, went well over list prices for every truly fine copy, the prices realized ranging from $7.00 to $10.50. A fine pair on cover with red "Liverpool" cancellation brought $39.00. The higher values of the series were not well represented and the prices consequently were low.

All the 1c '61's ran so far away from my pretty high bid limits I failed to record the prices of the ordinary copies, but noted a pair with cross-cut cancellation sold $9.75, and 2 copies on a small piece with red grid cancellation, $10.50. But the Waterbury cancellations on these stamps sure set something to shoot at, with $91 for the "Bridgeport Fireman", and $37.00 for the pumpkin. A 3c pink, beautiful shade, tied to cover with green Woonsocket canc. was run up to $35.50, and not dear at that, though an ordinary shade of the 3c, not pink, with red N. Y., carrier, proved a surprise when it was run up to $14.50.

Other cancellations of the 3c stamps sold well; the deer in circle fetching $26.50; "Devil with pitchfork" off cover $19.50; same on flap of cover, $34.50; a Brooklyn shield, $9, while an off-cover copy with experimental cancellation of overlapping circles covered with Washington p. m. sold $36.00.

The buffs were only medium fine and brought prices to match, ranging from $12 to $25. Nor were 10c No. 68's anything to brag about though anything above ordinary brought well over catalog.

Other values in the '61 issues, where very fine, showed what connoisseurs thought of list prices. Of the 12c one with red grid sold $7.50; a fine blue town, $8.25; a red heart, not too bright nor well centered, $21.50; horizontal pair, black town, $6.75. I wanted one of the 30's with a black town and red target, but what chance taking a profit on a stamp cataloguing $3 if you have to pay more than $46 for it? Two singles, one with black town another with blue town, the pair, $20! Another with ordinary Boston PAID in grid, $8.25. Good morning Carrie!

Of the '62 series a very pretty copy of the 5c with blue target canc., $9.50; another on cover with Honolulu postmark, $28.00. That the 15c Lincoln is in the $10 class was demonstrated when every well (not perfectly) centered copy sold $6.10, $6.50, $8.50, $8.75. Only one copy out of a dozen sold for less than the $3.50 quoted in the cat., that brought $3.35. Same thing with the 24c lilac, cat. $2.50, for they sold $7.50, $4.10, $5.25, $7.00, $9.00, $4.10. And nothing to go screaming home to mother about either. A 24c, 30c and 3c with straight edge, combination on cover to Shanghai, $53.00.

Of the grilles two fine 12's with red cancellations sold $7.00 and $9.25, while a nice looking town cancellations on a slightly creased copy fetched another $7. An ordinary 3c grille with Shanghai U. S. Postal Agency, $7.25. An off center 3c with tombstone and skull and crossbones, $37., another on cover with a horse-shoe in circle $15.25. Pretty near time to being collecting odd dates on $50 gold slugs.

I thought $2 a good price for a dealer to pay for a nice 1c 1869, with town cancellation; but some collector on the floor thought it was worth $7.25. Other neat copies with nothing important in the way of cancellations sold, $3, $5.60, $4.50, $4.50, $4.25, $5.25. A single unused copy of the 2c '69 cut from the sheet so margins of surrounding stamps were included in the piece $5.50. A fine 3c with quite common green canc., $6.25; another with small skull and crossbones $15.25; Osaka, Japan, $10.25; the Waterbury "boot" on 3c on cover, $43.00. The 10c with Hiogo, Japan, $12.25; a 12c with black star, $10.25; 15c type I with blue canc., $14.00.

The later issues were thinner, not enough of any one thing to represent values until we reached the carriers, all of which, when fine, went way well beyond accepted standards. Two eagle carriers on covers, usual red star cancs. sold $11.00 and $12.25; Baltimores, black, $7.50, $14.00; 1c red, $35.50, $20.25; Boston, only "fine", $29.00, $18.75, $35.50; New York, 3c blue, $26, $62, $28; U. S. Mail, 1c rose, $20; 1c yellow, $14.50; Philadelphia, 1c on buff, $51.00.

The few Confederates of regular issues also showed spirit for a pair of 5c green on cover cat. $8.00, sold $16.00; two fine 10c blue, cat. $6.00, sold $7.25, $7.75, while a beautiful looking though slightly creased copy of the 10c rose, No. 204, was bid up to $47.00.

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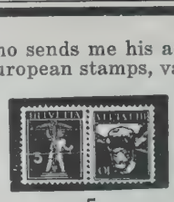
Swiss tête-bêche stamps	10	10		20	02
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(It is not our practice to publish details of flights. We are always glad to publish news matter which deals directly with the use of stamps upon airmail routes. However, this article taken from the "Buffalo Evening News" is worthy of re-printing. The first contract airmail service records an historical event that deserves attention. Moreover, this article contains certain information which will make it interesting reading.—W. O. W.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The first of the contract air mail services went into effect Monday. Detroit, to which contracts for conveying mail between Chicago and Detroit and Cleveland and Detroit were awarded by the post office department, took over formal operation of the routes. The second of the ten contracts awarded in various parts of the country is expected to go into effect April 1 on the Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami, Atlanta routing. The other successful contractors will start their planes during the spring with the Chicago-Fort Worth service commencing to function early in April.

In addition, contracts for a route between Chyenne, Wyo., and Pueblo, Col., will be let March 1st. The new Cleveland-Pittsburgh contract will be awarded March 22nd and that between Chicago and Atlanta, March 27th. The last named represents a revision of the original Chicago-Birmingham proposal, for which no satisfactory bid was received.

Several other routes are under consideration for which no satisfactory bids are likely at present. This is due to the fact that they involve night flying and private contractors seem to consider prohibitive the expensive lighting of flight planes incident to such transportation. This is the case with the Chicago-St. Louis Memphis-New Orleans journey. Eventually, night flying on many routes must come, since departure in the morning means that much of the mail carried might have been dispatched on trains leaving the night before and have reached its destination equally as soon.

Basis of Contracts

The law authorizing the installation of the contract air mail service provides that compensation shall not exceed 80 per cent of the revenue from the mail carried. Most of the contracts have been let on a percentage basis, but some have been awarded at so much an ounce. The minimum postage charge is ten cents an ounce so that a specific rate in a contract may be translated into a percentage.

Under the contracts, the contractors pay all expenses, including those for landing fields. Post office department simply delivers mail to the fields and takes it away from them. The contracts carry penalty clauses providing for fines for failure to fly or to adhere reasonably close to schedules where the fault is with the contractor. Dangerous flying weather or acts of Providence are accepted as legitimate excuses for failure to maintain schedules.

No guarantee is given by the department to any contractor. While there is no official knowledge of the fact, it is believed that in some cases contractors have been guaranteed against loss by civic bodies, such as chambers of commerce. The department frowns on such practices, holding that the experiment should rise or fall on its merits.

At present all schedules are tentative and only a hazy idea exists as to how penalties are to be assessed. It will be practically six months before any general set of rules can be put down. Estimates of the revenue which will accrue from operation of the routes are tentative at best.

The routes started today provide for carrying mail from the air ports at Dearborn, Mich., 91 miles to Cleveland and back six days a week. The contract calls for payment at the rate of 6¾ cents an ounce.

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THE annual meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions was held Monday, March 1st, at the Collectors Club, 120 W. 49th Street, New York City, for the purpose of electing fifteen directors to serve three years. The following were elected:—J. M. Bartels, E. N. Costales, Charles Curie, P. G. Doane, H. M. Konwiser, A. H. Lamborn, H. M. Lewy, A. F. Lichtenstein, J. C. Morgenthau, H. B. Newman, A. E. Owen, Elliott Perry, B. W. H. Poole, W. R. Ricketts and P. M. Wolsieffer.

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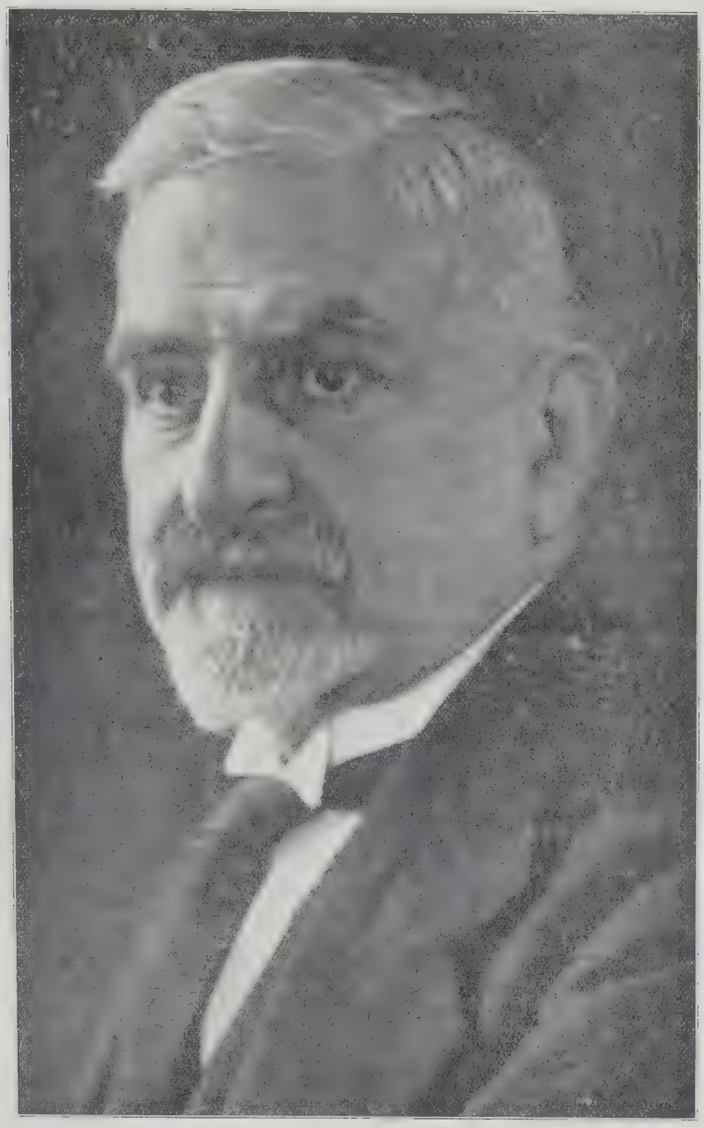

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In 1906 he received the Lindenberg award consisting of a medal and diploma awarded annually by the Berlin Philatelic Club to that philatelist who, in their estimation, stood out paramount in the year's philatelic activities.

Dr. Diena has been a member of practically every International Philatelic Exhibition jury during the last forty years and when he attends the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in New York during October of this year, he will have served his twenty-fifth time as a member of an international jury. I doubt whether there is anyone today who can begin to approach this record.

When I arrived in Rome in December of 1924, my thoughts first turned to Dr. Diena and through his courtesy I spent a most enjoyable day going over a small portion of his philatelic treasures. I had thought heretofore that I had seen many specialized collections, but I doubt whether there is a collection of the issues of any country that approaches Dr. Diena's holdings of Italy and the Italian states in thoroughness. When you realize that he will take a country and not only go in for the individual stamps in singles and blocks, but will plate every variety platable and have every cancellation known, you will appreciate to what I refer. In plating his varieties he is not satisfied with only one plate, but wants it in its different stages of wear, that is, he will show the sharp early prints, the medium prints and the worn prints. When a stamp runs in shades, he endeavors to get together reconstructed sheets of each shade. In the canceled varieties, he wants every cancellation known to every town and he generally has them so arranged that from his canceled copies you can see when a certain postmark came into use and when it was superseded by a further postmark. Dr. Diena started his accumulation at a time when these stamps were readily available for today it would be physically impossible for anyone to duplicate his holdings—no matter what amount he might have at his disposal. I especially recall a portion of his wonderful lot of Sicily. He has the Bomba heads all plated in their different states showing the many recuts and retouches. When a collector today locates a beautiful copy of the 50 grana which catalogs at $40.00, he naturally prides himself on having something choice, but Dr. Diena has two half sheets of this variety in mint condition, in addition to numerous used specimens. He possesses a wonderful array of covers, showing odd combinations. His books on these stamps no doubt ranks as a master piece of philatelic literature.

Although I spent most of the day with Dr. Diena, I believe that it took me fully several hours to look over his collection of this issue alone, which in the catalog covers but a small portion of a column.

Those who have had the pleasure of visiting Dr. Diena will also appreciate that he owns possibly the second or third finest philatelic library in the world. He subscribes to most all of the known philatelic papers, which he carefully files and in the case of monographs, he has practically everything.

Dr. Diena's two sons are equally interested in postage stamps and he tells me that their knowledge of the stamps of Italy and its states is almost as great as his own for they have studied the varieties together and what one has learned has been impressed upon the other.

America will welcome Dr. Diena with open arms at the exposition and many of his old friends in this country will look forward to his visit with a great deal of pleasure.

I might tell a little story about him that came to me indirectly quite recently. It seemed that a well known banker of Vienna was exceedingly anxious to add to his already large holdings the wonderful collection of Dr. Diena and sent a representative to Rome to negotiate the purchase, instructing his representative to buy the collection at any price placed upon it.

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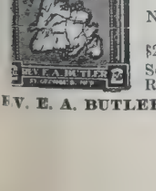

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A short time ago it was proposed to compile a list of the issues of 1882, along the lines of the specialization in the catalogue. A number of correspondents have favored this, but Mr. Hammatt and Mr. Young are the only ones who have supplied material for the lists. Shades and varieties are already listed and we therefore need only to list the cancellations. So far these are as shown below.

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1883, 2c red brown, black, blue, purple, magenta, violet, green, Railroad, Packet Boat, Paid, town.

1883, 4c blue green, black, Supplementary Mail, town.

1887, 2c green, black, blue, purple, magenta, red, green, railroad, town.

1c ultramarine, black, blue, purple, magenta, red, green, town.

A number of interesting items have been submitted. Mr. Wm. S. Eager sent many of these in one lot.

A 3c green on cover from Dalton, Mass., with a large obliterator on the stamp, which appears to be a colorless E in a big black field, makes one wonder why it's an E, instead of a D.

Taunton, Mass., used green ink for its cancellations in the 50's, and liked it so well that a cover from there dated Oct. 1, 1870, has a green postmark, though the stamps are canceled in black.

And Auburndale, Mass., used year dates in both 1875 and 1876 as is evidenced by two covers dated in those years, the 1876 being magenta.

Then there is a 3c green canceled with black quarterings from a town with this postmark

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Who can tell us the whole name of the town?

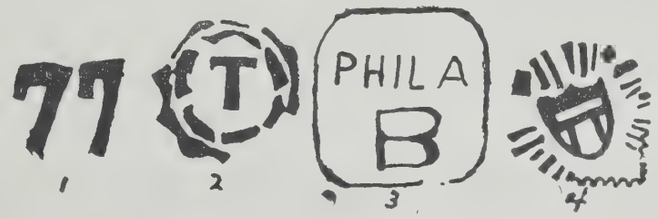
There is also a cover from Peru, Mass., with the large 76 cancellation, and one from Hinsdale, Mass., with just as large 77. (Cut 1.)

A 2c green 1887 cover mailed at Townsend, Mass., has a green postmark and a green star on the stamp, and the date is Mar. 27, 1888. The letter is addressed to Hudson, Mass., and on the back the name of that town appears twice dated Mar. 27. A pen stroke has been drawn through Hudson, and Lincoln written, then that has been similarly treated and Norwood written in place of it. At some time on its journey a second stamp has been added and this is canceled black quartering. And on the face is the postmark Auburndale, Mass., Apr. 4, and then on the back Norwood, Mass., Rec'd Apr. 4. Plenty of postmarks.

A postal card mailed in Chicago in 1874 is canceled with a large T in a double circle, in blue. (Cut 2). This card has an enormous watermark, part of which looks like P. O. D., but there is another portion of it, which I can not make out. Perhaps some more ingenious person can tell us what it is? And was it the regular thing or just an occasional happening?

A 1c stamp on a cover is canceled with a Phila. obliterator which is, to me, new, and odd. (No. 3.)

Mr. Samuel Bennett has sent a two cents 1887 canceled with a neat little shield, which must be quite scarce. It is off cover and the place at which it was used is not known. Who can identify it? (No. 4.)



Dr. H. A. Robinson shows a cover postmarked U. S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, on which are two 2c green and a 1c ultramarine of the 1887 issue.

Another cover postmarked Dwarskill, N. Y., with that nice little shield in a circle on the stamp.

And a cover with two 1c 1887 and a special delivery stamp, in the upper right corner of which is pasted a pink label reading "Originally 'held for postage' at New York as short paid, and now forwarded on receipt from you of stamp necessary for full prepayment."

Dr. Robinson also includes some fine cancellations on 2c red brown and 3c green, including a pair of the first each showing a horse's head, a single with a padlock on which appears U. S. Mail in colorless letters, two pumpkin heads, two shields, a four leaf clover, and a skull and bones.

From Mr. Warner Bates, 73 W. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y., I have recently received a supply of prints of the 3c green, made from a drawing by Major Bonesteel. These are large and can be used to draw in plate varieties, such as scratches, cracks, double transfers, or other items, and Mr. Bates suggests that if these drawings are made in red ink, the print so treated will be a very nice thing to mount in our albums beside the original, and will be a mighty attractive addition. Mr. Bates also offers to supply these prints to anyone who wants them at cost, which is extremely generous, and they

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THAT "ONE BIG CLUB" IDEA

By J. E. GUEST.

Considerable interest has doubtless been taken in Mr. Coes article on the formation of one big society for philatelists. This is not a new idea, but has been proposed from time to time by various philatelists and usually abandoned when it was found that the membership (collectors) were not interested, but perfectly satisfied to endeavor to build their own society, under the direction of the officers they themselves choose.

However, the suggestion that some sort of a meeting ground be arranged or worked out where the questions of importance to philatelists could be discussed once a year by delegates from the several different societies might be considered practical enough to enlist the support of the members of our leading stamp clubs.

In line with this suggestion I would quote from the editorial page of *The Stamp Collectors Magazine* of New York, issue of December, 1925. In commenting on a suggestion that the smaller societies combine with the larger ones, Mr. Bach states as follows:—"Had there been a suggestion of forming a Federation of stamp clubs, in which all clubs were members, with a national head and advisory board, and to which each club were entitled to send delegates to elect that national head, then it would be a suggestion worthy of consideration. Under such a Federation each club would be free to go its own ways as long as they followed a national constitution, which would have to be written and each club could transact its own affairs absolutely independent and free from domination. If this should come to pass organized philately would have accomplished something."

If Mr. Coes had but an idea in mind like the proposed or suggested Federation, one similar to which we understand exists in this country under the name of the United Stamp Societies, well and good, but one would infer that he wishes to take all the assets of our largest society, including the insurance fund accumulated by its own sales department and place this in trust to protect the smaller sales departments of other societies.

If Mr. Coes believes that the time has come to launch another society to absorb all the other clubs, not excepting the finances of these clubs into a common fund, then it would seem the best thing for him to do to see if this sort of a club meets with the approval of the collectors at large is to get a charter for his club and invite members of the various present stamp societies to resign from their respective societies and come into the new one.

The "One Big" idea is not a new one, only a few years ago we will recall that a "One Big Union," was advocated, in which all Union Labor were asked to participate, but as it seems that such a union was being pushed forward by smaller organizations and not by the leaders, and also it seemed that the main purposes was for these smaller unions by outnumbering the larger ones in such a "One Big Union" would be able to outvote them. The larger ones turned a deaf ear to the plan. Why should these larger and financial strong Unions allow the smaller and weak ones to combine against them and dissipate their finances in propaganda work?

Mr. Coes overlooks the self evident fact that the "One Big Club" has arrived. It is the American Philatelic Society, with around 3,500 members, an official monthly organ second to none and the largest sales department of any society in the world. A sales department that takes the time of two persons to manage.

Now that the large society has been discovered and made known to Mr. Coes it could in order be suggested that he endeavor to help that society grow more powerful and influential in the philatelic world by joining others of the hard workers it has lined up with it and recruit members. If any other club wishes to disband then let them do so at their own wish and apply for membership in the now "One Big Society" that has arrived. There is only one way to get into this society and that is by individual application and not by adoption.

The A. P. S. is big, it's the largest in the Country. It has over $15,000.00 in cash assets. Over $6,000 of this is in its sales department insurance fund and every year this has been increased even after losses occurring have been paid. The A. P. S. charges members insurance on the books they enter in the department, its insurance rate is larger than that of some of the smaller societies, but the A. P. S. can say that it has always been in a position to pay off promptly, and why should the plan of Mr. Coes now include the placing of this fund, paid in by members of the A. P. S. for their protection, into a general fund for the protection of members of other societies who might suffer losses thru other sales departments, where the insurance fund is not sufficient to pay them. Most of the losses probably incurred have happened in transit, damages to the registered packages, but there has been some in all societies by substitution, as well as some debits against the insurance funds to cover purchases of members who have failed to pay. While insurance might be arranged with some company to cover the damages or losses in transit, it is doubtful if they would pay for substitution losses or losses incurred thru the default of members in meeting their obligations.

There are members in other societies that would be protected under such a plan as Mr. Coes suggests, who have been denied admittance to, and in some cases been expelled from the A. P. S. Would it be fair to take our insurance fund and place it in a pool to protect losses that might occur on account of such individuals?

The A. P. S. is a corporate body, it is 40 years old and has weathered many storms, and by taking its assets away and giving the benefit to some other club jointly, the A. P. S., which so many men, such as John W. Scott, E. B. Sterling, C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolsieffer had strived to build up, would be split asunder and out of the wreck numerous small clubs spring up. There are dozens of men both in the A. P. S. and S. P. A. who have the confidence of many members, who could easily influence them to come into an entirely new society, c ruled by the membership, governed their choice and not controlled by a co mittee located in an Eastern metropol

To Mr. Coes I would say that his su gestion is probably the result of mu practical thought and planning, but as has never had very close relationship wi the majority of the membership of a society, he does not know that his pl of scrapping such societies as the A. P. and the S. P. A. would not meet w hearty approval of the membership same. Let him put his shoulder to t wheel with those of us who are trying raise the membership of the A. P. S. 5,000 before next October and then p haps the collectors of this country w realize that the "One Big Society" h really been here all the time. It is t American Philatelic Society.

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CHAPTER XIV.

Displaying Your Stamps.

Every normal human being is a sociable creature. He likes to discuss his affairs and ambitions with congenial spirits. Among stamp-collectors this trait is present in a marked degree. In fact, to such an extent that when two philatelists meet, their topic of conversation invariably veers around to, and centers upon their hobby.

From telling about one's collection to showing it is but a short step. That is why stamp "fans" evince so much enthusiasm in one another's albums. Information is freely exchanged, and as surely as night follows day, or spring follows winter, the exchange of information is quickly replaced by an exchange of "duplicates." This friendly barter benefits reciprocally and acquaintanceship ripens into something more intimate.

But the true philatelist does not confine the displaying of his stamps to fellow-collectors only. He shows the contents of his album or albums to everybody whom he can dragoon to inspect his treasure. In so doing he satisfies his justified desire to exhibit the results of his painstaking efforts both in acquiring and in arranging. At the same time, he whets the curiosity and arouses the interest of non-collectors.

Perhaps you are collecting stamps through having been shown a neatly-assembled aggregation. You, too, feel the urge to show what you have.

Apart from the personal satisfaction, you perform a great favor upon yourself and fellow-hobbyists every time you display your collection, because you tend to implant upon your non-collecting audience the desire to follow your example. Every new recruit you bring into the fold adds that much value to the game because with more participants the opportunities for exchange and sale of duplicates, or even your main aggregation, become enhanced.

For this reason, every stamp society or local club should encourage stamp exhibitions.

Exhibitions can be easily arranged. A room, some tables with a few chairs, and a little publicity by word of mouth, direct mail or press notices, will always attract a number of outsiders. And these are the people that exhibition promoters should aim at drawing.

It is, however, not enough to have them come. It is necessary to tell them the whys and wherefores of the philatelic art, or science as often claimed. This is to plant in their minds the seeds of interest. From them, the flower of conversation will bloom.

Unfortunately, enthusiastic as are most collectors, they are not trained lecturers—nor even competent explainers in an informal manner. This lack is, in a great measure, the result of failure to read up about the different phases of stamp collecting. To a large extent also, the fault lies in the situation deplored by the editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY in a recent issue, with the following words:—

"There is an occasional call for philatelic matter suitable for reading before the radio or before non-philatelic organizations and heretofore we have been able to supply material of the kind to those who are willing to make use of it. The receipt of a request from a reader for something of the kind, who asks if there is not some distributing point for articles causes us to deplore the condition that does not take advantage of this means to obtain the much sought publicity that so often is spoken of. An effort should be made to have proper material at the beck of the collectors who are willing to do their part, if the tools are provided."

As most experienced philatelists know, the majority of the philatelic publications in book or pamphlet form are somewhat too specialized to be of interest to the general reader, or even the general collector. On the other hand, the less specialized publications, while containing good points, are not literary gems.

CHAPTER XV.

Stamp Societies and Clubs.

It is paradoxical that whereas stamp "fans" are to be found in every city, town and hamlet, nothing like a really big national or international society is existent.

This fact is the more difficult to understand when one realizes that here in America, over in Great Britain and there on the Continent, surprisingly complete and large catalogues are published annually and sold at a price.

It is true that in Europe there are several organizations that call themselves "International Clubs." In fact, there are counterparts in Japan, the Straits Settlements, etc., including South Africa, if the present writer is not mistaken.

None of them, however, is a very important factor. Some publish monthly or bi-monthly organs of an appearance far from imposing, and with contents less so. The membership is often listed in full, and while the internationality is represented by members scattered everywhere, the totality indicates comparatively little significance.

In the United States there is more than one organization that can be justifiably labeled "national" in scope, but certainly not "international."

There are, of course, obstacles towards making any of the present national societies into an international one. The so-called "International Clubs" of Europe are, in actuality, only the source from which issue organs listing people wishing to exchange duplicates or otherwise barter in stamps and pictorial postcards. The American societies are on a different plane, in that the members are rendered either a selling or exchanging service, or both. That is to say, a member has the privilege of being placed on "a circuit," enabling him to receive approval books containing the offerings of fellow-members for exchange or sale. The society becomes responsible for all material entering into the "circuits," charging the owners for "insurance" and for "commission". The commissions represent the

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189.	#53, 70kr red violet	75.00

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201.	#555, 3c bisected vertically, otherwise same as #200	..
202.	#552, 1c with bisected 1c in pair used and postmarked same as above	..
203.	Same as lot 202 but postmarked San Francisco, 4/15/25 7.30 A.M.	..
*204.	#2707, 2c on 3c violet on amber	8.50
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207.	**GREECE (Mytelene)**—#881, Block of 6 and 4 and pair #884. Guaranteed by Yaremji and Vassel	11.00
208.	**JAPAN**—#7a, 2 sen vermilion. Vert. pair	..
209.	#51, 1 sen brown. Vert. pair	30.00
210.	**LATVIA**—#637, pair and single, #641	3.35
211.	**MEXICO**—5c blue envelope (A18), with **Wells, Fargo** 10ctos green frank on left upper. Postmarked W. F. & Co., Chihuahua 3/5/94, El Paso 3/6/94 and addressed to W. F., S. F.	..
212.	**PANAMA**—#187 & 527. Postmarked "Acincia Postal, Panama Ago 10, 1910	50.00
213.	**SIAM**—Two each #326, 328, 329 and singles #327 and 321. Registered cover addressed to S. F., postmarked Bangkok, New York and S. F.	6.25
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It can, therefore, be readily recognized that there would be dangers and undue risks in sending material to "circuits" outside the country's borders. For this reason, if for no other, the American societies will always remain "national," unless the addition of Canadian "circuits" warrants using the term "international."

Nevertheless, a big national philatelic society is still to come into being. At present, it seems the membership of the largest numbers only about 4,000 or a little more. If the inactive members are excluded from the count, the figure will be appreciably smaller.

Consequently, it is not to be wondered at that there is a growing sentiment towards amalgamating the several larger national societies, to the end that one single "mother society" may come into being. If this plan is realized, duplication of efforts would be eliminated. Especially, where two or more organs or society journals are published separately, only one, and a better one, could be produced and distributed with more economy and to greater advantage.

Such a scheme is, however, not easy to put through, for as long as human nature remains as it is, subordination of self and one's aims cannot be brought about with facility. But it is possible that in time the present or future officers of each of the several separate organizations will devise some arrangement whereby they can merge their units without entirely losing their official philatelic status.

It would benefit everybody.

In the meantime, progress can be made by giving more attention to the promotion of "local clubs," each with the respective officers and sets of by-laws, etc. But, right here it may be pointed out that the organizers of local clubs should be guided by a policy to develop local interest and membership with the view ultimately to affiliate with a large national parent society. As a matter of fact, it is even now possible and practical to organize "local chapters" of the national societies. Doing so would seem to be of more advantage for all concerned. Unity makes for strength.

One chief reason for "locals" is to provide the medium by which both advanced and beginner collectors may meet personally at regular intervals to enjoy that which was given mention in the preceding chapter.

Needless to say, the functions of local club should comprise:

(a) Scheduled meetings.
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(e) Exchanging provisions.
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(m) Periodical change of officers by popular vote.

(To be continued.)

WORTH MORE THAN RADIUM

By C. E. R.

I would like to add a little more as to the comparative value of that British Guiana one penny red that we all regard with awe. I haven't one, it is unnecessary to say, but I do have a lifelike copy on highly glazed paper; I don't mean a copy, but an imitation. It is 33.5 millimeters one way and 35.5 the other and is almost rectangular; there isn't much difference in the dimensions. I cut a like piece of light bond paper of about the weight of that used on our 1857 stamps and it weighed 90 milligrams. Now, assuming that the real stamp weighs as much, it is worth $361 a milligram.

I have seen radium salts quoted at from $70 to $100 a milligram, so that the stamp is worth about four times its weight in radium, and, except for the possible exception of the pair of Mauritius stamps on cover, is the most valuable thing, by weight, on earth. A diamond to be of equal value, would be worth $72,200 a carat (metric) and not even the great Cullinan is that, or was, rather, before they cut it up.

If I owned that stamp I would mount it alongside a fifty billion mark German one; a two-cent (1d) stamp worth thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars, and a twelve billion dollar stamp worth maybe two bits. And I'd look at 'em, and moralize.

EXHIBITION EXHIBITS

HERMAN TOASPERN, F.H.S.L.

From the large number of inquiries received by the Committee on the International Exhibition to be held in New York, this October, it seems as if every collector of importance is grooming his or her collection for showing.

Mr. Arthur E. Owen, who has been our active engineer planned the frames so as to give the maximum result, without having the frames an odd size or irregular. The Committee at its last meeting handed down the following ruling:—

"From the number of exhibits already in sight, it is more than probable that we will not have an overabundance of space to assign an unlimited number of frames to any one exhibitor; and in the interest of all, the committee suggests that exhibitors limit their applications to four frames for any one exhibit, which will allow a display of 120 pages."

"Not more than 40 frames will be allotted to any one exhibitor."

These two rulings are based on a great deal of experience. Most specialized collections consist of three to four Oriels at the most, though there are exceptions. This would be a 200 page collection, at the most, and the figure is high. At least half would not be of particular interest, and the ruling will make the exhibitors show the choicer things and thus avoid a lot of duplication among various exhibitors.

The ruling of not more than 40 frames to one exhibitor is to prevent what one might term "a one man show". There have been such cases in the past, and it is the most urgent desire of the committee to have many exhibitors as well as many exhibits. This exhibition is being run for the benefit of all serious collectors, and not for a select few. Don't let anyone take you into a corner and tell you how Mr. Hoosis and Mr. Whatsthis are going to garner all the honors, because it isn't anywheres near the truth.

The committee is stressing everything possible in the way of conditions to make mere money value of the least importance. Anyone who doesn't believe it is going to be surprised when he see some wonderful philatelic studies in collections that did not cost a raft of money.

Our good friend Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack showed what could be done with a cheap stamp in 1913, and killed the idea that one needed a vast sum of money to make a showing.

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Better start now working to fatten the bank roll for the trip to New York next October because International Exhibitions must of necessity be at least eight to ten years apart.

STAMPS STOLEN

Last week we published the advertisement of B. W. H. Poole in which the announcement was made that a large and valuable selection of stamps had been stolen in Los Angeles. This article is based upon a circular letter which is being sent out by Mr. Poole.

A reward of $500 is offered for the return of stamps stolen Feb. 12th, from one of his clients. Among the stamps stolen were the following, contained in two small black loose-leaf books:—

Unused Stamps.—Australian Com. 49, 50, 50a; Bolivia 14; Brazil 39 (2), 40; Brit. Columbia 2 (2); Brit. Honduras 103; Brit. Sol. Is. 6 (5), 7 (6); Ceylon 50 (3), 58, 151 (2); Dominica 34, 45 (8), 53 (4); Dutch Indies 1; East Africa and Uganda 54, 55; Falklands 28, 29; Gabon 47; Gambia 56; Grenada 78; Jamaica 87 (3); Kenya 32; Lagos 46 (2); Mauritius 18, 30; Montserrat 21, 31, 41 (4); Philippines 225, 239; Seychelles 8, 13; Virgin Is. 60.

Used Stamps.—Brazil 3, 39 (2), 40 (2); Ceylon 50 (2), 151 (2); Dutch Indies 1 (2); Gambia 55 town canc.; Jamaica (2); Luxemburg 1 (5); Nevis 12 (2), 87; New South Wales 31, 301, 304 (2); Portugal 124-138, St. Anthony set; St. Helena 1.

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EDITORIAL.

Philately is in the air and from all quarters come reports of activities based upon an appreciation of stamps as objects of collection. We believe that all the publicity that collecting has been receiving is beginning to converge on the outside citizen who no longer may say that he knows nothing whatever of stamps. It may be said that the coming Exhibition is cracking the shell of ignorance that encases so many folks and will allow them to emerge into the philatelic open. The great task that has been planned by the New York philatelists is one whose accomplishment will entail work of unremitting kind but the sponsors will be buoyed up by the knowledge that success will bring philately into its own and that nevermore in this country will collecting be regarded as something apart from the regard of normal men and women.

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Recent remarks on the subject of the possibility of special issues during the year have not been unnoticed and a number of letters from readers speak in no uncertain tones about the prospects. Our opinion that the commemorative stamp is viewed variously by sincere collectors was confirmed some time ago and the present circumstances do not alter it. Some correspondents deplore the tendency of the government to say it with stamps on "slight provocation" while others applaud the enterprise of the authorities in providing stamps at small cost for the embellishment of albums. We do not care to revive the discussion that was once waged in our columns on the propriety of the extra issues and for the time being we shall content ourselves with reporting what we hear from our Washington informant.

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Any attempt to cast ridicule on the choice of a collector should be discouraged and while every one is entitled to his opinion, there is no warrant for holding up the collector of any stamps that suit his fancy, to scorn. That United States issues are worthy of the great share of attention that is given them and that they provide material enough to monopolize the thoughts of a good many philatelists do not make it good taste to belittle other stamps. In fact, the specialist in U. S. stamps exercises a demoralizing influence when he wants to give the impression that the philatelic sun rises and sets in them. It is not desired that the field of collecting be restricted to certain countries only and under ordinary conditions, concentration of collecting attention corrects itself by causing greatly advanced prices for the stamps for which there is an extraordinary demand. Collecting tact and tolerance are factors that smooth the collecting way.

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If conventionality has been knocked into a cocked hat and if sentiment is kicked out of the way when it strays on the path of business, then the issue of the triangular four pence recently issued by the South African colony does no violence to opinion. While this imitation of its prototype has its points of interest, yet its issue does some slight to tradition because of the secure place that the old three-cornered Capes have in the affections of collectors generally. There is something impertinent about the new stamp and its coming has been viewed with some concern by collectors who wonder if profane hands will dare molest other idols of a past era. It has been predicted freely that the tenure of life of the newcomer will be short and while this year's stamp will be in demand, the attempt to trade on the glories of the old stamps is one that does not meet with approval.

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Now that railroad cancellations have such a following, it would be interesting to have an exhaustive history of the origin and development, so to say, of the postal car on which mail is "worked." It is known that before 1860, unorganized attempts were made to distribute mails that had been sorted on the cars but it is generally held that the credit for efficiency in this connection belongs to Armstrong whose idea of postal cars on express trains was developed into actuality in 1864. The first regular cars for the handling of mails in transit were operated on the Galena division of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad on August 28th, 1864, and it has been said that this improvement did not attract the attention that otherwise it would have, because of the distractions of the times due to the momentous events of the civil war. The postal cars were a success and it was not long before they were utilized on lines between New York and Washington, then on the Chicago and Rock Island. Soon after, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Pennsylvania adopted them and it was not a great while before most of the trunk lines through the country were similarly equipped. A monument was erected to Colonel Armstrong, the originator of the convenience, and placed on the site of the Chicago post office; and later, it was taken into the halls of the new or present building; and among those who see the statue or bust daily, the stamp collector may best realize what the departure from the old method has meant for all the public.

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A variation of the theme, "philately teaches geography" is found in a cablegram appearing in the New York *Times* from Paris, dated March 1st. A clerk in one of the French revenue tax offices appropriated nearly a half million francs from the tax fund and went on a stamp spree, we should judge. He frequented the open-air bourse in Paris and perhaps he did not pick his sources of stamp supply with care. At any rate, he thought he was making a good investment and that the returns from the sale of the stamps would be attended with profit. It seems that all he could get from the dealer for his collection was 130,000 francs, when he was impelled by the prickings of conscience to restore the money that he had purloined. In answer to the judge's inquiry why he got himself into the predicament, he said that stamps taught him geography! The chap is either very deep or very simple and his act was in emulation of the character in Lamb's story of roast pig, who burned down the village in effect to get the delicacy. The clerk was sentenced to two years' imprisonment as the judge explained to the jury that there were extenuating circumstances; he said that the dealer who offered the man less than half what he paid for the stamps was culpable, as it was he who sold the defendant the stamps originally, although we gathered from the text that the clerk may have bought his stamps variously. The friend who sent the clipping says: "The result of buying unwisely and shows the usual dealer's attitude." We should stress the first clause of the sentence as the man who buys in a hurry has plenty of time in which to repent.

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In "Stephen Crane at College," in the current issue of the *American Mercury*, we found a sentence that whetted our expectations: "He roomed with me for a time and one night attempted to cut my throat with my own razor, alleging that I had stolen a postage stamp. It was a vengeful Cuban who tried to caress a friend of Crane with the blade but try as hard as we could, no philatelic significance could be attached to the further context. If the stamp had been one of the philatelic gems some sympathy could be trumped up for the temperamental outburst.

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"Will you not suggest that the publishers of the Specialized U. S. include the 'specimen' stamps other than those of the departments in the next edition of their valuable list?" asks a reader. It would have been just as well for the writer to have registered his wish with the catalogue publishers who, we take it, are always open to reason."

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The ladies are to be invited, so that ey may get an idea of what goes on at stamp club function. The entertain- ent committee has a number of sur- ises in store for those who attend. here will be a stamp auction, some enty-five lots contributed by the mem- rs to be auctioned off. Several of the embers will make stamp exhibits. The mmittee hopes to have among the eakers Postmaster Kellogg and Mayor nith, both Honorary Members of the ub.

All the above features will be supple- ented with an entertainment of vocal d instrumental music. No doubt Mr. ers will give us a story of what really kes place on this occasion. He has ndly written us the advance informa- n upon which we have based this ticle.

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With officers and members alike giving all that is in them for the good of the cause, the society has grown with leaps and bounds until now it numbers over 230 members, amongst whom are most of the leading philatelists of the West. It is the largest branch society of the American Philatelic Society and has the proud distinction of giving the national society the first president to be elected from west of the Rockies. Recognized as a representative research body, the Mayor and City Officials have granted the society the privilege of holding its meetings in the magnificent City Hall. It is the only local stamp society in the United States issuing its own monthly paper and it is justly proud of the assistance it has rendered to our unfortunate "shut-ins" and of the regular radio talks given by its vice-president.

And now to celebrate its eleventh birthday were gathered together over 100 of the members and their friends in the beautiful new banquet room of the Hotel Clift, a veritable scene of gaiety and beauty; the varied hues of ladies' costumes intermingled with the beautiful floral decorations making a delightful setting for the Goddess of Philately to hold her sway for an evening of unalloyed joy.

After a few words of welcome by President Wilhelm, the guests proceeded to partake of the sumptuous repast, while an atmosphere of good-fellowship reigned supreme. Introduced as Toastmaster for the evening, Mr. R. H. Willcox proceeded in his masterful and pleasing way. Greetings were read from Mayor Jas. Rolph, Jr., also from Donald Piercy, the latter detained by illness.

Marimbas, the native instrument of Guatemala, were played in a pleasing way throughout the evening by "Doc" Willats' Marimba Band. Monologues and dialect songs rendered by Jim "Scotty" McKenna in his inimitable way evoked much applause. Most pleasing of all were the several whistling solos rendered by Miss Mildred Wright, whose life-like imitation of the warbling and singing of birds was truly remarkable.

Interspersed with this enjoyable program, kindly supervised and directed by Mrs. Ada Morgan O'Brien, musical director of Radio KTAB, were short speeches by several good friends of philately, Colonel J. M. T. Partello, U. S. A., "the grand-daddy of them all"; E. B. McPherson, "good old Mac"; Kenneth A. Millican, "banker on stamps"; Vice-president A. F. Merrill, Radio KFRC's "stamp man"; "smiling" Jim Searle, chief dispenser of "applesauce"; Henry W. Doscher, "square Dealer"; Charlie Turrill, noted collector of "Californiana" and every other kind of "ana", and a guest from far away Hawaii, President Charles J. Cooper of the Royal Hawaiian Stamp Society.

The following were presented with awards for the competitive stamp exhibits held during 1925:— Gold medals for specialized collections to A. H. Wilhelm and Charles W. Arp; Silver medal for general collection to Morris Michaels; Bronze medal for general collection to Donald Piercy.

As a fitting climax to the evening, President Wilhelm again proved that in the midst of their happiness and prosperity the members of this society were always ready to respond to an appeal from "shut-ins" by raising $11.35 for poor, unfortunate George Kump of Xenia, Ohio.

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Such a magnificent collection offers an opportunity to fill in spaces which is only to be had when such holdings come upon the market.

I especially note a fine lot of early Barbados, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Gambia and Gibraltar complete, fine New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, including a wonderful shilling of the former, many rare Turks Islands and Zululand like most of the other colonies through the £5 generally in mint condition. The collection is now being broken up and want lists will be given immediate attention.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Bureau Rotary Prints

Those who have been following the activities of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have noticed that here of late more and more of the lower denominations on sale at the many post offices throughout the country are of the rotary type. They have now gotten their product to such a point where the complaints have been brought to a minimum and the postal clerk does not find his sheets curling up and breaking apart as was the case when the rotaries first appeared in sheet form.

I am now informed that the Bureau is making arrangements to install new presses, and that beginning with the new fiscal year which starts on July 1st next, they expect to print all denominations from 1c to 10c exclusively from the rotary press. This means that the flat plate varieties of these denominations will be discontinued. The ½c is not likely to appear from the rotary press unless the large number which they now have on hand of the flat plate type is used up. So far, the 7c, 8c and 9c rotaries have not appeared although plates have been made. It is quite likely these three denominations will be placed on sale around the latter part of April or first of May and it is hoped that beginning with July 1st, there will be ample plates for all of the lower denominations, so that the flat plate printing will disappear except in the case of the 11c to $5.00 values.

This change will result in cutting the post office bill practically in half, for offhand, I would say that fully 85% of the stamps printed are of the values of 10c and less.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. S. Hyman kindly sends a clipping from the Chicago *Daily News* of February 15th calling attention to the contract air mail route inaugurated on that date. Considerable space in this column was devoted last week to clippings from the Detroit end of the route and we now learn from the Chicago clipping that the first plane was piloted by Dean Burford, who left the Maywood field in Ford's ship No. 4 at 1.54 P. M. He carried two sacks of mail weighing fifty-three pounds.

Mr. William Schneider, Jr., sends us an illustration from a Plainfield, N. J., newspaper illustrating an airplane, which they state has been used on the first air mail trip from Chicago to Dallas. I have not heard of the inauguration of any such route, but am communicating with the Department. I imagine that the typesetter read Dallas for Detroit.

1917, 2c Jamestown

Mr. Walter L. Clark submits for inspection a very interesting minor variety of the 2c Jamestown, wherein we find a distinct break under the "w" of "TWO CENTS." This is a break in the transfer roll for the identical variety is found on each stamp in a block of four. It might be classified as a similar oddity to the one recently located in the 5c Walloon, for in this variety you can see where a small piece of metal has become partially detached from the transfer roll. I am unable to state at this time as to what plate the variety is found upon.

We wish to thank Mr. T. J. Gridley, V. P. Masterson, George R. McNeil and F. W. Feeney for notes of interest.

ALBANIA.—*Theodore Champion's Bulletin Mensuel* chronicles a set of stamps of 11 values, 1q to 5f, of two portrait designs, which have recently been issued. Also a series of four values of postage due stamps: 10q blue, 20q green, 30q brown-red and 50q brown.

BELGIUM. — From Mr. Henry Hooreman, Whitfield King & Co. and the Economist Stamp Co. come copies of the 30c in green of the type of the low values in the 1922-23 issue with the surcharge "Inondations 30c Watersnood" in four lines in red.

BULGARIA.—A Charity label has been issued for this country and is used on Sundays and holidays only, letters posted without this label attached to the envelope are not delivered until the next day. The proceeds of the sale of these labels go towards the Sanatorium for the Post Office employees. The labels are not postage stamps in any way and are not recognized at the International Bureau of Posts at Berne. One leva is charged for the label, which is printed in black on green paper.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Monthly Bulletin.*

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Whitfield King & Co. have sent for chronicle a copy of the 3c brown fiscal stamp, which has been surcharged "Correos 1 Centavo" in black in three lines.

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FEDERATED MALAY STATES. — Mr. Roberts advises of the $1 green and green, script watermark, type and as before.

GRENADA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 2½p has been issued in the old ultramarine, but a new shade.

MALTA.—Mr. R. Roberts informs that the 3p has been issued in a ultramarine shade.

MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. shown us the 5c in the type of Sc A12, in an orange shade.

NETHERLANDS.—We have received Whitfield King & Co. a copy of gulden, in gray blue, in the portrait sign of the 1924 issue, but of a somew larger size than the smaller denom tions.

PERU.—*Theodore Champion's Bul Mensuel* chronicles three values of a c memorative set bearing the inscri "Pro Plebiscito Tacha Y Arica 1925 large format and different subjects. values and colors are 5c blue, 10c br and 50c green.

TRENGGANU.—The Economist St Co., Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield & Co., report the appearance of the lowing new values: 1c black on w 3c green on white, 12c bright ultrama on white and 35c carmine on yel Also a 5c purple on yellow and a $3 g and carmine on green, all on script wa mark paper.

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A NEW NEW ZEALAND STAMP

Benjamin Cadbury sends us the following ping from a New Zealand newspaper. The ping is so interesting that we publish it its entirety, believing that our subscribers be interested in the story of universal pen- postage established by New Zealand in 1.—Ed.)

The familiar "Zealandia" design of the ny postage stamp of the dominion, ich has been used practically continu- ly since New Zealand led the world in 1 by the adoption of the universal ny postage, will shortly be replaced by lesign portraying King George in Ad- ral's uniform.

n addition to the penny value the de- n of the high value stamps which are nmonly used for postal purposes will be changed. These are the 2s, 2s6d, and 10s stamps, and the new design consist of a portrait of His Majesty Field Marshal's uniform.

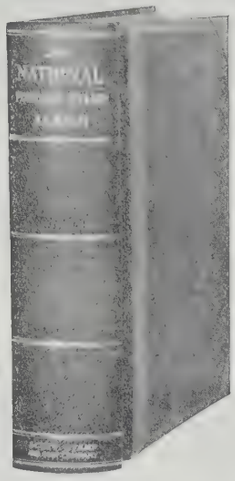
t is understood that it is not the inten- n of the Postal Department to change design on the stamps of other de- ninations at present.

Referring to the silver jubilee of the ny "Universal" stamp, the *New Zea- d Stamp Collector* states that when in 1 the Colonial Secretary intimated t it was the ambition of the Govern- nt to institute a universal rate of one ny on all letters posted in New Zea- d to countries within the Universal stal Union, the statement was greeted h enthusiasm. It was ten years, how- r, before the suggestion became an ac- plished fact. In 1901 New Zealand anced another step with her progres- e policy, and she was the first country the world to offer the privilege of versal penny postage to her people.

n his report for the year 1900 the stmaster-General (Sir Joseph Ward) l:—"The beginning of the new century l fittingly mark the event which should e widespread satisfaction and prove an ch in the history of the colony. New land will, by this reform, be placed he forefront of the civilised countries the world."

Unfortunately the Great War brought reased charges and increased business the Postal Department as in general mmerce, and the letter rate was reluct- ly increased to 1½d; and later on gust 1, 1920, to 2d; but the promise of Postmaster General that the rate uld be reduced at the first opportunity ratified as soon as conditions war- ted the reduction, and on October 1, 3, New Zealand was again to the fore- nt in being the first to restore the 1d to countries within the Universal tal Union. On this occasion the ap" stamp was issued to commemo- rate the event, and although the 1d "Universal" was superseded for the time being, the department continued with the printing of this design after the Map stamp had been issued for some months.

The familiar "Universal" has no doubt grown monotonous to many New Zealanders, and the proposed new Georgian design will come as a welcome change to most people who are not stamp collectors But philatelists the world over will be loth to part with such an old stamp—a stamp which, for single issue specialisation, is unsurpassed as far as philatelic research is concerned. The various plates, re-entries, retouches, papers, and perforations, provide unending study for the specialist, and it is a stamp which will always offer problems to the student. Although during the currency of the 1d "Universal" the design has received minor alterations, the general motif has remained unchanged, and the familiar figure of "Zealandia" has adorned the stamp for a quarter of a century.



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It is with great joy that I bring unto thee this message, which will fill thy heart with cheer and cause thee to rejoice. Wilst not close the draft on thy forge and thy working irons lay aside and list unto my word as it is of great import and concerneth thee and thy well being.

When thou dost awaken from thy couch on the morning of February 16th, which the vulgar call Next Tuesday, gird well thy loins for on this day is there much in store for thee.

What, hast thou forgotten that it hath been decreed by the powers that be that on this day shalt thou feast and hold communion with the faithful? "Yea, verily", I say unto you:

So when cometh this day and the hour of six-thirty having fallen upon the dial of the night, tear ye away from thy aleshop or work bench and repair forthwith to the Temple of Marquette, wherewith ye are already well acquainted, there to break bread with the other faithful disciples of Philately, who, by regular attendance, have gained the favor of our illustrious President Helman and boast of intimacy with His Highness, and comest thou, for woe be unto him who heedeth not and maketh himself conspicuous by his absence.

If thou contemplateth this, let thineself be set straight, for it hath been my good privilege to insert mine proboscis unto the Sacred menu and program of the evening. Tender meats, turned to a rich brown—Gravies that smack of rich spices—Fruits that still bear the imprint of the kiss of Sunny California's Sun—and Dainties and Delicacies made by secrets known only to those who are masters of their craft will be laden before thee in generous abundance. After this bounteous feast when thy stomach is heavy with food and thy pockets bulging with silverware, wilt thou be swayed by the emotions of silver tongued orators—first pathos—then humor—now fear—then fancy—now perforations—then watermarks. Everything will be covered from soup to nuts, so when thou goest home shalt thou wonder at thine own knowledge and wisdom.

But let it be understood that when thou comest that night, thou shouldst come prepared to pay two bucks, which likewise the vulgar call dollars, in consideration of the milk and honey which will be set out for thee.

And last, but not least, I say unto thee, we careth little how often a club member changeth his shirt, collar or socks, but woe unto him who changeth his address, and skiddeth without chains to the Lord knoweth whence, so that neither the Secretary nor anyone else can tell where he tieth his Bull and getteth his last month's coal statement.

Ashes to Ashes, dust to dust,
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"WASHINGTON POST" EDITORIAL

Clipping from L. E. Tilden.

Collecting postage stamps, once confined largely to schoolboys, has grown to the dimensions of an industry in which millions of dollars are invested. Recognizing the importance of this mania, if such it may be called, the Post Office Department established a bureau of philately, and an office is maintained in one of the rooms of the department in the city post office building wherein are displayed examples of all the current issues of the United States postage stamps, as well as reprints of all that are obsolete. The department adds materially to its revenues by the sale of thousands of stamps annually to collectors, who besides gathering the regular issues as fast as a new denomination or a change in design is produced, are constantly on the lookout for oddities and imperfect specimens.

Philatelists from all sections of the country have been in Washington this week to view the exhibition of rare and common stamps from nearly all the countries of the world. Some of these tiny pieces of paper are so eagerly sought by the men who are inoculated with the collecting mania that they are quoted at prices which approach the marvelous.

There are other collectors, not recognized by the American Philatelist Association as fellows of the craft, who are purely utilitarian in their methods. To these men of venality the triangular issues of the "Cape of Good Hope," the "Locals of Charleston, S. C.," or even the "one penny black of Mauritius" have no attraction whatever. They are after the current issues of the U. S. A., and last Monday night they added materially to their collections. Four "tough-looking birds" broke into the post office in Pawtucket, R. I., and got away with the entire year's supply of the "stickers." The value of the lot is said to reach the comfortable total of $260,000, and it is probable that they will be sold at a discount instead of a premium.

While the philatelic division of the Post Office Department usually welcomes all citizens with the mania for collecting stamps, that welcome is not extended to the "four tough-looking birds," who were last heard of in Pawtucket. But, on the other hand, five inspectors of the Post Office Department are after them and they will welcome any information, which will lead to a personal meeting with the wholesale collectors. They carried the fad entirely too far.

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Lot No.	STAMPS ON COVER.	Cat. Number.	Cat. Value
1	**U. S.** 1857, 1c, type II, a single & horizontal pair (str. edge at R.), black grid tied on, fine	31	(30.00)
2	1861, 3c, 2c coin canc., fair	.65	(?)
3	12c, good average cover	.69	5.00
4	1869, 3c, 30 covers	.114	4.50
5	3c, appears to be no grill	1.114a	(60.00)
6	60 19th cent. entire envelopes, selected for cancellations	....	(?)
7	**Confederate** 1862, 5c blue, 2 singles on cover, good tho have tears	.203	(8.00)
8	1861, 5c pair tied on, New Orleans Jan. 14th, margins cut in	.200	(8.00)
9	**Canada** 1852, 6p tied on with black target, cuts in at T.	.5	(35.00)
10	**Mexico,** fine strip 3, tied on.	.348a	(6.00)
11	**Netherlands** 1852, 5 good covers.	2	(4.25)
12	**Nova Scotia,** 3p good, tied on, neat	.3	(9.00)
13	2c, 5c, 2 good covers tied on.	9,10	(2.25)
14	**Turkey** 1863, superb item, rare.	7	(3.50)
15	100 **U. S. & Foreign** covers, good.	.	(?)
	STAMPS OFF COVER UNITED STATES		
16	1847, 5c blue "5" canc., no margins	.28	7.00
17	*1851, 1c, L margin cuts in	.32d	7.50
18	1c, good general copies.	.31, 32d	6.50
19	5c 1857 year date, cuts in R.	.34	40.00
20	10c, good for this one	.35a	4.50
21	12c, Blue grid canc., cuts in B.	36	17.50
22	1857, 1c strip 3, paid 3 canc.	.42f	(1.80)
23	1c, 1c, 3c, 3c, good lot.	41,42f,43-44	6.40
24	3c type I, stitch watermark.	.43	5.00
25 *	3c, mint block 4	.44	2.00
26	5c, good copy	.48	10.00
27	10c, 10c, good av'ge copies.	49a-b	8.00
28	12c, good appearing copy	.51	5.00
29	24c, str. edge at R, appears good	.52	13.50
30	1861, 1c-30c, good av'ge set.	.63-71	15.88
31	5c Cincinnati Blue, v. fine	.67	35.00
32	90c, good general copy	.72	11.00
33	1862, 2c, 5c, 15c, 24c, good av'ge lot		8.80
34 *	5c, full gum, centered B.	.76	8.00
35 *	15c, full gum, centered R-B.	.77	17.50
36 *	24c, full gum, centered L.	.78	7.00
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41	1869, 1c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 15c, appear good		13.50
42	1c-24c, good av'ge.	.112-17, 19-20	26.15
43	3c, ctrd. R, good appearance.	.125	25.00
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55	40 3c greens, selected for cancs.		(?)
56	66 selected cancs. on bank note issue		(?)
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146	**Fernando Po** 1899, 1p, v. fine. rare	.62	12.00
147	1899, 2 peso, very fine & rare.	63	15.00
148	**France** 1849,40c,1fr,good av'ge.	7,9	15.00
149	1853, 1fr, fine tho cuts in T-L.	21	20.00
150	1863, 5fr, has closed tear	.36	10.00
151	***Ger. N. Guinea** 1900.5m,O.G.,thin.	19	7.00
152	**Thurn & T.,** fair	.1, 6-7, 10, 12-13	11.05
153	1852,usual condition,9 var.	42-55	16.90
154	1859, 15kr, 30kr.fine copies.	51-52	12.00
155	***Grenada** 1921,2½p.mint sheet	60.94	60.00
156	***Hamburg** 1859, 3sh, fine mint.	.4	7.50
157	***Hanover** 1864, ½g. pink gum.	26a	15.00
158	***Hawaii** 1861,2c,fine tho has tear.	27	12.50
159	**India** 1866. 8a, 25 copies. av'ge.	28	12.50
160	**Jamaica** 1871, 1p, 50 copies,good.	8	7.50
161 *	1905, 5p, v. f. mint copy	.45	5.00
162	***Antigua** 1921-3, 14 var., mint, v. f.	.42-55	10.25
163 *	1921, £1, v. f. mint copy	.56	9.00
164	***Bahamas** 1912, 5sh, v. f. o. g.	.55	3.25
165	***Barbados** 1925,v.f. mint set.	165-75	3.80
166	***Bermuda** 1910-17, 1sh-5sh, v. f. o. g.	.48-50	6.00
167 *	1920, 2sh, 4sh, v.f. o.g. set.	53-4	3.00
168	***Br. Honduras** 1921, 25c, mint block 4	.102	6.00
169	***Dominica** 1923, ½d-5sh, v. f. o. g.	.69-82	9.59
170	***Gibraltar,** 2½sh, 5sh, v. f. mint copies		(?)
171 *	1925, 10sh, mint, v. fine copy.		(?)
172	**Latvia,** 18-91,13var.,ass.	.1,357 stps.	51.57
173	***Mexico** 1916, 10c, mint blk.	6.575	6.00
174	***Monaco** 1919, 5fr Charity, O. G., rare	.108	30.00
175	***Natal** 1902, £1.10, part gum	.97	30.00
176	**Netherlands** 1852, 5c-15c, fine.	1-3	8.85
177	1852-64, good average sets.	1-6	19.30
178	1864, 5c-15c, superb	.4-6	10.85
179	15c, fine copy	.6	8.50
180	1869, good lot.	.20,22,*22,*24,24	6.15
181	1867, 50c, fair; 1891, 2½g, mint	.12, 51	9.50
182 *	1898,1gld,5gld,superb mint.	85,86a	5.75
183 *	1891, 2½gld, v. f. mint copy.	51	4.50
184	**NewBrunswick,** good av'ge.	5-8,12	4.50
185	***Newfoundland,** v.f. o.g. blk.	6..19	21.00
186 *	1862, 4p cor. blk. 4, v.f. mint.	18	5.00
187 *	6½p,sheet marg.blk.4,mint.	21	20.00
188 *	8p, superb mint block 4.	.22	24.00
189	1866,2c,10c,slight. off-cent.	24,26	6.00
190	10c, fine	.26	3.50
191 *	1868, 3c, fine mint copy	.32	6.00
192	5c, v. fine copy, centered.	.33	15.00
193	1896, 3c, 15 copies	.60	15.00
194 *	1c, superb mint block 4.	.57	4.00
195 *	1897, 15c, 24c, 30c, v. f. mint blocks 4		11.40
196 *	60c Cabot, sup'b mint blk.	4.74	7.00
197	97 stamps, 1 to 10 each, good stock		20.90
198 *	1911, 5c, 50c, fine copies.	.108	12.50
199 *	1918, 1c-36c Caribou, v. f. o. g.	.115-26	5.99
200 *	2c Caribou. 100 fine copies.	116	5.00
201 *	4c Caribou, v. f. mint sheet 100	.118	15.00
202 *	5c Caribou, 50 fine copies.	119	12.50
203 *	24c, 36c, v.f. mint blks.	4.125-6	7.20
204 *	1920, 2c/30c, v. f. mint blk.	4.127	4.00
205 *	3c nar. space, v.f. o.g. blk.	128	20.00
206 *	3c/15c, v. f. mint blk.	4..129	6.00
207 *	3c nar. spacing, mint copy.	128	5.00
208 *	1919,$1.Airpost,v.f.mint copy.	202	6.00
209	**New Zealand** 1862, good average	.23-4, 28-9, 38	9.25
210	20 #52 (Kiwi bird); 10 #127; 20 #115 bird		10.50
211	1919,Victory,fine lot.	50ea. .166-7	11.50
212	***Nicaragua,** 120stps.	.16-22ea. .281-6	26.40
213 *	Blocks, singles, etc., 63 asstd.		24.79
214 *	**Cabo** 1905, 1p,2p,v.f.mint.	.34-35	17.50
215	***Nigeria** 1914, 5sh,v.f.mint copy.	10	4.00
216	**Nova Scotia** 1851, 3p, added margin	.2	7.00
217	1860,1c-10c,good av'ge set.	8-10,12	6.00
218 *	8½c, v. f. mint block 4.	.11	5.00
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220	**Porto Rico** 1890, fine&scarce.	80,88	17.00
221	1890, 80c, v. f. & scarce stp.	.89	30.00
222	**Philippines** 1903, $1, fine	.237	12.00
223	***PortoRico** 1898.mint copies.	171-72	12.65
224	***Russia** 1917.1k-10r,v.f.mint	114-132	5.43
225	**St. Helena** 1856, 6p, looks fine.	.1	15.00
226	1861, 6p, red canc., good av'ge.	2	15.00
227	**St. Vincent** 1880. 5sh.good copy.	29	125.00
228	**Saxony** 1855, 10ng, good copy.	14	20.00
229	***SierraLeone** 1903.£1 (Cleaned?)	76	15.00
230	**Spain** 1855, v. fine blocks 4.	.38,39	(4.40)
231	**Switzerland** '43.6r red canc., fair.	11	40.00
232	***Trin. & Tob.** 1922, £1, v.f. mint.	28	9.00
233	***Turks** 1900, 2½p, v. f. o. g. blk.	4.4	3.40
234	***Victoria** 1884,½p,v.f.o.g.blk.	10.146	(6.00)
235	**Wurtemberg** 1865, 18kr, quite fine	.46	45.00
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(We regret that we do not have the space to publish Mr. Grellier's report in its entirety. It was mighty interesting reading and did credit to his newspaper instinct. We have abridged his report but think it best to make this acknowledgment of the fine story which he placed in our hands. We must take this opportunity of saying that Mr. Grellier was chairman of the Entertainment Committee, which means that he must have played an important part in making the arrangements and is entitled to a great deal of credit for this splendid celebration.—Ed.)

The 300th meeting celebration dinner of the Suburban Stamp & Curio Club was held at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Feb. 24th, and was a big success. Nearby philatelic clubs were represented and nearly seventy people enjoyed a chicken dinner.

Albert Marcher was toastmaster and various speakers responded to toasts, including Fred H. Ohlund, president, H. Schumacher, first president of the club, E. F. Sawyer, the dean of philately, R. Y. Firman, Parker Brown who spoke on "Dealers Problems", W. L. Aldrich, Boston's genial auctioneer, Fernald Hutchins, vice-president of the Boston Philatelic Society, G. A. Davis, president of the Metropolitan Club and George H. Brown, president of the Lynn Philatelic Club.

Two of the speaking guests were accorded a particularly warm welcome, C. A. Howes, former president of the Boston Philatelic Society, and Hon. Roland M. Baker, postmaster of Boston.

Mr. Howes stressed the desirability of studying one's stamps for their inherent interest rather than their "catalog value", a course which will enable many a collector to get a "kick" out of his collecting which perhaps it now lacks.

The speaker of the evening was then introduced, Mr. Roland M. Baker, Postmaster of Boston, who was good enough to make a special effort to be with us. Although not a philatelist, Mr. Baker sympathizes with us in our hobby, and is always ready to do what he can to assist us. He spoke of the enormous stride made by the Postal Department since Benjamin Franklin's time, when the annual sales amounted to only a few thousand dollars, whereas last year the total income of the Department was 650 million dollars. The first post office was established in Boston, in charge of Richard Fairbanks, who, by the way, *also sold milk.*

The dinner was a great success from every standpoint. Long after the conclusion of the festivities the members of the Club tarried to talk over matters philatelic. The committee in charge spared no pains to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

EAST AND WEST:—

O H. BOHANNAN, Fort Dodg Iowa, is sending out his List No. of U. S. coins and stamps. We are pa ticularly glad to mention this in view the fact that Mr. Bohannan is publ spirited enough to advertise and descri four of our representative U. S. stan publications in the list.

AN interesting monthly paper is issue by the Sales Department of the S. A. It is called "The Chatterbox", a is a good contribution to philatelic liter ture. A copy can no doubt be obtain by applying to Dr. A. E. Hussey, 34 Dury Av., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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WE have in recent weeks noted thr shut-ins, Miss Alma Newcom Harrison Townsend and Lancelot Reeves, with requests that our subscribe would cheer them up with some stan offerings. They have done this in su a manner that all three have written very warm letters in appreciation courtesies extended. Mr. Townsend Alden, Pa., informs us that he has r ceived twenty-six stamp donations a he now has a collection of nearly 3,0 with many duplicates to trade wi friends. Mr. Reeves, whose address 503 N. Smith St., Charlotte, N. C., h been unable to acknowledge all donatio sent in but informs us that he will so as soon as he possibly can. He will nineteen years old March 22, and possib some of our subscribers will write him word of cheer accompanied by so stamps. He writes in his letter:—"I a no better and it may soon be necessa for me to go to the hospital."

THE Beaver Stamp Society is the nam of a new organization at Portlan Ore. Meetings are held on the seco Tuesday of each month in the Orego Building, a room having been donated the Portland Chamber of Commer This society is connected with the A. S. and nearby collectors are urged to jo the society and secure the advantages A. P. S. circuits. The meeting of Fe 9 was attended by twenty collectors.

DALLAS, Texas, philatelists had t pleasure of entertaining Saturday t 27th, President A. H. Wilhelm and h wife of San Francisco. President W helm is making a tour of the southwe part of the country, visiting local societi and A. P. S. branches. He left Dall for Houston and Galveston, then to Ne Orleans returning to the Coast by S Louis, Kansas City, and Denver. H last stop will be made in Salt Lake.

DON C. MINICK, 338 Columbia S Toledo, Ohio, is endeavoring revive the charter of the Toledo Stam Club and we desire to give the wide publicity to Mr. Minick's project. W all Toledo collectors and those who r side in the near vicinity tender their c operation? There should be a flouris ing stamp club in Toledo, where the are hundreds of stamp collectors.

IN this issue a very attractive lot stamps is advertised at auction by J. Sargent of San Francisco. He i forms us that nearly every item is in fi shape and that the quality amply mak up for quantity. He calls particular a tention to the Mozambique 103a whi C. J. Phillips quotes as being worth unused condition $1000. This specim is a used copy and Mr. Sargent stat that it is the one that led to the stan being listed.

THEODORE SIDDALL, Box 114 Shanghai, China, has favored us wi a review copy of his catalog of t Stamps of China and Chinese Trea Ports. There is considerable descripti matter, which adds to the usefulness this book and the net prices at which t stamps are offered by this specialist Chinese stamps make it a valuable refe ence work. The catalog has forty-tw pages and is fully illustrated. The pri of the book is 50c.

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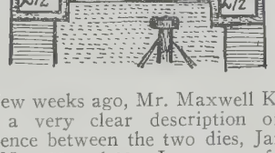

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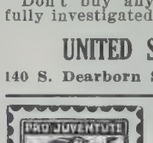

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A Discussion of the Great Rarities, Particularly Those of the First Issue Existing in Multiple Form, and a Guide to Their Value

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While the beautiful Revenue stamps of our country issued during and immediately following the Civil War period have always attracted many admirers and collectors, there are so few instances of recorded knowledge concerning any of the rare first issue Imperforates known to exist in multiple forms, that reliable present day data on the subject will doubtless be welcomed by both collectors and professionals, and may conceivably lead to the uncovering of items whose values have been unappreciated by their possessors.

Want lists submitted by enthusiasts seeking Imperforate and Part Perforate pairs and larger invariably specify what may be termed "impossible items," while sellers of quite ordinary pieces usually allow their enthusiasm to exceed their information indicating that there are not a dozen persons in the country accurately posted on the multiple Imperforates and particularly the rarities, not as a result of indifference or neglect, but attributable to absence of published facts, the jealous guarding of information by those "who knew," and lack of opportunity to inspect and list the important collections of the past.

True, Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, N. J. (recently deceased), compiled in the middle 80's a price list of such Imperforate and Part Perforate pieces as were then known to him and his worthy collector aids, such as, Messrs. R. S. Hatcher, H. E. Deats, Julius Adenaw and others, but the data of that relatively early period did not permit accurately gauging the rarities as a single example will indicate. Mr. Sterling's 5th edition of 1888 quotes a horizontal pair of 70c For. Ex. Imperforate at $2.50, at the same time listing a pair of $20.00 Conveyance Imperforate at $10.00. The latter is a fair price today but of the 70c not over two pairs have ever been found.

Later collections formed by Messrs. E. Phelps, Wm. F. Morgan, Dr. Bowers and others, developed hitherto unknown items and upon their successive dispersals led to the final formation by Mr. Clarence H. Eagle of the finest Revenue collection by far which has ever been assembled. This property contained a pair or larger piece of every Imperforate which is today known to exist in multiple, the Part Perf. section presented a like situation and the entire collection was complete, except for the 2c Claret and Black (3rd issue error), Scott's No. 3945a, the only present known copy of which rested in the collection of Senator E. R. Ackerman for over thirty years.

Important contemporary collectors with Mr. Eagle were: Messrs. A. Ballard, H. Gibson and A. G. Bishop, and somewhat later, Mr. Wm. S. White, and it is the transfer or dispersal of all of these properties which has made possible the fine present day Revenue collections of Colonel Green, Mr. R. Henn, the writer and others, and made available the information which was long so closely held.

The publishers of the standard catalog apparently have been giving some thought to the desirability of producing a specialized work on Revenues somewhat along the lines of their catalog on postal issues, since they have requested the writer to fill in a tabulation of suggested prices for pairs and blocks of all listed Imperforates. There would seem, however, to be no point in pricing non-existent pieces and that the interests of collectors would best be served by dealing with actualities, adjusting quotations to condition of the rarities as known at present. Furthermore, there is in many cases a vast difference in value between a horizontal Imperforate pair and a vertical pair of the same stamp, hence pricing a "Pair" is meaningless and consequently the following notes will differentiate where desirable. Many scarce and important pieces exist of stamps which as singles or pairs are relatively common, but for the present this article will deal with the great rarities leaving other material to follow should general interest prove sufficient to justify its publication.

Rare Imperforate Pairs, Strips and Blocks.

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Dull Red, "Imperforate"

Horizontal pairs are scarce, particularly in very fine condition, but the stamp would not be noted in the present discussion were there not in existence a block of four which should be recorded, as it is quite generally believed to be unique. Unfortunately its condition leaves a great deal to be desired, hence the writer will make no estimate of its value especially so as the likelihood of its coming on the market, in the present generation at least, is very remote.

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3c PLAYING CARDS
Deep Blue, Green, "Imperforate"

Fine, undoubted, singles of this stamp have long been listed amongst the popular Revenue classics and rightly so, hence the desire of the enthusiast to possess a pair is obvious. Few collectors, however, can ever experience the thrill of acquisition for but 5 or 6 pairs are known, and of these several are in far from satisfactory condition. All reposing in the larger collections are vertical, no horizontal piece having as yet been located. The finest known pair is easily worth $800.00, while a defective and repaired one was recently offered at $125.00 and these figures correctly measure the spread of present values as related to condition.

3c TELEGRAPH
Dark Green, "Imperforate"

Ordinary pairs of this title are readily procurable, although exceptionally fine ones are not common. Blocks are extremely rare and the writer knows of but one which originally contained 42 stamps, but which has since been reduced to 2 blocks of 15 and one of 12. This latter is slightly imperfect, but is worth $100.00, while the larger pieces are valued at $150.00 to $175.00 each.

10c POWER OF ATTORNEY
Blue, "Imperforate"

But a very limited number of close students, including both collectors and dealers, have ever had the proper conception of the rarity of a horizontal pair of this stamp, and no secret is betrayed in now divulging the fact that only the undue avariciousness of a prospective buyer lost to him the opportunity to secure such a piece for the very modest price of $30.00 from one of the best informed general students of Revenues. Vertical Part Perforate strips are commonly met with, hence vertical Imperforate pairs are usually open to some suspicion and nothing but a horizontal piece will ever truly satisfy. The writer, however, has never been able to trace but three such pairs, two of which are fine and worth $250.00 each. One of those examined is dated Nov. 23, 1863. It is quite possible that other horizontal pieces exist in obscure collections, if so, time and publicity will bring them forth, but meanwhile several of the largest Revenue properties lack such an item.

50c SURETY BOND
Dull Blue, "Imperforate"

All other titles of the 50c value being more or less procurable in pairs and strips, it is a common but extremely erroneous impression that "S.B." should likewise be available. The most diligent search, however, seems to have brought to light but two horizontal pairs, both fine, and appraised at $400.00 each, at least until such time as new discoveries are made. One of these is dated October 23, 1863. Vertical pairs should always be viewed with great concern owing to the frequency of such pieces in Part Perforate form.

70c FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Green, "Imperforate"

Being an odd value designed for use on bills of exchange ranging from $3500 to $5000, the stamp is common as a single, but collectors fail to appreciate that but one rate, i.e., $2.80 regularly called for its multiple use and no equivalent strip has ever been found. A single being a cheap stamp, want lists of advanced collectors invariably specify a pair, although there are not over two generally known to specialists. One dated April 29th, 1864 is the celebrated "Phelps" piece, and is worth $500.00. The other which is reported has not been seen as yet by the writer. Possibly the future may develop other pieces, the most likely appearing to be a strip of five to meet a $3.50 tax on some document other than Foreign Exchange.

$1.30 FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Yellow, Orange, "Imperforate"

Space concerning this stamp will only be used to note the apparent absence to date of an unsevered pair or larger piece and to venture the opinion that the standard catalog quotation for a single is much too low for a very fine copy. In such condition it is far scarcer than the $1.90, which likewise is priced none too high.

$1.60 FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Blue, Green, "Imperforate"

A pair of the $1.60 is quite generally conceded to be the "piece de resistance" among Revenues and somewhat more desirable than a copy of the 4c Proprietary "Invert," although it must be admitted that the latter would hold a greater appeal to the general space filler or collector of Revenue singles only. Two unsevered pairs are known: one a magnificent piece dated Nov., 1864, with large margins and conservatively valued at $1500, the other dated April 15th, 1867, defective but presenting a nice appearance and priced at $1000 when last offered. In open competition, however, it is difficult to predict what either piece might bring, as witness the recent sale at auction of a 30c "August" at a figure which has since been "the joke of the season" among the really informed professionals.

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Pale Mauve, "Imperforate"

This stamp presents a condition q analagous to the $1.30 in that none the leading Revenue collections conta pair. Tradition for years has dealt v a strip of three which may very v exist, but until the rumor is confirmed disproved a multiple piece can be sa listed as "impossible." As a warning the uninformed, be sure and avoid the d mauve and brown violet shades.

$2.00 PROBATE OF WILL
Dark Red, "Imperforate"

Very fine singles of this title are v worth the current standard catalog fig but it is not generally known that two horizontal pairs have ever been s in important collections, and both these appear to have been originally u on permits for fishing vessels to Ala One is dated Sept. 1, 1866, and the ot March 1, 1867, and as these stamps w first delivered to the Government on J 1863, there is the possibility of one fice receiving a supply of nothing Imperforates, but as many Perfora copies were used in 1865, it is more lik that some of the later printings were sued Imperforate. There is little choose between the two pairs, and th are each worth $1000. A vertical p lies in a large Revenue property, but very inferior in condition and the wri hesitates to venture an appraisal for t reason.

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$2.50 INLAND EXCHANGE
Gray, Lilac, "Imperforate"

It is quite probable that very few Imperforate $2.50 stamps were ever issued, as genuine singles are extremely rare (far more so than singles of the $2.00 P. W.), while the horizontal pair originally in the collection of Mr. William F. Morgan still stands "unique." It has fine margins on three sides, is close on the fourth, cancelled C. C. C. June 19, 1863, and is valued around $800 to $850. The greatest caution should be exercised by the prospective buyer of singles as the relative abundance of wide margined perforated copies offers tempting possibilities to the unscrupulous.

$3.50 INLAND EXCHANGE
Blue, "Imperforate"

Another rare stamp, relatively few being accepted as genuine Imperforate but fortunately for advanced Revenue specialists about six fine pairs are available. These come both horizontal and vertical, both having equal value which is about $500. The piece before the writer is dated June 3, 1864.

$5.00 PROBATE OF WILL
Dull Red, "Imperforate"

Mention of this stamp will only be made in this article in order to record two very exceptional pieces, i.e., blocks of 18 and 21, respectively. The former, nine horizontally by two vertically, is quite generally considered much the better piece. It came from Mr. Eagle's collection and $1000 represents a fair value for it today.

$10.00 CHARTER PARTY
Dark Green, "Imperforate"

Under the tax schedule of 1862, the highest Charter Party rate was $10.00, being on vessels over 600 tons register, hence there would be no use for a pair of $10.00 if employed solely as originally intended by the Government and as dictated by the title of the stamp. That the schedules in this case appear to have been largely followed is rather indicated by the utter lack of pairs, so far at least as is generally known, but fortunately there is a block of 4 and another of 6 preserved, these coming to light on a document found in a mining camp in Nevada. They are dated Dec. 17, 1868, a late use of Imperforates, and can be rated as $600.00 and $850.00 items.

$10.00 MORTGAGE
Blue Green, "Imperforates"

Very fine pairs of this title are scarce, although one is known O. G. There is also a horizontal strip of four but a real classic is a wonderful block of nine with fine margins all round (sheet margin at left), perfect in all respects and dated Oct. 20, 1863. This must take rank with the large block of Charter Party as an $850 piece.

$10.00 PROBATE OF WILL
Dark Green, "Imperforate"

Here is another stamp rather elusive as a very fine single, that many collectors have felt should occur in pairs at least, but the only multiple piece known today is the vertical pair from the Eagle collection. The writer has had no recent opportunity to examine this item, hence will refrain from quoting a value which might easily be inaccurate.

$15.00 MORTGAGE
Dark Blue, "Imperforate"

Moderately common as a single, multiple pieces are very rare, in fact, not much more numerous than pairs of the $3.50 Inland Exchange, although necessarily rated much lower in value. The writer knows of four vertical pairs and two horizontal strips of three, appraising the latter at $300.00 each.

$20.00 PROBATE OF WILL
Orange, "Imperforate"

Always a popular stamp, pairs have long been regarded as real classics, although actually no rarer than those of the $15.00 or $25.00 Mortgage, there being five pairs and a strip of three known to the writer with the strong probability of a few others in old and obscure collections. All are vertical although Dame Rumor credits a horizontal pair which would cause no surprise by its appearance. A fine pair is worth $200.00.

$25.00 MORTGAGE
Red, "Imperforate"

Some years ago multiple pieces were extremely rare but more recently three new pairs have come to light, resulting in a total of at least five fine pairs, a strip of three, a good block of four and two strips of four which fit together to form a block of eight. The latter is reported as a beautiful lightly cancelled piece and while "re-constructed" should be worth $1000. Two pairs examined are dated July 12, 1863, and December 18, 1863, respectively, and would find a ready market at $200.00 each.

$200 U. S. I. R.
Carmine, Green, "Imperforate"

Though commoner in pairs and larger pieces than any other stamp dealt with in the present article the bright colors, combined with the glamor that is built around a $200 stamp make singles, and particularly multiples, highly prized items, and the writer is very certain that prior to the publication of this data not a dozen collectors in the entire country would have taken an Imperforate pair of 50c Surety Bond in preference to a pair

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Reported by CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

On Wednesday, March 3rd, a large gathering took place at The Collectors Club, New York, to welcome Mr. A. W. Filstrup of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Among those present we were all glad to meet Dr. Carroll Chase on his return from an 18,000 mile motor trip in France, etc.

Mr. Filstrup first of all showed his collection and described many of the choice items, and afterwards the members spent some hours in a careful examination of the volumes. To do justice to this superb collection one would require the whole issue of this paper, so I can only give a brief account of some few of the more remarkable items.

At the commencement of his remarks Mr. Filstrup said that he was under great obligation to Dr. Carroll Chase for many of his notes and for very much of the material in his collection.

The exhibit commenced with the 1851 imperf. 1c stamps. Reconstructed top rows were shown in early state of the left pane, and the right pane with the rare varieties. Many pages of Type II plate I were shown, such as page of red cancellations, page of blocks and strips, including block of 6 and two strips of 4. A page of inverted transfers. Several pages of early covers. Plate I, left and right panes reconstructed and nearly complete.

In Plate I, later state I noted, Left and Right panes complete reconstructed.

A very interesting page of "shifts".

Attention was drawn to the 1c plate I, printed on both sides and believed to be unique.

A good page was one of red cancellations including the "PAID 3" in circle, which is very rare in red.

The famous "cracked plate" varieties were shown complete in all varieties, both imperf. and perforated, the latter being some ten times as rare as the imperf.

The 1c perf. cracked plate was also here on cover in superb copies.

In the perf. 1c plate II, attention was drawn to a fine strip Nos. 98, 99 and 100 on the plate, and very rare.

1c Imperf., plate II, strip of 6 on cover.

1c Imperf., plate II, right and left panes partially reconstructed.

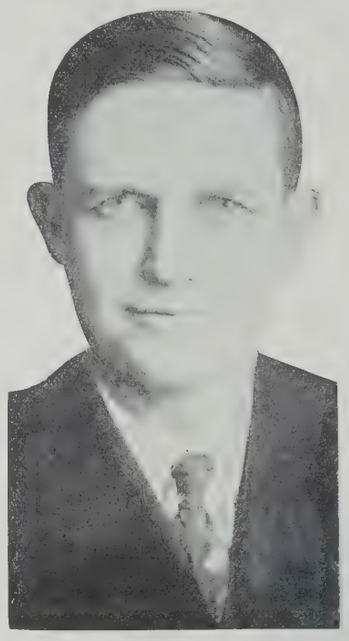
In plate IV all the rare types were shown and also stamps showing the imprints of the left and right panes.

In the 3c there were a number of blocks and strips of the imperf., unused, and complete reconstructed right and left panes of plates III and V.

The 5c imperf. included 4 unused, a block of 11 penstroked, 2 pairs on covers and 3 strips of three.

The 10c imperf. and perf. occupied the whole of a very large album and Mr. Filstrup said there were about a thousand copies.

A careful plan of plate I was drawn on one page showing the 200 squares and with the position of every shift or recut, and variety noted.



A. W. FILSTRUP.

Mr. Filstrup emphasized his interest in philately and his public spirit by journeying to New York for a meeting of the Collectors Club. Some time ago the WEEKLY paid tribute to Mr. Filstrup's many activities and the generosity that he has displayed in connection with worthy objects, not only in Benton Harbor, Mich., where he resides, but also elsewhere.

A cover was shown with imprint of No. 1 believed to be unique.

Blocks of 8 with one recut, two strips of 4, block of 4, and 8 strips of three, also later on block of 9, two blocks of 6, and strips of 5 and 6. A mint strip of four was much admired.

10c unused with double recut top and bottom. Many recuts were shown in the 10c imperf. and perf.

A fine strip of three imperf. showed the normal stamp, then a double recut, and last a single recut.

A fine item was a strip of 6 on cover with two recuts, Nos. 74 and 76 on pane.

In the imperf. considerable progress had been made with reconstructing the panes, the left pane had 67 positions filled, but the right pane only 37.

In the 10c plate II perf., a block of 42 unused was shown, stated to be the largest known. It was from the lower left corner of the plate.

In the reconstructed panes there were 82 on the left and 24 on the right panes.

A 10c Type II perf. was shown o Pony Express cover.

The 12c imperf., a pair was shown very thin paper. In the ordinary pa there were four strips of 4, two strips 5, and many pairs.

The bisected 12c was here in two examples on covers, one canceled STEAM over cut portion.

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12c perf., unused blocks of 25 and and used block of 6.

12c perf., on Pony Express cover, da Nov., 1860.

24c block of 22 unused.

24c page of stamps on cover and s of 5 used.

30c two unused blocks of 4, 30c re at bottom, and three pairs on cover.

90c unused pair, one of which has 4 lines at bottom, only found once plate of 100 stamps.

90c on large cover with blue Cincin cancellation, recently found in a C House correspondence.

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EAST AND WEST:—

THE Oriental Stamp Co. of Bangkok, Siam., informs us that the proposed Siamese Kingdon Exhibition has been abandoned, due to the sudden death of the King. The decision to overprint the recently issued airmail stamps with an exhibition inscription in native characters will of course be given up.

EARL E. WELLER of Elyria, Ohio, donates a subscription to the WEEKLY to John Stables, 3206 W. 95 St., Cleveland, Ohio. This collector, according to Mr. Weller, is a worthy shut-in who would welcome donations of stamps.

WE have received from Sefi, Pemberton & Co., 12 S. Molton St., London, W. 1, England, a large pricelist of sets, packets, stamp albums and accessories. This firm publishes the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* and a sample copy will no doubt be sent free upon request. The firm advertises itself to be "The finest stamp shop in England."

UNDER date of Feb. 1 Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London, W. C. 2, Eng., sent out a very elaborate Illustrated Guide for Stamp Collectors, giving full particulars of albums, catalogs, handbooks and philatelic accessories sold by the firm. It is a finely printed booklet of 48 pages. This has been supplemented under date of March by a catalog of packets, sets, etc. Both booklets will be sent to any address upon request.

THERE is to be a stamp club in Kalamazoo, Mich. The faithful of the city and township as well as neighboring communities were called together March 11 at the office of C. H. Garrett. We hope in an early number to give full particulars of the organization meeting. M. F. R. English is taking the lead in promoting the new club.

PASCO - ELKO AIRMAIL.

By CALVERT R. STIER.

Commencing April 6 the citizens of Washington State will be able to send a letter all the way to New York in exactly 45½ hours. This will be the result of the Contract Air Mail Route No. 5, between Pasco, Wash., and Elko, Nev., which opens on that date. Later on this year Verne C. Gorst of North Bend, Ore., will start service on the Seattle-Los Angeles contract route. But the Pasco-Elko line contract is held by Walter J. Varney and this line is the first to begin on the Pacific Coast. This new line will greatly save time in the sending of mail by air from Seattle. Under the present train and air schedule it takes 46 hours by train for the mail to reach the governmental transcontinental line at Salt Lake, and from there 25 more hours by train to New York. This makes a total of 71 hours (three days).

Each day four planes will be used on the Pasco-Elko line, two being in the air at a time. Four or five pilots will make the round trip. Six swallow type planes have been built in Wichita, Kansas, for this air mail route. Each can carry 500 pounds of mail or approximately 20,000 letters.

Postage rates for air mail over the new line will be 10 cents per ounce to Elko and 5 cents for each of the government zones. Thus, from Seattle to Cheyenne it will cost 15 cents, to Omaha 20 cents, and to Chicago and points east 25 cents. The new 10 cent air mail stamps will be received by the Seattle Post Office soon and will be used for the contract routes.

If there are any collectors who would like to have covers sent on the first trip, and if they will send me the envelopes addressed and properly stamped, I will see that they are posted in time for the opening, April 6. Be sure to have postage sufficient for the zone to which the letter is to be sent. Address me at 905 33rd Ave., Seattle, Wash.

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343	1908	1c Green	Narrow Spacing	.30	.18
343	"	"	Wide Spacing	.50	.36
344	"	2c Carmine	Narrow Spacing	.60	.30
344	"	"	Wide Spacing	.90	.60
345	"	3c Deep Vio.	Regular Spacing	1.25	.76
346	"	4c Brown	Narrow Spacing	1.50	.88
346	"	"	Wide Spacing	2.50	1.80
346	"	4c Or. Brn.	Narrow Spacing	1.50	.88
346	"	"	Wide Spacing	2.50	1.80
347	"	5c Blue	Regular Spacing (Scarce)	1.75	1.48
368	1909	2c Lincoln	Narrow Spacing	1.00	.60
368	"	"	Wide Spacing	.75	.40
371	"	2c Carmine	Hudson Fulton	.60	.36
373	"	"	Alaska Yukon	.60	.36
383	1910	1c Green	Narrow Spacing	.25	.14
383	"	"	Wide Spacing	.35	.24
408	1912	"	Regular Spacing	.30	.16
409	"	2c Carmine	Regular Spacing	.60	.36
409	"	"	Scarce Pink Back Blocks	..	.40
409	"	"	**Line** Pink Back Blocks	..	.50
409	"	"	**Arrow** Pink Back Blocks	..	.60
409	"	"	Plate No. Blocks of 6, Pink Backs	..	.90
481	1916	1c Green	Regular Spacing	.12	.08
482	"	2c Carmine	Regular Spacing	.20	.12
483	"	3c Violet	Regular Spacing, Type 2	.60	.30
532	1918	2c Carmine	Offset Printing, Type 5	.25	.14
535	"	3c Purple	Offset Printing, Type 4	.50	.36
575	1922	1c Green	Extra Wide Margins	.12	.08
576	"	1½c Yel.Brn.	Extra Wide Margins	.12	.08
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EDITORIAL.

A little more than six months remain before the New York Exhibition becomes an accomplished fact. The preliminary notices that the great undertaking has been receiving are varied and numerous; and it may be said that the Exhibition is being properly introduced to the philatelic world. The first lap of the race finds the management in fine fettle and ready to start on the second leg. Now, a very necessary part of the programme must be considered and that is the question of financial assistance. The Exhibition is to be held in New York, the philatelic capital of the country, but it will be a national and not a local event. The stamps on display and the attendance will come from almost everywhere. New York will do the heavy work, literally speaking, and in a financial way, it will be taxed roundly. In supplying the monetary foundation, the city is digging deep into its own pockets. The duty of raising funds from those interested in the progress of American philately is one that should not be thought unpleasant. The Exhibition is for all classes and cliques, "inner wheels," and select circles all give way in the common impulse to further the great cause. The year 1926 is the "anno mirabilis" of the American collector.

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Without attempting to reflect the aims or objects of the Exhibition managers or, indeed, speak for them in any way, we say that plans for collecting funds to further the work will soon be forthcoming. A committee for prosecuting the task has been appointed and in due time, a systematized attempt will be made to cover the country. The editor of the WEEKLY is on this committee and expects to have his share in the work of soliciting funds. A large list of contributors will be a vote of confidence in philately and in the ability of the Exhibition sponsors to meet the expectations of all.

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A reader says: "I now think that you have a clear idea of what you are trying to do and so no longer do I resent your harping on publicity for philately, as if it were a question of liberty or death. You may remember that I wrote you criticizing your pounding away on the subject. Send me something for a luncheon talk on stamps before a business club." This collector, who has long been in the ranks is a welcome recruit in the work of acquainting the outside world with the fact that philately is a pursuit on a par with others that have been recognized for many years. The time is coming when some knowledge of stamp collecting will be had by every person in this country, through publicity that will permeate each stratum of society, so to say.

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Mr. Henry M. Showman, Los Angeles, California, has sent in a copy of the Los Angeles *Evening Herald* for March 3, 1926, that contains a page ad of the Broadway Department Store. In this advertisement generous space is given to the following announcement: "Attention! Stamp Enthusiasts! The Broadway has opened a Stamp Collectors' Section. We are pleased to announce a distinct innovation. A department devoted to stamp sets and needs of the stamp collector—albums, etc., has been added to the stationery department. Over 20,000 different U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps are now in exhibition in this section. Come in and get acquainted with this interesting department. Sets ranging from 100 varieties for 15c to 5,000 varieties for $45. Also, packets by countries, 10c to $3." This is a well-calculated appeal to the budding and other philatelists and while the Broadway Department Store is not the first to include stamps in its ads as a staple article, yet it does not stretch the truth much when it claims pioneership in this line.

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In our opinion, the committee of the International Philatelic Exhibition has made a master stroke in securing the services of Emil Fuchs as designer of the medal which is to be awarded to exhibits of prize-winning class. Mr. Fuchs contributed a series of highly interesting memoirs to the *Saturday Evening Post* not long ago which were replete with philatelic material. It will be remembered that Mr. Fuchs was selected by King Edward to delineate his features on the Edwardian stamps, after the death of Queen Victoria; and collectors know how well he compassed his commission. The New York *Times* says that among the members of the committee who will pass upon the design are Messrs. Steinway, Lichtenstein and Lindquist.

Mr. A. H. Wilhelm, the president of the American Philatelic Society, has been visiting cities of the middle west where he had the opportunity of conferring with workers and other members. Mr. Wilhelm is giving a good account of his officership and his example is a stimulating one, as he leaves no stone unturned in promoting the interests of the large organization of which he is the head. One of the difficulties of a chief executive is to secure the support and co-operation of all the members and in this connection, Mr. Wilhelm deserves the consideration of all.

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"I saw a collection to which no stamps were added since 1875 but in it, the U. S. stamps were woefully weak, while the foreign were in force, including singles that catalogued as high as fifty dollars. There was a 5c of 1847, a 12c, 1869, and so on. Were old catalogue prices misleading on U. S. and were these stamps always scarce?" quizzically asks a correspondent. Fifty years ago, young collectors often devoted their attention wholly to foreign stamps and neglected U. S. issues. It was usually the older collector who was inclined to fill up the U. S. spaces. Good old collections are to be found sparsely settled by U. S., in consequence.

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The Chicago Philatelic Society is doing collecting a service by trying to direct philatelic enthusiasm in the local schools, Y. M. C. A.'s and community centers. In the way of providing speakers and solving problems of organization of clubs, the older society seeks to encourage the interest of the young collectors and at recent meetings of the Chicago Philatelic Society the presence of young leaders has been stimulating all around. The junior pages of several of the Chicago newspapers are showing the effect of this awakening and we notice that the editor of the Chicago *Post* has a notice in a recent issue to the effect: "Boys and girls who wish to trade stamps may send descriptions of their stamps to the Boys' and Girls' Post." Stamp news has been published in several of the newspapers through the enterprise of young contributors.

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Several suggestions have been received relative to commemorative issues for the U. S. that have been mentioned in this column but we do not care to be placed in the position of advocating anything of the kind, without having definite knowledge of the circumstances that might make such issues plausible. At any rate, we are content to abide by decision of the department in this reg as we know that many considerat enter into the question of such issues are not always generally underst Collectors naturally do not wish to h commemorative issues in such numbe to make them common, even tho happily, in the case of such emissions our government, no idea of making pr out of collectors is an impelling mo in furnishing the stamps.

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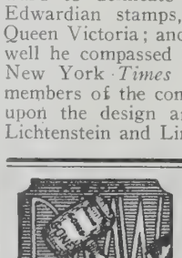

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CHAPTER XVI.

Using Duplicates to Advantage.

Any collector at all active will soon acquire a quantity of duplicate stamps, some common and some rare. To the uninitiated, this condition would seem to be undesirable. But to one who has any experience in the hobby, this supply of "surplus" material is exactly what he needs for furthering the growth of his collection.

Duplicates are obtained in various ways, including gathering every stamp in sight, purchasing in sets or packets, buying singly, exchanging per unit or units, and contributions by non-philatelic friends.

Duplicates can be put to use advantageously as follows:

(1) Giving in exchange for specimens you do not have;
(2) Selling individually or in groups;
(3) Placing in club circuits (either sale or exchange);
(4) Presenting to beginners to enhance their enthusiasm;
(5) Entering for auction sale, if the stamps are not "commons";
(6) Contributing to charitable or religious bodies;
(7) Keeping for future accrement in value.

As stated in a previous chapter, exchanging is usually done on basis of the pricings in one of the standard catalogues. In exchanging with collectors within the U. S. A., naturally an American catalogue would be used. In Canada, a Canadian. In Europe, any of the ones published there. In Asia and elsewhere, either an American or British or Continental.

A small number of philatelists exchange on the "group plan," namely: giving a certain quantity of specified emissions in return for stated quantity and assortments. In these cases, catalogue values are often disregarded, by mutual agreement.

The best way to offer in exchange (unless a "group plan" is adopted) would appear to be to mount each stamp neatly on either "approval sheets" or "approval cards." When doing so, the practice is to mark below his stamp the catalogue item number and the price. Needless to say, the particular catalogue and its year of issue should also be mentioned either on the sheet itself or on a separate slip.

Your correspondent could then pick out the stamps he wants from your offerings and return the rest to you with offerings of his own duplicates, mounted and marked in the same manner. You would then pick out what you want, taking value for value, unless previously arranged differently.

In selling, the same method of presentation should be employed. The correspondent could select those items that interest him and return the others to you, accompanied by his remittance for what he has taken.

The foregoing relates to exchanging by mail. For exchanging in person, the stamps may be inserted in small approval books manufactured for the purpose. The stamps would then be loose, unmounted, and the values could be readily looked up in a catalogue. This saves the time and trouble of marking as indicated. Where personal meeting can be arranged, the "exchange by mail" delays are avoided.

A modification would be to put up your duplicates in small packets, assorted or otherwise, and fix a net price for the lot. Your correspondent would then take "packets" and offer you also "packets" in exchange.

To expedite matters, "want lists" are sent by one exchanger to another.

Much of the detail work of keeping track of stamps offered for exchange or sale may be eliminated by entering them in club circuits as explained in Chapter XV.

If you have duplicates somewhat better than the ordinary run as regards catalogue valuation, you could enter them at auction sales. See full information in Chapter XII.

Should you have a big quantity of the commoner stamps, you could put them to best use, for the benefit of philately in general rather than yourself in particular, by presenting to beginners. This would encourage them considerably, and perchance some of them later on may have specimens you need for completing some set or page in your album or albums.

Another way to employ common duplicates is to contribute them to charitable or religious bodies, because they would then eventually pass into the hands of people who know what to do with the stamps to secure for themselves a profit on the price they may have paid "en bloc" to such bodies. These are the stamps known as "missions."

For those whom giving away possesses no appeal, their best plan is to hold their duplicates until an opportunity presents itself for them to obtain a satisfactory value in return, there is nothing better than to keep the duplicates for future increase in value. In this respect stamp collecting is like investing in real estate.

While exchanging is not selling, it is nevertheless barter, and bartering is the parent of modern selling for a monetary consideration. Wherefore, the natural tendency of every active collector towards becoming, on the side, a tramp dealer.

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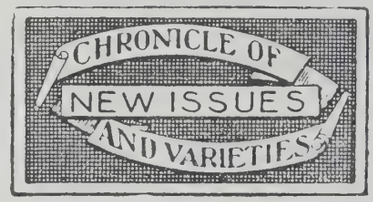

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United States.

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Up to March 4th, the Department has awarded ten contracts for such service and while these have been mentioned on separate occasions, I do not recall that they have been listed all at one time. As I have received numerous letters from our readers asking about the establishment of such routes, such a list will be of interest at this time. The name mentioned in each case is the firm with whom the contract has been closed for the route specified.

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Just as soon as the Department announces the inauguration of any of these other services, details will be given our readers.

1½c Provisional Envelope

Mr. J. C. Finch has shown me a copy of the 1c green round die envelope, size 8, on white, die B, overprinted 1½c with the double line overprint. This is the first die B that has come to hand and I understand that it was issued by one of the west coast post offices. This variety unsurcharged first made its appearance about ten years back and it had been supposed that the supplies in the post office were exhausted previous to this time.

ARGENTINE.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a new 5c rose red stamp bearing the likeness of Bernardino Rivadavia, the first president. At the top of the stamp is the name of the country and below the inscription "8 de Febrero" with the date "1826" to the left and this year's date to the right. The figure of value is in the lower left corner.

CUBA. — Two new denominations are about to be issued, viz., 13 and 25c, while the existing 8 and 10c values are to appear in new colours.—*Stamp Collecting.*

DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade has shown us the 30ö orange and the 40ö blue with the surcharge "20" over the figures of value in black. On the 40ö value blocks obliterate the former value. Mr. Pade also adds that a new commemorative issue is about to appear in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the first Danish postage stamp. It will be of three values; 10, 20 and 30 ore and in the design of one of the early skilling issues.

HEDJAZ.—New stamps have been issued by King Ibn Seoud, in the denominations, colours, and quantities given below. Examples arrive from our Alexandria correspondent, Mr. A. Sempad, and we regret there is not time for us illustrate them if we are (as our read naturally expect) to be prompt with Chronicle.

New Arabesque designs. First Set

¼pi orange, 45,000; ½pi green, 30,1 1pi red, 90,000; 2pi purple, 41,860; blue-grey, 91,560; 5pi brown, 30,000.

Second Set.—Two Thousand of each

¼pi violet, ½pi grey, 1pi blue, green, 3pi red, 5pi red-brown.

Postage Due:

½pi rose, 16,320; 2pi orange, 30,0 6pi brown, 30,000.

Mr. Sempad also submits for our spection one sheet of the ¼pi and overprinted in red (in Arabic) "H KOUMA HEGAZIA 5 Rabi el Awal 1343. *Stamp Collecting.*

ICELAND.—Whitfield King & Co. s a copy of the 25a orange of the 1911 issue with the surcharge "2 kronur" two lines in black.

IRAQ.—All values of the current ser with the exception of the 2r, have ag been printed on Script paper and suppl dispatched. The colours are as bef but doubtless differences in shade will come apparent; the hue of the 10r, example, which has also been reprin with the "On State Service overprint," a *bright crimson*, whereas it was orig ally in *lake*.

A new printing of the 4 annas grey the Service series has also been c signed.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ITALY.—Whitfield King & Co. send chronicle the five values of the new ser issued to commemorate the 700th an versary of the birth of St. Francis Assisi. The values and colors are; green (Picturing the Saint kneeling w arms outstretched to the Cross); purple (View of his birthplace); dull red (View of the Monastery); 1.2 grey blue (Portraying the Monks in work of ministration), and 2.50L ol brown (Portrait of the good St. Francis

LIBIA.—Whitfield King & Co. in th weekly sending of new issues include 60c buff and brown postage due sta of Italy with the usual surcharge "Libi in black.

LUXEMBURG. — Mr. Henry Hoorem sends the following new items of t country: 15c brown red and 20c ol green, in the type of the 1919 issue and 1fr blue, in the type picturing the cas "Vianden."

MALTA.—We have received from R. Roberts a copy of the 3p black on y low, on script watermarked paper and the same design as before.

MEXICO. — The Economist Stamp informs us that the 4c green and the orange of the 1923 series have been su charged "OFICIAL" in red. The fo mer horizontally while the 5c is ove printed vertically.

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & report the appearance of a 9c in the cu rent type, in red orange and black.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts sen for chronicle the ½p and 2p rose a green postage due stamps, watermarke lithographed in color on the back highly surfaced chalky paper, per 14x14½.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. ca our attention to the 5c light blue, type Scott's A100, which is now on pap watermarked Republica del Uruguay.

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HE Michigan Stamp Club has just held its annual election of officers, the following board was re-elected the coming year:—President, Charles sley; vice-president, Clarence Maher; y, A. M. Livington; treasurer, R. O. yer; trustees, Dr. H. P. Hoskins, H. Kaufmann, F. T. Bott; publicity man- r, Herman W. Boers.

N Feb. 4 the Butler, Pa., Philatelic Society was organized, and it now sixteen members. Meeting nights are t and third Thursdays. Ralph Sand- h is president. We are indebted to Club for a library subscription to the ler Public Library. We are indebted Ed. L. Smith, treasurer, for this infor- ion.

C. WHITMORE of the law firm of Boorman & Whitmore, Atlantic, a, sends us a renewal of subscription the Atlantic Carnegie Free Library accompanies it with this statement:— did not renew the local library sub- ption when it expired recently, think- that it was not appreciated. How- r, I find I was mistaken as our libra- n tells me that many calls are made the WEEKLY. To square myself I pose not only to renew the subscrip- but to present the library with a y of the Dictionary." Mr. Whitmore es his order for the Dictinoary three ies, and adds this bit of pleasantry to letter:—"Kindly fill the order for the tionaries before you become further couraged and make another reduction the price."

F. RAPKIN, of London, will visit the U. S. during April. He will erse the country west to Denver and Francisco. His line of philatelic ac- ories will give him a goodly reception. itinerary will be published next week.

R. and Mrs. Frank Pollard Brown, after an extended visit to Chicago, e returned to their home in Malden, sachusetts.

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STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Great Britain.—Mr. A. Kirby reports booklet No. 28 (2s) with watermark sideways on the first page of 1½d stamps, which consists of four stamps and two advertisements. The sideways watermark is a novelty in the booklets, though we believe it has appeared regularly of late in certain rolls for automatic machines.

Mr. W. J. D. Lyford-Pike learns that the 1½d Postage Due stamp is to be withdrawn. We should not be surprised to see other values of the Postage Dues, and also one at least of the postage stamps, withdrawn in the near future, as there is today very little call for certain items.

British Guiana.—Recent shade variations (Messrs. Ewens, Ltd.). 2c distinctly brighter; 4c a deeper, more chocolate tone; 24c and 72c a browner purple.

British Honduras.—2c paler brown; 5c pale dull ultramarine. Recent shades from Messrs. Ewens.

British Solomon Islands.—Forthcoming changes. All with Script watermark. 1d, "blue-purple;" 4d black and red on yellow; 2s, purple and blue on blue.

Canada.—Mr. E. C. Powell points out a very easy test for Dies I and II of the War Tax stamps, of which we do not remember any previous notice. It consists in a broad band of solid colour running diagonally upward across the space between the "1" and "T" of "1Tc," this feature being exclusive to stamps of Die I.

The stock of the 2c, imperf, on hand at the Philatelic Agency has now been exhausted, and no more will be issued. The only imperf. now on hand is the 3c.

It will probably be some months before the new historic series is issued.

Cayman Islands.—The current 2s is shown us by Messrs. Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market Ltd., in a paler, redder shade of purple.

Gambia.—The 4d on Script paper has been sent out to the colony.

Gibraltar.—Lieut.-Col. E. J. McAllister states that he has noted a small variety in the new 2s 6d stamps, in the shape of a small break in the cross-stroke of the "N" of "SHILLINGS," this being constant on the bottom left-hand stamp in each sheet. The stock of the 2½d Script has been destroyed.

Grenada.—We are to have a 3d, purple on yellow, Script watermark, before long. Also 2d, grey; 4d, black and red on yellow; 6d, black and red, and 1s, brown-orange, all Script.

Late shades, current issue: 1½d rather redder; 2d more orange; 5d, the purple much browner; 9d, browner and paler; 3s, the green is yellower; 2s, the purple is reddish instead of greyish (a tendency in several recent 2s Colonials). All from Messrs. Ewens.

India.—Several readers send us cuttings stating that the new Security Printing Press at Nasik has sent out the first consignment of its products, this consisting of registration envelopes, which will be followed by post cards and small-value stamped papers. Postage stamps do not seem to be probable arrivals as yet.

Charkhari.—Mr. A. S. Jaura kindly shows us a hand-stamped one anna stamp of large oblong format, "REVENUE & POSTAGE STAMP" at top, "CHARKHARI STATE C. I." at foot, "ONE ANNA" at left, and native inscription at right, with crossed daggers as the central device. We await further information regarding this stamp before listing formally.

Hyderabad.—From a cutting kindly sent by Mr. E. C. Martinnant, we learn that stamps of the value of ¾ anna, and one rupee may be expected, while the colours of other stamps will be changed.

Irish Free State.—Mr. John Dixon writes: "It may interest your readers to know that the use of the Irish Free State Postage Dues for the collection of duty on articles by post, and the collection of the 6d delivery fee on all parcels from outside the Saorstat, have been discontinued, by order dated early in November last. Used copies of the four values are now seldom met with and there is practically no use for the 6d value."

Malta.—The new 2½d provisional presents several features of interest. Mr. J. F. Darmanin shows us specimens, which he states are from three distinct printings. The first and second are on the paler blue stamps of Plate 2, whilst the third printing, most often met with, is on the bright blue stamps of Plate 3. We have only seen sheets of the bright blue, and these show considerable variation in the relative positions of the "T" of "Two" and the "h" of "half-penny," which may interest specialists.

Mauritius.—This chameleon colony is to have a new 2c, purple on yellow, Arms type, Script watermark, rather a strange colour allotment for so low a value, now that purple on yellow is again being used for 3d equivalents.

New Zealand.—While the design of the new stamps issued in connection with the Dunedin Exhibition is not unpleasing, the general effect is poor, though better than in the case of the Christchurch Exhibition issue of 1906. The coloured background on which the stamps are printed is not at all helpful.

We have seen a 1d "Universal" stamp with margins attached, which bear advertisements of Abdulla Cigarettes and Jeyes Fluid. Curiously enough the appeal of the stamp margins is counteracted by the postmark, which reads, "Ask for and buy New Zealand made goods."

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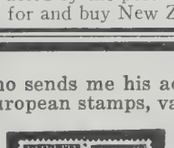

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Palestine.—Messrs. Ewens show us the current 13m in a pale greyish ultramarine.

St. Lucia.—The 2½d is to revert to its old colour, blue, while the 3d will appear for the first time in the old colours, purple and yellow, on Script paper.

St. Vincent.—Messrs. Ewens, Ltd., show us a number of shades in the current issue, the most marked being a pale green ½d, the 1d deep carmine-lake, the 2d in slate, and 3d deep bright blue.

Straits.—Johor. A new $500 duty is in preparation, for those who like such high values.

Kedah.—The 4c will shortly appear in "blue-purple" on Script paper.

Turks, and Caicos Islands.—Messrs. Ewens show us shades in the current issue, notably a duller blue in the 3d and a paler brown in the 1d.

Union of S. Africa.—The issue of a reproduction of the Cape Triangular in the new series for this Dominion, the early values of which are now at last to hand, proves that the Union Government has the intention of making collectors pay a proportion of the cost of producing the new stamps, for an imperf. stamp of triangular shape is by no means practical for general use, even though, for the convenience of business firms, the stamps are sold, already cut up, in packets.

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Ceylon

The old "pence" issues form the most valuable group in the whole collection. I have ten books made up pricing to over $18,000. I have divided these into (I) stamps on covers, (II) unused, (III) used.

In the unused there is a fine Imperf. 4d from the Sir W. B. Avery collection, price $1500 (cat. $2500), five 1s 9d green in shades, and a grand lot of "Star" and "C & C C" in shades.

The used include 10 of the 6d on blued paper and a fine lot of imperf. 4d, 8d, 9d, 1s 9d and 2s. Later issues are superb.

West Indies

There are eighteen books of these with all the old issues strongly represented. In Trinidad I note four unused blue lithographs with a superb very early impression with gum, the only one I have had, thus, in forty years dealing. The Barbados are very fine and include 1d on half of 5sh unused superb pair, two used pairs and several singles. St. Vincent very strong in unused and used. All the Provisionals, the rare 5sh Star is here in six well centered copies. Grenada has most of the errors, many being both unused and used. Turks Island, many of the rare surcharges. Nevis, a grand lot for plating, a great opportunity to fill up gaps in one's plates.

British Guiana has some good items, such as 1852, 4c blue (Scott 7) unused; 1862, 4c blue, a strip of 4 types unused. Set of the rare officials unused, etc., etc. British Honduras. All the rare provisionals, Scott's 26, 26a, 51a, etc.

New South Wales

A fine lot of "Sydney Views", 4 fine unused and 83 used. These include a superb strip of four 1d, plate II. The other Australian Colonies are well represented.

British North America

Most of the rarities are here. Canada, a superb 12d laid paper, unused. New Brunswick, two 1sh's and the 5c Connell. Newfoundland, scarlet, 2d unused, orange 1s unused, etc., etc.

Space will not allow full description, but all the British Colonies 19th Century are very fine and most Foreign Countries are well represented, for instance:—Naples "Arms" and "Cross" unused, and also used on newspapers.

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case of the ½d and 1d and in different sheets in the 4d) is a real necessity, as dual inscriptions on the same stamp are quite feasible.

However, the new stamps have met with a warm welcome and are a distinct improvement on the old series, though the colour of the 4d is weak in the extreme.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Albania.—We understand that the present Air Post stamps will shortly be withdrawn and the remainders disposed of to the best advantage. If this proves profitable, it is proposed to issue further Air stamps at fairly frequent intervals, which will be withdrawn from circulation after being in use for a short time, the remainders of each issue then being disposed of. There does not, however, seem any likelihood of large stocks being thrown on the market at less than face value.

Turkey.—Lieut. D. M. J. Murray states that the current issue of Turkey is produced by zincography. He believes that one original die was used, and from this die three further dies were prepared, for the stamps bearing the words "paras," "piaster," and "piasters" respectively. The second was used in error for the 100 pi., in which the value is in the singular.

In October, 1924, an official Air post service was started between Constantinople and Angora, but was only in use for a fortnight. A special postmark of the normal Turkish type was used, with the inscription, "Aerial Post (Stamboul)" in French and Turkish. Our informant assumes that a corresponding postmark exists for Angora.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

NORTH DAKOTA COLLECTORS CLUB

By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

North Dakota collectors held their midwinter session at Fargo on February 26th and 27th. This organization is now entering upon the third year of existence. Due to the fact that the membership is scattered over the state, it is not possible to hold frequent meetings.

Enthusiasm and the spirit of good fellowship permeates the occasional "get-togethers," and makes every meeting one to be long remembered. Such a philatelic organization has long been needed in this section of the Northwest. The A. P. S. has long served as a connecting link, and now it in turn will benefit.

Mr. Fred Krueger of Fargo, president, and Dr. Thorlief E. Stangebye of New England, ex-president, rank as the premier philatelists of the club. Both are life members of the A. P. S. Mr. Krueger possesses a general collection of note and many special groups of countries, remarkable for their completeness and condition. Dr. Stangebye needs no introduction to the fraternity. His extensive travels from coast to coast have made him known to most of us. Few dealers in the country can produce as fine an accumulation of general issues before 1880 as he owns. Condition is here to be found in all its beauty. Cape triangulars, several hundred of them, Brazil "bulls-eyes," Rividavias, Norway number ones, Early Mexicos, and dozens of other showings in matchless form. The doctor is a member of the Collectors Club of New York, Collectors Club of Southern California, and other leading societies.

Dr. Rolf Hovde, of Winthrop, Minn., favored the membership with his presence and with a view of his precancel collections of the Dakotas and Minnesota. These are without an equal in the country. Dr. Hovde exhibited also the precancel collection, exclusive of the Michigan section, belonging to General C. A. Coolidge of Detroit. This holding is replete with items of noteworthy character and a decided treat for any precancel enthusiast. It is contained in five volumes and will soon be sold via the auction route by the Rotnem Stamp Co. of Minneapolis.

Others present were Prof. A. F. Gamber of Valley City; Drs. Kaess and Hughes of Fargo; Messrs. Axelson, Farnham, Duff, Johnson, James Kaess, James Krueger, of Fargo; F. W. and R. M. Allen of Grand Forks; R. T. Barber of Wahpeton; B. Lorentz of Valley City and K. W. Haviland of Hope.

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es in almost all possible forms from
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g two of these sheets together with a
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d on a single mortgage of the Chi. &
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ive, two strips of three and numerous
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ealized $575.00. More recently pairs
n in hand have been quoted at around
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es exist, the price is reasonable, but
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laid in leading many dormant enthu-
s back to their studies of the subject.

CATALOG OF RUSSIAN LOCALS

Reviewed by FRANK L. COES.

It may be of interest to you to have a résumé of the Soviet "Catalog of Russian Rural Postage Stamps" as edited (?) by F. G. Chuchin, under date of 1925. Very evidently printed in control of the stamp monopoly of the Soviet, and the "Commissioner for Philately and Vouchers" at Moscow, and with the cover bearing the "Workers of the world, unite" motto, it is of interest in several ways beyond the attaching facts of arrangement, novel illustrating scheme, and typography.

The English is poor. Not even rudimentary, in places, and shows the limitations of a literal translator who depends wholly on his dictionary. Mostly understandable however, it still bears many gross errors, most of which are due to the translator, some to the evident desire of the parties in interest not to mention the old regimé in historically correct English, and the rest to lack of room, or data to support sub or minor variety numbering. This total lack of sub or minor varieties places the value of the book to the student wholly in the listing of the towns of origin and the series of issues.

The illustrations are grouped onto both sides of coated paper leaves folded around the signatures before collation, and are type illustrations only. The districts (Posts?) are listed in an index. the transliteration of the Russian names being rather stereotyped and not always the accepted English equivalent. This is misleading to the English collector, altho usually his good sense and ability to use phonetic spelling will get him over doubtful locality names. St. Petersburg, of course, does not appear as such, and this removal of the historical item is no great help in other post lists. Perfunctory values appear, probably from reasons of policy, rather than because the values cannot be obtained.

There is also a map of the issuing districts, titled in Russian and loose in the volume, but this is of little value as it also evades some outstanding facts.

Many of the Rurals were hand set and often there were as many varieties as stamps in the sheet. This is misleading in many cases, but saves space. Rarities which would in our system of cataloging bear no price, are rated as R, RR, or RRR, this being the mark of extreme (?) rarity.

Many collectors have based arrangement and data on the old Gibbons Part III, last issued in 1899, and strange to say this seems to check closely with this volume, with the exception of a few routes omitted for political reasons, or others less clear.

Of course collectors of Rurals will stock the book as part of the bibliography of the Zemstvos series, but to a beginner it is about as valuable as any alphabetical list of the post routes would be, and while it might make it possible to estimate the space required for a complete series, it will certainly not *make* collections any more accurate.

Poltawa, Pskov, and other issuing districts that had the celebration craze shortly before the war period, are specially weak in informative data. Similarly, many tête-bêche, couché, and other "positions" of issue are overlooked in the text though noted in the prefacing. This again makes for a condensed manual, but leaves much to be desired by the collector.

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A STANDARD COLOR CHART OF POSTAGE STAMPS

By VICTOR W. ROTNEM in collaboration with PROFESSOR L. F. BOON.

Professor L. F. Boon of the University of Minnesota, has for some time been making a detailed study of the colors of postage stamps. He has asked me to assist him in presenting a problem, as he sees it, to the collecting world. Briefly stated, the problem is that Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue is packed full of intricate color nomenclature, which when carefully inspected, causes one to wonder whether the descriptions of colors can be standardized. We recognize that considerable information on what is being done in the industry has appeared from time to time in the Philatelic press, but it is Professor Boon's idea to approach this problem from its philatelic aspects. This first article aims to state the problem and present the data on which further research is to be done. If, with the assistance of collectors, Professor Boon is able to make a thorough scientific study of this matter, it is very probable that a difficult philatelic problem will be solved. To quote Professor Boon:

"One of the things that was noticeable early in this study was that no list was available for all of the colors and shades listed in Scott's. So sometime ago I started to make up such a tabulation and was surprised at the enormous number of shades listed. If a list of these shades was given without reference to actual stamps, it would be deceptive, for few people would believe that so many colors were given. However, giving a check list proves that these were actual stamps listed.

"One of the difficulties in making up a list for actual use is that there seems to be no standard color nomenclature. Attempts have been made, I have been informed, to standardize the names for colors and I shall get in touch with publishers shortly who have made such studies."

The list which is presented is an attempt to list the cheapest stamps, which show definite colors. Many years ago a small color chart catalogue was published, which gave the names and colors of stamps, which would make a usable color chart. However, since this publication was issued long ago, many of the stamps have now increased in price so much that often later issues have been found in which the prices are cheaper. If a collector were able to complete the stamps, which Mr. Boon lists, he could then have a sample of practically every color which is described in Scott's catalogue.

A very careful study has been made of Scott's catalogue and it is probable that a further study of this catalogue would reduce some of the higher priced stamps which have to be listed. Still, it is felt that the list which is presented is safe data on which to begin. In presenting the data it is important to notice that in using the Scott Company's nomenclature, there seems to be frequent repetition of color and shade in the list. For example, "light red," "pale red," "light rose," "pale rose." To indicate the intricacies of the description of colors, including red, the following list is presented:

blood red	light red brown
brick red	orange red
bright red	pale red
brown red	pale red brown
brownish red	pale red violet
copper red	red
dark brown red	red brown
dark red	red orange
deep red	red lilac
deep red brown	red orange
dull red	red violet
dull rose red	reddish bistre
dull reddish brown	reddish brown
Indian red	reddish violet
lake red	rose red
light red	salmon red
	vermilion red

It can be noticed also that the above list does not include colors, which are basically vermilion, scarlet, rose, carmine, lake, or brown.

Another difficulty that will be found is that green, for example, does not mean the same in the stamps of all countries. Mr. Boon has samples in his collection of variations of considerable magnitude in the green stamps; the same thing can be found true in the blues and stamps of other colors.

It was doubtful whether such a series of stamps could be selected so as to be placed in order in a regular color chart without overlapping and duplications. Probably it would be found that there would be gaps in the chart and crowding together of shades at other points because of the lack of standardization.

It is necessary, if we are going to make a standardization of colors, to get some sort of a scheme whereby blue or red or green or any other color will always be the same no matter what country will issue the stamps. Of course, another difficulty which will arise is that stamps will change color under the action of the sun and chemicals.

"I have endeavored to list cheap stamps because it is assumed that anyone interested in making a color chart of stamps would not care to spend a large sum of money on such a collection. Where a price is not given, the catalog value of the stamp is ten cents or less. Where a stamp is priced used and unused, the cheaper price is given. In a few cases no stamp was noticed in the catalog at a low price such as, the dull carmine New Zealand, No. 151, $150.00."

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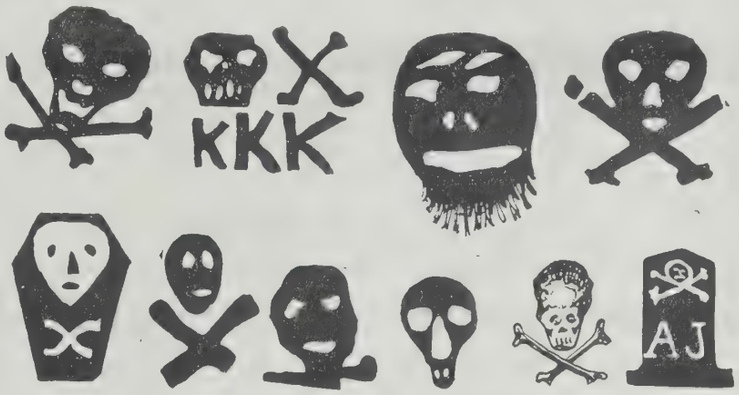

Color of Cancel.	Reported by.	No.	Design.	Stamp.	Town.
Black,	C. H. Stiles.	1.	Skull and Bones,	2c 1879	Stoneham, Mass.,
"	Dr. R. W. Payne.	2.	Ku Klux Klan,	3c 1869	Union Mills, Pa.,
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"	H. P. A.	4.	Skull and Bones,	2c 1883	?
"	A. Bode.	5.	S. & B. in Coffin,	3c Contl	Pittsburg, Pa.,
"	H. V. Swallow.	6.	Skull and Bones,	3c Am	?
"	Dr. Wm. Evans.	7.	Skull and Bones,	3c Contl	?
"	Dr. R. W. Payne.	8.	Skull,	3c 1861	No. Cambridge, Mass.,
"	K. Koslowski.	9.	Skull and Bones,	1c 1882	?
"	F. Allen.	10.	Monument,	3c 1867	Waterbury, Ct.,

Take a look at this lot of stuff, poison labels, coffins, monuments, etc., a merry group surely! The two KKK's, and the Monument seem to be the only two with any significance at all, and the latter is said to be a "joke" on one of the men in that P. O., and speedily squelched by the chief, a statement borne out by the very few copies found.

The KKK's were all torn off the covers in the lot that I had the pleasure of seeing, yet enough paper was left to show the town pmk. fortunately. The masque was rather difficult to portray, especially the whiskers part, as they were stamped in a vague flowing manner, as tho the wind had taken a hand in the cancelling, and the effect is slightly different on the actual pmk. than here shown.

Have I previously mentioned this: each canc. shown in the Forum has slight variation from the copy from which it was taken. These variations occur unintentionally in most cases, while in others there is sometimes a "secret mark" added or removed, as it might not be well to make exact duplicates of some of these rarer cancellations. You know that the Kicking Mule has several near relatives, of more recent birth so to say, and these are very readily distinguished as spurious, by the minor variations from the true Mule, which has been so well studied that one almost counts the nails in his shoes. The original Mule was a sleekly curried, well nourished fellow, while his stable mates are "not so good".

No. 5 has been sent me by Mr. W. H. Schneider on a Black Liberty postcard, very finely struck, and it was from his card that this drawing was made. The Black Jack comes with the skull, No. 8, and is in my own collection. There are several types of this commonly seen Poison Label (No. 9), and one of the prettiest is in collection of Mr. J. W. Prevost, it being hit in purple on a 2c vermilion, these colors always making an interesting combination, this cover being from Poplar Grove, Arkansas.

Some have written in asking if I wished to make drawings of the stamps later than 1869 issue, as it is outside the group on which the Forum is headed. Yes, I am glad to take any and all odd cancellations up to 1900. Dr. Evans has been saving me tracings of odd items as he receives them, and they will appear under one or the other of our headings as fits the articles best. He has recently sent in the locomotive, which we have seen on the 2c 1883 only so far. This is a fine cancellation.

Dr. Chase has promised me that I may "take a trip" thro his voluminous collection of 3c stamps, 1851-57. I can say that there will be a large and diversified gathering of the unusual in this collection. This collection has been many years in the making, and Dr. Chase has been interested in odd cancellations ever since he started to collect "3's".

Mr. E. S. Knapp has sent in a 3c 1857, with a very odd Indian head in black, This Indian was undoubtedly a chief, easily told by his noble mien—you know what I mean.

From the last lot sent in by Mr. H. C. Brooks are the following which were omitted thro lack of space before:—Cancels on 3c 1861's, covers; Columbus, Ga., open heart in black; Macon, Ga., small shield; Pleasant Mount, Pa., "Golf Ball" in appearance; Davenport, Ia., shield in blue; Elizabeth, N. J., shield; Indianapolies, Ind., open "H" in cut cork; Louisville, Ky., "P" in cut cork in blue; same with "A"; Roxbury, Mass., red pmk., and black star in circle on stamp; Ludlow, Vt., heavy outline star in circle, dot in star; Chattanooga, Tenn., black star with small open dot in center, surrounded by circle; Louisville, Ky., open six point star in cut cork, blue; Phelps, N. Y., black star within a star; Salem, Ind., "5"

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CHAPTER XVII.

Becoming A Dealer In Stamps.

Of necessity, the collector who also sells his duplicates or special sets and assortments must keep his "stock" in a systematic manner.

He must have the following equipment and supplies:

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(k) Mailing List (preferable in index card form).

The foregoing will seem like "lots of work," and to many the above enumeration will produce a reaction against all desire to engage in the stamp-dealing business. But, a fair proportion will be attracted, for the simple reason that most philatelists take up the hobby for mental recreation and physical relaxation.

That there can be good money in the business of selling stamps is a proven fact that needs not be reaffirmed. Nevertheless, it is quite opportune here to mention that few beginner dealers can expect handsome profits in this business. Many things have to be learned.

In the first place, you cannot do much business with the more advanced collectors if your "sales stock" is devoid of the kind of specimens they usually desire.

In the second place, if your stock for sale comprises mostly commons, your best policy is to advertise small packages at a nominal price (either 5c or 10c). In this connection, you must constantly bear in mind that your "stamp business" cannot, for the beginning at least, be depended on for a livelihood. If it employs your spare time that otherwise would be wasted, it has filled a lack. If it pays enough to cover the expenses, you will have had your pleasure at no cost. Only gradually, by giving satisfaction to every client and by being able to offer good values, can you expect to build it up to the proportions that would bring you substantial financial returns.

The all-important factor in getting started is to have the wherewithal with which to do some advertising, so as to put your offerings in mediums that would enable you to reach the class of prospective customers who would be interested in what you have to give. The amateur stamp-dealer should commence by striking out for the school-boy trade. To secure this, advertisements should be placed in the classified columns devoted to "Stamps and Coins" in such publications like *Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, St. Nicholas Magazine, Boys' Life,* etc. "Packets" have been found to be good leaders to feature. Every answer that is an order for such packets is also an active prospect for "approvals," and these are the dealer's best source of revenue.

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The state is interested in philately not as a hobby but as a means of recording postal history, and its stamps, which cover all issues by the United States and 19th century issues of foreign countries, are held as a reference collection. It contains many rare items and many duplicates; some of the latter are traded occasionally for varieties needed to fill vacant spaces in the big albums. Parts of the collection are placed on public exhibition from time to time.

The Library is also assembling "wild cat" bank notes, which hark back to the days when neither banks nor their notes had either state or federal supervision and when the notes were no better than the banks that issued them. Already more than 100 specimens of this currency, dated before the Civil War, have been contributed to the collection by residents of the state.

Some of the more interesting of the bills are a five dollar note of the City Bank of Albany; a two dollar bill of the Union Bank of Albany; a five dollar bill of the Chemung County Bank of Horseheads; a five dollar bill from Henry Keep's Bank at Watertown; and a three dollar bill from the Corn Exchange Bank of New York City.—Middletown (N. Y.) *Times Press.*

GERMAN PLEBISCITE AREAS

By A. WAGNER.

(We are very pleased to publish the following article as an answer to a query presented by one of our readers. The article will doubtless be very welcome.—Ed.)

As a subscriber to your excellent paper I beg to state the following with reference to your news item on page 70, of No. 5, Whole No. 1830, requesting information as to what has become of certain plebiscite areas:—

Eupen and Malmedy.—Two districts of Rhenish Prussia. Placed under Belgian administration after the war and definitely ceeded to Belgium in 1920.

Upper Silesia.—Although the plebiscite in March, 1921, yielded a majority of votes for Germany, the League of Nations, in October, 1921, decided that Germany was to share the territory with Poland.

Allenstein.—Plebiscite area in the province of "Ostpreussen" (East Prussia). This province, as the name indicates, is situated in the extreme east of Germany. The plebiscite of July 13, 1920, yielded a crushing majority of votes for Germany. It was, consequently, decided that the province of East Prussia should remain German property.

The Saar Territory.—Is still under the administration of the League of Nations. It is a Rhenish district, with Saarbrücken as the capital, the number of stamps issued so far exceeding 100.

Schleswig.—In pursuance of the plebiscite of March 14, 1920, the northern part of this province was apportioned to Denmark, the southern part remaining German, as before.

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Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes, Chicago, shows an envelope bearing a three cent of 1851, with the postmark, "Ind. Central R. R., Jan. 8," addressed to a point in Ohio. In Colton's map of Indiana, published in 1852, we find: "The Indiana Central Railroad is 71½ miles long from Indianapolis to Richmond, and is continued thence four miles to the Ohio line by the Richmond Railroad." Some time before 1873, the name of the Indiana Central was changed to Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central. In that year, it was leased by the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, which was owned by the Pennsylvania System. It has since been absorbed by the main line of the Pennsylvania road.

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Mr. A. F. Merell of San Francisco is making the name of "The Stampman" famous. He has become one of the microphone hits of his city where for many months he has regaled the boys and girls with talks on stamps, which he illustrates by sending to applicants, a little batch of stamps. Now comes the news in a radio paper issued by the Merell station, KFRC, that the stamp talks have been instrumental in leading "from forty to fifty elderly folks in the bay district to become addicted to the romance of stamp collecting." May Merell's vocal powers expand and his group of gentle addicts increase. Several weeks ago, Mr. Merell had three worthy collectors of the city, Mr. Henry C. Marcus, Mr. Theodore Behr and Mr. C.C. DeSelms on for an airing at KFRC.

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There is reason to regret the closing of a post office and the "discontinued offices" sometimes tell of desertion and decay. We can understand the feeling of "a relic collector" who in a Lafayette, Indiana, newspaper deplored the fate of South Raub, Indiana, now postally extinct. The post offices that flourished and faded are catching the eyes of the collectors of covers and the early birds in the field will find much better pickings than the collectors with a thought for the historical who join the ranks later.

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The Long Beach, California, "Tele-gram" recently contained an article over a column in length, descriptive of the collection of Mr. Harold Ward of that city. A half-tone accompaniment pictures Mr. Ward with his opened album showing two pages of neatly mounted stamps. The article is written appreciatively and is readable, indeed. The reporter neatly handles his work and gives a good interpretation of the sentiment of stamps in the following words: "Its market value is $5,000, but to its owner, it is priceless. To their owner the stamps are as suggestive of far places and their romance and beauty as are quaintly set jewels, old armor and rich fabrics. They also tell a story of historic and economic changes and some of them carry human interest stories."

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In an envelope postmarked Baltimore, the following typewritten communication was enclosed, from which the name of the sender was omitted, intentionally or otherwise, but we think that it is safe to publish it: "I have come into possession of a packet of stamps as sold in 1879 by J. W. Scott. The stamps were never taken out of it and it remains as it was when received. The price of the packet was ten dollars and it contained six hundred varieties, among which there are many high-priced stamps although the condition of all the stamps is not perfect. If it would interest you, I shall make up a list of the stamps and total their catalogue value." We take this means to say that such a compilation would be interesting and a readable summary could be made from the list of these stamps.

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With the foregoing paragraph in mind, a few comparisons may be attempted. In 1879, a collection of fifteen hundred stamps was above the average and a thousand stamps, even, made a respectable showing. There were practically no specialists in those days although there were many keen judges of stamps in what may be called their scientific aspect. It was only four or five years before that philately was mentioned in an encyclopedia, for instance, Appleton's "American Cyclopedia," having been the pioneer in this connection; and a double-page plate of stamp designs was a feature of the notice. Then, any addition to the ranks of collectible issues was eagerly welcomed where now it is taken as a matter of course, since there are now nearly fifty thousand stamps from which the collector may pick.

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The Hon Secretary, W. B. Haworth, of the Permanent Executive Committee of Philatelic Congresses of Great Britain, informs us: "It has been decided to add two names to the Roll at the 13th Philatelic Congress to be held at Liverpool in 1926. Of these one is to be a representative of the philatelists of Great Britain and her Colonies and Dominions, and the other to represent foreign countries." Nominations that were to be made by those philatelists whose names were already on the rolls, were to have been received by February 28, 1926.

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From Mr. Walter D. Case, Bloom-field, Conn., we have received a copy of an old cover, sent in 1814, from Tavistock, evidently, to Ashburton, England. Imprinted on the upper right hand corner in two lines, is, "Tavistock Penny Post" and at the right of this impression is "No. 2" in box design. The historical significance of markings of the kind, antedating the use of stamps themselves, makes them worthy of attention from collectors.

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Here is one of those fugitive items that find their way into print, that has been rescued by Mr. William Forster of Elizabeth, N. J., and sent in to us: "A stamp collection of 536,830 stamps is owned by Edward J. Vogel, of Readville, Mass. It represents twenty-seven years of his life. He recently carried his stamp book to the White House and President Coolidge autographed it." It would be interesting to know just how much is fact and how much fiction in this story. Even though Mr. Vogel devoted twenty-seven years of his life to his art, he has been under the stern necessity of adding about 20,000 stamps yearly to his collection. Did he merely tuck his book with its half-million stamps and more under his arm and run over to the White House? Did President Coolidge oblige with his autograph before or after looking over the "collection?" Here is a case for the chief of our gang of nailers of rumors and reports perpetrated on philately in public print. It must be admitted that the unphilatelic reader of the foregoi paragraph receives a false impression the dignity of collecting from it. The is such a thing as philatelic publicity wi reverse "English."

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MMUM GATHERUM:—

HARLES H. GARRETT, president of the Stamp Trade Protective sociation, Kalamazoo, Mich., informs that Eugene Soirell, 2145 Santee St., s Angeles, Calif., will not receive mail dressed to him. This information is sed upon a letter from R. R. O'Brien, stmaster of Los Angeles, who states t under date of Nov. 12, 1925, written lers were given him by Eugene L. rrel, the So. Calif. Stamp Co., the So. lif. Stamp Club and Western Philatelic sociation, 2145 Santee St., that all mail addressed was to be endorsed "Resed" and returned to senders. We pubh this information for the benefit of erested parties.

HE Arthur Barger Co. of Framingham, Mass., has just issued No. 1 of he Flying Salesman." As the name plies it deals with air-post matters and interesting lot of offerings is found in is the March number. Sample copy request.

EWS despatches state that at a recent London auction sale a collection stamps belonging to one Judge Coraly, Antwerp, brought $65,000. The sale racted wide attention, numerous buyers ing present from the continent.

STAMP club has been organized by some Newark, N. J., boys between teen and eighteen years of age, called e Newark Philatelic Society. Isadore hachtman is president and Maurice rman, 338 Peshine Ave., is secretary.

K. MACK, Goshen, Ind., can secure no replies to letters mailed Rev. G. Hawley, Harrisville, Mich. Inforation is desired.

RODNEY BALL, a director of the Morris Plan Co., Lawrence, Mass., nds us three subscriptions to the EEKLY, all for Lawrence boys. Mr. all is an old subscriber to the WEEKLY.

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The main thing, however, was to discover the fundamental traits in human nature that would get a response as per schedule. "Hitch your wagon to a star" is an old adage which means make some law of nature haul your load, like the unchanging, never ceasing, effortless law of gravity. Let nature do it. It is just a matter of understanding nature and that includes human nature. The college president sold their wares by understanding human nature and making certain unchanging laws pull their load. It was easy; all they had to do was to know what to do.

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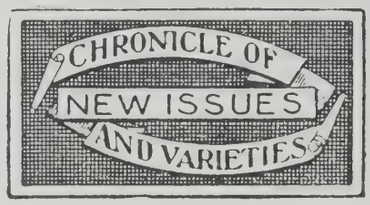

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Air Route Jacksonville To Miami Established

Under date of March 19th, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. W. Irving Glover, announced that effective April 1, 1926, contract air mail service will be inaugurated over part of route C. A. M., No. 10, service to be from Jacksonville, Fla., via Tampa and Ft. Myers to Miami, Fla., and return, a total distance each way of 468 miles. The route will be operated daily, the south bound plane leaving Jacksonville at 10.00 A. M., and arriving at Miami at 3.25 P. M., whereas the north bound plane leaves Miami at 7.00 A. M. and arrives at Jacksonville at 12.25 P. M.

This service when completed will run as far north as Atlanta and the contract with the Government is held by the Florida Airways Corporation of Tampa and New York City, who will receive in payment an amount of ten cents an ounce or fraction thereof on all mail handled.

No announcement is made by the Department at this time as to when the service will be established between Jacksonville and Atlanta.

Rotary Prints

Mention was made in this column a few weeks back of the fact that beginning July 1st it was expected that all of the denominations of the current set from 1c to 10c inclusive would be produced on the rotary press and on the rotary press alone—that is, the flat plate printing of these lower denominations would be discontinued.

The fact that these rotary stamps have horizontal ridges, which appear noticeable from the back, have led many of our readers to inquire as to why the presence of the lines. Those who used the early rotaries for postage or discussed the matter with the postal clerks will recall that there was considerable complaint due not only to the fact that the stamps fell apart while in stock, but that they curled and it was almost impossible to keep them flat. The complaints were so numerous that it was necessary for the Bureau to take some steps that would eliminate these two glaring defects. They prevented the falling apart by changing the perforation and in order to have the stamps lie flat they have been experimenting for several years and during this time have used several methods to break the gum. Some will show single diagonal lines spaced some distance apart, but here of late they have adopted a double line breaker spaced a little short of a quarter of an inch part. These stamps are now making their appearance even in the smaller post offices and differing so greatly from the flat plate has forcibly brought the variety to the attention of a great number of our readers.

1922, 30c "Buffalo"

Mr. Walter L. Clark has submitted for inspection a copy of the current 30c showing a distinct double transfer. We find the frame line immediately under "UNITED" strongly doubled, starting well below the "U" and extending up to the "D". As the specimen submitted is a single used copy, it is impossible to tell the plate or plate position.

Philippine Islands

I was recently shown by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company imperforated horizontal pairs of the current Philippine stamps from 2 centavos to 4 peso inclusive and I was informed that the 10 peso existed in similar condition.

Investigation at Washington shows that during last May slightly more than 100,000 stamps of this character of all denominations were turned out, samples going to the Director of Posts at Manila, and the remainder sold to a sales company in the same town to whom they were delivered through their representative—a bank in New York. Philippine papers of last December carry several columns of information relative to this issue and state that the Philippine authorities will be glad to fill further orders for similar stamps if purchased in lots of 10,000 pesos or more. These stamps will no doubt reach the American market in short time and in view of the quantities issued and the possibility of more coming out, they, of course, should be valued at figures not greatly more than the perforated stamps are bringing.

It is certainly to be regretted that the Philippine Government should take any such means of raising revenue. We recall that they sold the 16c Dewey through the Philatelic Agency in order to raise sufficient to pay for the die, but we did not look for any wholesale selling of varieties in such a manner. These stamps are not on sale at the agency either perforated or unperforated.

It may be well to state at this time that the printing of the Philippine stamps is no way under the control of the United States Post Office Department, but postal affairs are independently operated. They have a contract with the Bureau Engraving and Printing to furnish them with certain stamps and securities somewhat similar to the contract between the United States Post Office and the Bure

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ALGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have own us the new 80c, 1fr 05c and 3fr mps of France with the surcharge lgerie" all in black.

BELGIUM.—We have received from our respondent, Mr. Henry Hooreman, pies of the "Floods" stamps. They are two designs, one in light blue color d the other in a slight greenish blue l both of 1fr+1fr value. Both stamps ture in the centre a cavalry man rid-on a white horse with his sword in right hand. Below is the word "Cari-" and at the bottom is the three line el "Inondations 1 fr. Watersnood."

DANZIG.—Whitfield King & Co. report appearance of the 15pf red and the of blue, of the current type with the rcharge "Dienstmarke" as per the 1924 rprint, for official use.

OHORE.—Whitfield King & Co. inform that they have received the $4 green l brown, script watermark.

MALTA.—We learn from several corre-ndents that the recent provisional p on 3p was exhausted on February last.

MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. send chronicle the 25c rose, of the 1924-25 ue with the surcharged "30" in black. o parallel lines obliterate the former ues.

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WARNER BATES of Buffalo, N. Y. well and favorably known to the readers of our paper, has been elected secretary of the New York State Automobile Association. Mr. Bates has had varied experiences in publicity work and brings to his new position an ability and energy which is bound to make him successful in his new work. Congratulations. Dr. R. C. Fisher sends clipping.

IT is with sincere regret that we record a severe accident which recently befell K. Pathe of the Pathe Stamp Co. He was the victim of an accident which resulted in six broken ribs and he is now confined in a Dallas, Tex., hospital. His stamp business will be carried on as usual from 4808 Victor St., Dallas, Tex.

WILL Louis Raskin, address unknown, please write the Fellowship Stamp Agency, 433 Rowell Bldg., Fresno, Calif.? If so, his order for stamps will be filled.

ARTHUR BARGER & CO. of Framingham, Mass., is running a large advertisement this week, which is bound to attract attention. It is very evident that this firm has sources of supply for airmail stamps which places it in the front rank of dealers in this interesting specialty. We urge a perusal of this very attractive advertisement.

FORUM

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on stamp; Leominster, Mass., pmk., in red and black "3" on stamp. Where color is not mentioned, black is meant always.

On 3c 1857's: "Fort Madison, Oct. 6, Ioa.", "Fort Plain Sep 24 N. Y.", "Normal College Nov 5 N. C.", "Davidson College Jul 3 N. C.". These forts and colleges make nice postmarks. The town of Warren, state indecipherable, shows four long bars close together, stamp pencanceled "Used Up". "Newark Valley Sep 9 N. Y." with red flag in circle.

One beautiful cover shows all in red ink, pmk. being "RAPPAHANNOCK ACADEMY OCT 15 VA." in a double lined ellipse at left of envelope, while over stamp is a similar single lined ellipse showing "PAID 3", this cover being of the 1851 period, the stamp a beautiful orange brown.

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TEN YEARS RENEWAL

Occasionally we feel compelled to give space to the kind words which reach us in the course of our regular correspondence with subscribers. In this instance we must recognize a letter just at hand from G. Decker French, Davenport, Ia. Mr. French remits $10 for a ten years' subscription to our publication, and we consider this worthy of noting as a marked tribute to the WEEKLY. Of course we have entered Mr. French as a member of our Honor Club and we thank him for this splendid token of esteem.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Elsewhere in this issue we have paid special attention to G. Decker French, who has not only taken out membership in the Honor Club, but has renewed his subscription for a period of ten years. Mr. French is located in the Putnam Bldg., Davenport, Iowa. We greatly appreciate his support of our publication.

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THE RAREST OF THE KICKING MULE CELLATIONS, "GOLETA, CALIF."

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S. J. Jones of Santa Maria, Califo was the first collector to discover "Goleta Kicking Mule". He found copy on the original cover, and to h am indebted for much of my data on interesting cancellation.

It was my good fortune less th year ago to secure the correspondenc a resident of Goleta in the early eigh by the name of D. A. Martin and an the numerous ordinary envelopes wer covers with the Kicking Mule canc tions: Aug. 16, 1881, canceled in b on 3c green; Feb. 14, 1882, cancele black on 3c green stamped envelope; 12, 1884 canceled in red on 1c pos due; April 3, 1884 in red on 1c b April 28, '84 in red on 1c post c June 3, '84 in red on 1c blue.

The Goleta canceller and dater all in one piece; that is why the Mu always the same distance from the c cancellation.

Here is the famous "kicking mule" ca lation approximately correct in detail, sho the distance that it was from the postmar the case of Goleta, on the combination of mark and canceler in one piece.

Some time later in 1884 or early of 1885, the Goleta Post Office was stroyed by fire, (including the cance stamp), and as the Government had gun to enforce the regulation that Postmasters be required to use the r lar Government cancelling stamp, marked the end of the Goleta Kic Mule.

To give a little history of the G Post Office: Goleta Post Office in was a country store situated a few r from Santa Barbara, Calif. The s and a blacksmith shop constituted town. Mr. Foster was the Postma up to the latter part of 1882 and sele the design of the Kicking Mule fro number of samples submitted him l representative of Morse, Klinkner & of San Francisco.

My friend, Parker W. Lyon of P dena, Cal., tells me he knew Mr. Klin personally and that he always drov span of little mules shaved clean painted in brilliant colors.

The Humane Society had him arre once, as in one instance he had used h paint and one of the mules died. Klinkner's partiality to mules evide suggested the design of the "Kic Mule".

The other Kicking Mule cancellat are "Port Townsend, Wash.", whic the most common, the same being qu large town at that time; Susanville Forbestown next in order of rarity, good sized villages in the eighties.

There should be quite a few cover existence in those towns; but so far very many have been found.

Any Kicking Mule cancellation sh only be collected on the original as th the only way to identify it and to gu against counterfeiting.

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MRS. JOHN VAN BURK, Lenox, Mass., writes us as follows:—"Perhaps you might interest some of your readers to help boys of Opportunity Farm, New Gloucester, Maine, as there were fourteen stamp collectors who lost everything in the fire which destroyed the Kendall House last spring. Some of your boy subscribers may be willing to mail to the farm address as given old copies of the WEEKLY."

IN the New York *Times*, for March 3 was a letter addressed to the editor by Franklin S. Smith of Jersey City, N. J., in which reference was made to the French Tax Fund already noted in the WEEKLY. Mr. Smith has made a commendable attempt to educate not only the dealer, but the general public as to investments in stamps.

HAVE just been reading Mr. Pierson's article on the difference between Jamaica Nos. 79 and 92. I have both varieties which show perfectly the difference as illustrated by Mr. Krause, but on which I can not discern any appreciable difference in the distance from the top of the turret to the shade horizontal lines at top of stamp. There may be others that occur differently.—E. G. Bennett.

THE Philatelic Society of the Oranges (N. J.) will meet at the library of Dr. Edward C. Worden, Milburn, N. J., on the evening of April 2, when Dr. Worden will exhibit his specialized United States stamps.

ON Feb. 26 the Buffalo Stamp Club was host to a party of Batavia collectors. Dinner was served for thirty and afterwards a talk was given by Milton R. Miller, editor of the Batavia *News*. Every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock the club rooms are open for the boy collectors of the city. Several of the older members are always present to show the boys how and what to collect, and how to arrange and mount stamps. Visiting collectors and dealers will be welcomed at 552 Main St., any Friday evening. We are indebted to Dr. R. C. Fisher for an interesting letter dealing with the activities of the local club.

AT the annual S. P. A. convention in Cincinnati, August 10, M. Ohlman will hold his customary auction sale. These sales have come to be a regular and much appreciated feature of the conventions of this live society.

I NOTED with interest Mr. W. D. Pierson's description of a difference between Jamaica Nos. 79 and 92. On examining the copies in my collection, I found the distance between the fighting top on the mast and the lines below the upper label to be just the reverse of Mr. Pierson's. Examination of duplicates showed that both watermarks come in both spacings. This is probably due to the stamps, although in one color, being printed in two impressions. The only real difference in design is in the flag."—CHAS. F. SCHELL.

SOME WORTHY SHUT-INS

Dr. H. B. Hinman, Stokes Bldg., Everett, Wash., A. P. S., 6481, and Vice-president of the Washington State Philatelic Society writes us a letter, which we shall quote in toto. It reads as follows:—

"Please ask your subscribers to send some stamps to Jesse Warren, care of the Seattle General Hospital, Seattle, Wash., to be divided between him and two other boys. They are there for a year with diabetes under the care of the city of Seattle. Jesse has a collection of 1,000, but the other boys are just beginning. Their physician is very anxious to have their interest in stamp collecting sustained, as time hangs heavily on their hands. Seattle subscribers might call with a few stamps, and will find three fine, bright and intelligent boys."

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Bolivia.—In the new Waterlow printing of the current Arms type, the details of the engraving in the central oval are clearer than in the printings by the American Bank Note Co. or Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co. The central ornament at the top, above the "EO" of "CORREOS," is broad and squat and the shading of the background around the arms is regular all round, except immediately above the eagle, where shorter lines are used to give a lighter effect. We do not yet know which values have been printed by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons.

Greece.—A new stamp is to be issued in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the breaking of the blockade of Missolonghi.

Hungary.—The new currency (1 pengo=100 garas=12,500 kronen) will naturally call for a new series of stamps. Its appearance will definitely close the period of the fall in the European exchanges, as all currencies are now more or less stabilised.

Italy.—Il Bolletino Filatelico states that a stamp will be issued to commemorate the Virgil centenary. The design will be taken from a rare old mosaic, representing the poet with two muses. We wonder whether this stamp will make his works any more popular with the young idea!

Jugo-Slavia. A new issue is being prepared by the State Printing Works, and new Air stamps are also likely to be issued in the present year, says *Die Postmarke.*

Persia.—Mr. R. W. Gray states that he believes 20,000 of each value of the new provisionals were issued commemorating the deposition of the Shah and the appointment of Reza Khan Pehlevi as head of the Provisional Government. The new ruler of Persia was once a private soldier.

The 2 kran with inverted centre, listed this month, was received by a gentleman in London on his ordinary correspondence. The postmark of the pair seen was Mohammerah, and apparently a sheet was used there without the error being noticed, as one or two other copies have reached London.

It is expected that the remaining stocks of the engraved series with portrait of the ex-Shah will be overprinted shortly, pending the production of an entirely new series.

Russia.—There is a frankness about the latest Russian stamps, which comes as something of a surprise after the recent attempts to indicate the scientific standing of the country by means of the Popoff and Lomonosoff issues. The new stamps commemorate the revolutions of 1825 and 1905, and the scenes they depict illustrate the whole gamut of revolution—processions, mob orations, street-fighting, barricades, and trench digging. They are certainly of unique interest to the collector who likes a spice of novelty, but they can hardly be considered as good propaganda from the Soviet point of view.

A new series is being considered, which will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. The set is to consist of twenty-one stamps in three designs, which will include the word "Post" in six languages—Russian, Ukrainian, White Russian, Georgian, Armenian, and Turkish.

Numbers printed of the Revolution commemoratives listed this month:—

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No figures are given for the imperf. stamps, for the existence of which the usual excuse of printing delays is put forward. Our own opinion is that these imperf. stamps are issued purely to double the number of varieties available for collectors.

San Marino.—Commendatore M. A. Jamieson kindly informs us that San Marino is shortly to issue a new series, consisting of 10c, 20c, 25c, 45c, 50c, and 1 and 2 l. values. May we hope that this series will be permanent—at least for a few months?

Siam.—The *Neue Freie Presse* states that the new Air stamps will shortly be overprinted with the Siamese equivalent of "Royal Siamese Exhibition," 100,000 sets being so treated. After the "Malaya-Borneos" we can hardly say anything against this comparatively modest flutter.

Spain—Cuba. The reduced prices announced this month for certain items are the result of the sale of remainders amounting to about eight million stamps, which fetched $1,500 at an auction in Cuba. Other stamps were included besides those of which prices have been reduced, but in these cases the quantities sold were so small that they will not affect the market value of the stamps.

Switzerland.—Mr. A. D. Jenny draws our attention to the interesting fact that the 10c of the new Pro Juventute series has a border formed of embroidery patterns, embroidery being a special product of the canton Appenzell-Ausserrhoden, whose Arms are represented on the stamp.

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III.—*Beginning a General Collection.*

In the previous chapters, we have demonstrated that progress in philately is made by a series of regular steps. Having proved that the successful collector must commence with the desire to collect, and having outlined reasons why it is advantageous for the beginner to make a general collection in preference to specializing, we will now assume that the neophyte is ready to take his first plunge into the deep waters of our hobby. The time has come for the collector to start to collect.

How does he go about it? There are many ways, depending upon his means and tastes. If he is a boy, limited as to spending money, he will doubtless start with a small album and a handful of stamps from a packet, or perhaps given to him by a friend.

If he is a boy, he is doubly fortunate in being able to start in that way, for he is making a real start. The Days of Real Sport in philately, according to most of the sages and long-hairs, have to do with a small album, and some stamps carried in the pocket along with a ball of kite-twine, a skate key, some marbles, an all-day sucker or two, and sundry other articles usual to the pockets of a small boy. We do not recommend this process as a means of preserving one's stamps, but it is customary for the youth to commence in this way, and the greatest day in a collector's life, we believe, is the first day.

The boy making his first collection has his philatelic career ahead of him. The boy grown up who starts another collection has much pleasure to look forward to, but the second collection is never as exciting as the first. So our boy friend is doubly fortunate in having a long career and a real initiation into the hobby ahead of him.

The boy of today is confronted with the task of getting many more stamps than the youth of a decade or two ago, but on the other hand he has the joy of amassing a larger collection for the same outlay of money. Twenty years ago, a thousand varieties was a good collection for a boy, and if purchased as a starting packet, cost about $5.00. Today, our boy can buy his first thousand for a dollar or so.

It has been our experience that the boy from eight to twelve will find the album such as the Scott Imperial or similar book, a good means of housing his stamps. The boy starting at eleven or older should endeavor to start with the Scott Junior album. While this article is not written in the interest of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. we endorse their albums as being the most suitable for the American collector. There are many good makes of foreign albums, but the Scott books being planned in accordance with their catalog, will prove very useful to the collector in America. The British boy will find an English album best, the German boy will prefer a German album, but the American boy with a German album is very likely to run into difficulties on his arrangement, fine as the foreign books are.

The beginner, man or boy, will find the Junior Album useful for housing up to ten thousand varieties. Beyond that point, he will probably want the three volume set, giving spaces for all stamps. Below that number, he will find the books rather bulky for the satisfactory display of his stamps, for a few thousand stamps are practically lost in the three volume set. However, the collector, with prospects of making a large collection in a short time, would do well to start with one or all of the volumes, to save work of remounting later, and also to give him the fun of accurate arrangement. This matter rests largely with the collector, but needs some thought before starting.

We know of a number of adult collectors using the Junior album, who confine themselves to its limitations, but who find it an excellent book for forming a representative collection of all countries at moderate cost.

Having acquired an album, our collector begins his search for stamps to put in it. The most satisfactory start is made by buying the largest variety packet one can afford, then adding to it by purchase of packets by countries, sets and single stamps to fill in the sets already started. The larger the starting packet, the less duplicates one will usually acquire in buying other packets, strange as that may appear. The collector who buys a thousand variety packet, and later buys a two thousand will find many duplicates of his first thousand. Buy the two thousand first, if possible, then take up the packets by countries.

Having stamps to put in the book, the method of putting them in must be considered. The old paste pot, and porous plaster mounts are as extinct as the dodo. Use nothing but the best make of peelable hinge, as sold by your dealer. Be sure the hinges are peelable. They will stick, but they must peel, if one is going to save stamps from thin spots and tears in remounting. Learn to properly affix the stamp, by moistening the tip of the hinge only, applying it to the stamp, then moistening the tip of the other end of the hinge, and affixing to the book, leaving the center part dry. This makes it possible to raise the stamp for examination, gives a clean start in removing the hinge, and helps to eliminate the hump in the stamp or page. Too many collectors ruin their stamps by over-moistening the hinge.

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One of the prize beasts in our philatelic circus is the giraffe on the stamps of Tanganyika. This giraffe has recently changed his color on four values, and the old colors promise to become "more better." A word to the wise is unnecessary.

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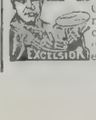

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The menu for this week is varied. A number of oddities and "unusualities" have been sent for observation.

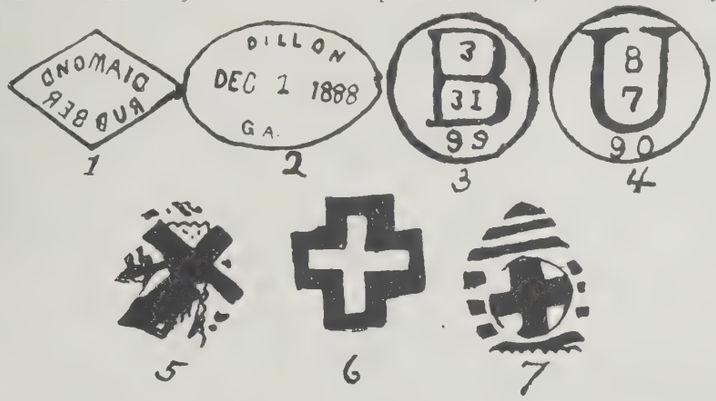
Mr. J. W. Sampson shows a 5c Trans-Mississippi and a 5c rose lake Hawaii of the 1894 issue on a cover postmarked Honolulu, Jan. 8, 1899. Was this the common practice as late as that?

Mr. O. J. Klinger submits a 15c Interior cancelled with a large K and a 2c Treasury with an odd star. He also includes two postal cards from Chicago, Ill., one cancelled with a neat blue shield and the other with a W in a circle. The postmark on the latter shows W. D. Sta. In the same lot are some "Army Franks." New to me. Who knows anything about them? What are they?

Mr. Samuel Bennett has sent a number of 3c War Dept. cut square envelopes many of which show County postmarks, and a number of others postmasters' names.

One of the stamps is cancelled with a real locomotive and the fireman busily engaged in stoking it. Some cancel, this is. I'm under the impression that Mr. Atherton reported one of these sometime ago and said he would give us a tracing of it.

Mr. Chas. E. Herman sends a nice lot of colored cancellations beginning in the '70's and ending with a block of four ½c Hale cancelled in a bright green. Postmasters don't all conform with absolute regularity to postal instructions it seems. Maybe some of them regard these instructions as an infringement of their personal liberties, and take this way of expressing their dissatisfaction. Whatever the cause the result is not displeasing to the eye of a stamp collector.



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Mr. O. F. Weed sends some of the freakiest imaginable perforations of 3c green it has ever been my lot to see. They're as bad as some of the war-time perforations, and look as if the perforating machine had been out all night, or something.

He also includes two stamped envelopes with a distinct double print of the stamp in color, and another with one albino and one colored impression. They're positively weird.

The same lot shows the right diagonal half of a 1c and the left diagonal half of a 3c 1890 on a cover postmarked at New Haven, Conn. It went through the mail all right.

Mr. R. H. Huetson shows a cover postmarked Rochester, N. Y., which was carried by a 1c 1882 re-engraved. The cover has been used a second time. The original address has been erased and a new one written. This time two 2c red brown stamps were put upon it, and one of them is stuck over the original 1c stamp almost completely hiding it from view. The second postmark is N. Y. & Chi. R. P. O. Mid. Div.

Mr. Herman also sends a 3c green canceled with the legend shown in cut No. 1. And a 1c blue with the same legend, but in this instance blurred by too much ink. How it came to be used, or where, or when, you'll have to figure out. I don't know.

Mr. Herman also includes two pairs of 1c 1882 re-engraved showing an appreciable difference in the spacing between the stamps. One pair is spaced 2mm and the other 2½mm. Examination of a few pairs in my possession revealed that I had 'em—and didn't know it. How many more of you are in the same class? And now who will tell us whether these two spacings were used on one plate, or were they on different plates? And who will tell us why they were used? Was it done to try to correct the lack of regu-

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A cover from Mr. R. L. Hustis shows the peculiar little postmark shown above—No. 2. Almost looks as if it had been done by hand, but it wasn't.

Mr. John E. Fast sends a cover bearing a 3c carmine and a 5c green registration stamp of Canada addressed to Canton, Ohio, postmarked Grand Narrows South, N. S. Au. 1, 90. On the back are the following markings. Port Hastings, N. S. Au. 2, 90, St. John, N. B., Canada, Au. 4, 90, twice, and that peculiar and mysterious letter in a circle, about which we have had some remarks lately, shown above as No. 4 and which was doubtless applied in the registry division of the New York Post Office. The tapeworm professor certainly had no chance to put his private mark on this letter. No. 3 shows the B of these markings, as shown by Mr. Corwin. Miss Mabel McCleuthen sends a registered cover, a 2c stamped envelope, to which has been added a 1c and 10c re-engraved and a 2c redbrown, postmarked Dubuque, Iowa, addressed to Germany. On the front a little oblong sticker of the New York Registry Division. On the back a large magenta handstamp, Dubuque, Iowa, Registered, No. —. The N. Y. Letter in circle D 4-20-84, the oval New York, N. Y. Reg'y Div. handstamp 4-21-1884.

Another registered cover with a 2c brown stamped envelope and a 10c re-engraved on the face and a block of four 2c redbrown on the back, all pencanceled. On the face the red handstamped Registered Aug. 23, 1887, Kansas City, Mo., and the New York sticker. This letter is addressed to Berlin. In the center of the block of 2c stamps is the U8-26-87 stamp in black, and this is repeated at the lower corner of the block. The oval New York Reg'y Div. 8-27-87 stamp also hits the block and the cover, and in one corner a circle bearing the figures 18—69 the lower line being indecipherable. Please page Sherlock Holmes!

And pursuing this subject a little farther Mr. George W. Corwin has this to say, "I have found several envelopes that were registered and all addressed to a defunct firm on Beekman Street, New York City, bearing the same letters as mentioned by Mr. S. C. Rogers, namely B. C. D, O, S and U. These are all dated from 1-14-99 to 3-25-99, are all in one color, namely the so-called red ink used on ordinary rubber stamp pads. Instead of this letter being struck (or falling) on the stamp it is impressed (in every case except two) in the center of the back of the envelope where the four folds come together. In two cases this device has been used on the stamp, one of the instances being with the stamp in upper right hand corner of front of envelope and the other with stamp on back where folds come together. These registered letters are from the length and breadth of the U. S. and doubtless all passed through the general Post Office in New York City, then located at City Hall Park, a bare three blocks away. A quantity of unregistered covers addressed to the same firm, covering the same period, all gathered from the same source, does not contain this special device." And after another "voyage of discovery" in this lot of material Mr. Corwin says, "upon examination of some of the 2c covers they showed another back stamp that I have never heard of before, i.e., "Mail Detention." And this brings out the suggestion that these markings may have been used by the investigating force at the Post Office. His reports certainly refute the idea that they were private markings of the tapeworm "professor." No. 3 is a tracing of the B marking from Mr. Corwin's lot.

Mr. Dan C. Unimick sends a drawing of a cross used at Columbus, Ohio, on a 3c green cover. No. 5 and Nos. 6 and 7 are other crosses less frequently seen than Maltese Crosses. They are all on 3c greens, but not on covers, so that their point of origin is not known. Can any one tell us?

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U. S. REVENUE NOTES

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE, Medford, Ore.

From an old book, "Reminiscences of Sixty Years in Public Affairs," by George S. Boutwell, I copy this interesting passage:

"Mr. S. M. Clark, then Supt. of the Bureau of Printing (July, 1862) was greatly disappointed when I decided to reject all his designs for stamps and requested him to introduce the likeness of Washington after Stuart into each stamp. As far as I know, the Internal Revenue stamps were never approved or condemned by critics or by the public. After advertisement, a contract was made with Butler and Carpenter of Philadelphia to furnish the stamps at a rate of thirteen cents per thousand.

In the year 1873 I received from Mr. Carpenter an album which contained proof specimens of every internal-adhesive stamp, public or private, engraved and printed previous to March, 1873. This volume may contain the only complete collection of stamps issued from the Revenue Office previous to that year."

Mr. Boutwell, it may be recalled, was Gov. of Mass., 1851-2, one of the leading organizers of the Republican Party in 1854, Comm. of Int. Rev. in 1862 and Sec. of the Treasury from 1869 to 1872. It would be interesting to know what became of Mr. Boutwell's collection of proofs.

South Carolina Documentary Revenues.—The same act of the General Assembly that created the Business License (Tobacco, etc.) taxes also initiated documentary taxes in this state analogous to the Federal documentary taxes. Stocks and bonds are taxed at 5c on each $100.00, stock transfers and promissory notes 2c on each $100.00, conveyances 50c on each $500.00, proxies at 10c, and powers-of-atty. 25c each.

This act became effective May 1, 1923, and a full set of stamps was ready for sale on that date. They are lithographed in upright format 17½x24 mm. in size and each bears the imprint of the American Bank Note Co. outside the design at the bottom. The design consists of the arms of the state in circle in the center surrounded by the words "Dum-Spiro-Spero-Spes" in minute letters. "SOUTH CAROLINA" at top. "DOCUMENTARY" at base, and small figures of value at sides.

The sheets contain 25 stamps (5x5) with perforated margins clear around. Entire size of sheet about 4½x5⅞ in.

The denominations were: 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25 and 50 cents in blue green, and $1.00, $2.00, $5.00, $10.00 and $30.00 in a dark reddish brown.

Owing to the fact that the figures of value were too small to work to advantage with the uniformity of color it was not long before complaints on this score were lodged with the Tax Commission who ordered the Bank Note Co. to prepare new dies with larger numerals, and stamps so altered began to appear early in 1924. Values and colors are the same excepting that the dollar values are in even more of a red brown than before. The size and general features are also the same except that the words "South Carolina" and "Documentary" both appear at the top and the values with large figures occupy the lower one-third of the stamp.

At first, they came in sheets of 25 with perforated margins as in the first issue but later in sheets of the same size imperforate on the top, bottom and right sides, thus making many straight edge specimens.

For some reason a small order was placed with the Security Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia for certain values both of the Documentary and Business License Tax stamps. This was about the middle of 1924.

This issue is the same size and the sheet arrangement is the same also as the second American Bank Note Co. set (Imperf. on three sides of sheet) but are line engraved, and bear the Security Company's imprint at the bottom of each stamp. The design is practically the same as the large numeral lithographed set, but unfortunately the central design is even cruder than that of the latter set.

The following values were issued: 2c green, 4c green, 10c green and $1.00 brown. These were soon used up and were followed with more of the American Bank Note Lithographed issue which is still in use.

All of these stamps are perforated 12, and the American issues are uniformly well centered. In the Security issue the centering is not so good. Although the law has been in force now nearly three years few used copies have been shown—practically none of the dollar values of any set. As the law specifies a written or printed cancellation we are not likely to be plagued with the disfiguring cut and punched cancellation so common in some other states.

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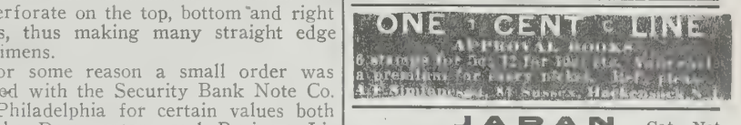

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The absence of editorial copy this week is due to the illness of Mr. Severn. He has been confined to his bed with influenza, but is now improving. His department copy will doubtless appear in the next number.

The Managing Editor.

OMNIUM GATHERUM:--

WE have received from the C. D. Reimers Co., Fort Worth, Texas, Special Bulletins 17 and 17a. They are both substantial looking lists, very freely illustrated, listing a large number of beautiful sets at reasonable prices. Liberia receives special attention. A feature worthy of mention is a series of 10c sets.

WILLIAM BUTLER, 137 Gillard Av., Toronto 6, Can., would like to receive specimens of house organs for listing in his forthcoming Year Book. Will secretaries of stamp clubs also please write him full particulars as to time and place of meeting.

AT the meeting of the Buffalo Stamp Club, March 19th, there was an interesting stamp contest. Members were asked to submit twelve stamps mounted on a single page, condition, arrangement and general appearance only to be considered. Many fine and unique entries were made, and the award was given to LeRoy Brown, Olean, N. Y. Mr. Brown selected the Newfoundland 1910 set for display and received as a prize Cape of Good Hope 4d blue, No. 4, donated by the Marks Stamp Co. Honorable mention was given John Schaefer of Hamburg, N. Y., whose entry consisted of U. S. 3c stamps 1851-1890. Thanks to Dr. R. C. Fisher for the report

FRANK E. RUSSELL, 21 Adams St., Waltham, Mass., is unable to secure replies to letters addressed to Lloyd Martin, Wooster, Ohio, or William Falb, Brooklyn, N. Y. Interested parties should write to Mr. Russell.

OUR old correspondent Robert E. Sharp of Atlanta, Ga., informs us that he has a block of four 2c Hardings precancelled "Atlanta, Ga." in which the two left-hand stamps are minus AT and GE. The two right-hand stamps have the precancelling well centered and are perfect. Uncle Robert feels that he has a rarity.

THE *Washington Times* for March 18 contained a very nice writeup of a 5c Alexandria on the original cover in the possession of Edward Ledbetter of Alexandria, Va. An interesting part of this unique item is the fact that it contains a letter written from Mt. Vernon, April 22, 1802, as follows:—"Mrs. Washington desires Mr. Stabler will send by the bearer a quart bottle of his best castor oil and the bill for it." Mr. Ledbetter owns the drug store in Alexandria to which this order was originally sent. It is not explained how "the bearer" can figure in this incident, when the note bears the 5c Alexandria stamp. Several correspondents have favored us with news clippings.

A. W. WHITTEN noticed in the Weekly the word commendatory of the postmasters of Chicago and Cleveland for their handling of first day airmail covers in connection with the service recently inaugurated. He suggests that similar praise is due the Detroit postmaster, and we are very pleased to give this somewhat belated bit of credit.

OUR attention is called to an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* of March 20 entitled, "The Junk Snupper" in which there is a rather favorable mention of stamp collecting. Referring to our hobby and the prices paid for rare stamps the writer comments:—"Like everything else you have got to know the subject." Thanks to Franklin S. Smith for clipping.

THE Reading, Pa., *Eagle* for March 14 contained a lengthy story about Gustav Oberlaender, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Berkshire Knitting Mills. The particular thing of interest to us is the fact that the article states that Mr. Oberlaender's hobby primarily is stamp collecting. He began as a boy in Germany, and it was the attractiveness of United States stamps, which "gave him his first inclination to emigrate to this country."

THE two articles on Jamaica Nos. 79 and 92 by Messrs. Krause and Pierson have provoked considerable comment and correspondence. Dr. Evans is the latest to write us regarding these varieties, and he suggests that it is up to someone to make a study of the various varieties and dies that can evidently be found.

A STAMP club has been organized in Youngstown, Ohio, with Cornel Kmentt, A. P. S., 4712, as president and Dr. A. C. Tidd as secretary. These are temporary officers. The society meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the office of the Ohio Savings & Loan Co., 112 E. Boardman St. The name of the new organization is the Mahoning Valley Philatelic Society. March 12 O. S. Hart of Akron, O., exhibited U. S. blocks and visitors were present from Sharon, Pa., Akron, Lockport and Warren, Ohio.

WE regret to say that an error occurred in the advertisement of C. D. Reimers Co. in our issue of March 8. A set of Liberia was advertised at 12c and one of the set was announced as Scott's No. 760. This should have been 790. As 760 catalogs $1.75 the mistake is self-evident.

SENATOR CUMMINS of Iowa has introduced a bill in the Senate to penalize counterfeiters of U. S. postage stamps. The clipping at hand states that the act would not prevent the publication of illustrations providing the pictures were taken from defaced stamps or plates. Thanks to John R. Wolter for clipping.

AS a rule we do not take the space to review auction catalogs, but one is at hand from Luder-Edelman, Zurich, Switzerland, that commands attention. The sale will be held April 12-17 and there are no fewer than 3,956 lots, from all over the world. Accompanying the catalog is a supplement of 48 pages containing halftone illustrations of the "gems" of the sale. Not only are many fine singles shown, but pairs, strips and blocks on and off cover abound in profusion. It is enough to make one's philatelic mouth water to see the finely centered and lightly cancelled early U. S. There are approximately two thousand illustrations, which will give one a fair idea of this splendid catalog. The firm is to be congratulated upon being able to hold such a fine sale.

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By STEPHEN G. RICH.

Natal No. 67 is rose. The U. S. Nos. 487, 491 and 579, the 2-cents horizontal coil of the last issue and the current one, are rose—for they are usually the same color as unfaded Natal No. 67. But they are catalogued as carmine!

U. S. No. 1627, 1 cent War Dept. on soft paper, is listed in the specialized catalogue as existing in rose—and as not scarce in that color. But ask to see a specimen, and it turns out to be only a dark dull red with a faint rose tinge. Cape of Good Hope No. 3 is also rose, but unless faded it is always much rosier than the 8-cent War Dept. Even at that, it is hardly more than a brick red.

What I want to bring out is that the term "rose," as used to describe colors of stamps, is now so vague and general a term, embracing so wide a range of hues, that it has become all but meaningless. It is not even used consistently. Stamps that are well within the range of "rose" are described also as "carmine" and "brick red".

The remedy lies, I think, in the substitution of the term "crimson" (Harvard alumni please approve) for the full and deep rose colors, and of perhaps "brick red" for the other tints. Let it be here noted that bricks, at least those in use in this part of the country, are not of the dull Indian red of the War Dept. stamps, but are distinctly within the "rose" tints.

But "rose" is not the only color sinned against. Vermilion has suffered equally. U. S. No. 213 is catalogued as vermilion; but every copy I have yet seen is of a deep red-orange, close to the color of U. S. No. 275a. The only genuine vermilion color that I have yet seen on U. S. adhesives is on the Interior Department stamps.

Also: won't the specializers take pity on us who are not gifted with the ultra-microscopic eye for colors, and avoid the ambiguous term "bright?" Is "bright blue" for example, deeper or darker than blue, or is it more contrasty against white paper—or what is it? Likewise, wherein do bright carmine stamps look different from carmine ones? Or are they the same as "deep carmine" specimens? For example, U. S. No. 277 is dark blue and No. 277a is bright blue. Is 277a the same color as No. 504 typically is? If so, why not call it just "blue?"

A little more consistency in color naming will aid some of us collectors materially; and if only they will disentangle "rose" for us we can forgive them for adhering to the "vermilion" misnomer that some bonehead in Washington gave to No. 213 when it was officially announced, or the confusion of "bright" colors.

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Danzig 1920, 5 mark.
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Russia, 14k on entire cover, with normal pairs of other denominations.

In addition, there are numerous other inverted centers of the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Labia, Liberia, Mexico, Nyassa, Panama, Spain and Somali Coast. If you are interested in the collection or the individual items, correspondence is solicited.

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United States.

1922, 11c Hayes Imperforated

I have acquired from the Scott Stamp & Coin Company a horizontal pair of the 1922, 11c peacock blue in imperforated condition. This pair bears the electrotype precancel of San Francisco and I understand it was used in sending out catalogs by a firm in that city. The variety was not discovered until this pair was located and a diligent search failed to produce additional copies. There were numerous stories circulated as to a further supply but on this subject Mr. Hugh M. Clark of the Scott Company writes as follows:

"In regard to the pair of 11c imperforate stamps, I first learned of this variety when in California last summer. I heard several rumors of further supplies in San Francisco and in consequence I made a special trip to San Francisco to run down these rumors. I was unable to find any basis whatever in fact.

I have no reason whatever for knowing or believing that there is any other pair or even a single copy of this variety in existence."

Sesquicentennial Issue

Notes have appeared in this column from time to time relative to a proposed Sesquicentennial issue, but heretofore the information has been more or less indefinite. I am now officially informed by the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Committee of Philadelphia that they have communicated with Admiral Herman Osman Stickney, who has recently been appointed National Commissioner to represent the Federal Government, relative to these stamps. They have asked Admiral Stickney to take up the matter with the Department and it is now being given his attention. We hope within a week or ten days to be able to give even more definite data.

½c Nathan Hale Stamp

Mr. Gilbert Burr has submitted for inspection a very curious plate imperfection of the ½c stamp, wherein we find on Nathan Hale's forehead a little freckle caused by a scratch or plate imperfection of some kind. He has looked at a number of sheets and finds the variety constant throughout. It occurs on the twenty-second stamp from the southwest pane of plate 17077.

Air Mail Notes

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Cameroons.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 20c green, 60c red and 1fr blue, all in the 1925 designs.

Costa Rica.—Provisional 3c, 6c, 30c and 45c stamps are decreed in the *Journal Official,* No. 274, dated December 28, 1925, these being surcharged on the existing stocks of 5c, 10c, 40c and 1 colon, respectively, for which there is no longer any demand. According to the San José administration's notice, any errors that are discovered will be destroyed in the presence of the Director-General of Posts and the Head of the Finance Department.

In the meantime we are informed that the 15c with portrait of Bolivar, the Nicoya Centenary issue, the Jesus Jimenez Centenary issue, and the Red Cross stamp will continue to be valid for postal use.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Dahomey.—New colors have been issued for this colony. They are the 20c green, 65c brown and olive green, 85c dark blue and orange and 1fr blue. The Economist Stamp Co. send these for our inspection.

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Heretofore it has always been a stag affair, but Harry Carter suggested that for this year the ladies should be invited, and plans were made for a big event. The ladies came, and saw, and realized the kind of fellows the Michigan boys are, and went away fully satisfied that their evenings are spent to good advantage. The tables were decorated with flowers.

Seated at the speakers' table were Postmaster Charles C. Kellogg, John Kay, William Markert, Frank J. Priest, Mrs. Harriet Brisley, S. E. Andrews, Charles Brisley, A. Livingston, and William Fratcher. Pres. Charles Brisley, president, acted as toastmaster.

Postmaster Kellogg gave a lengthy talk on postal matters, the growth of the local office and the further improvements desired. He complimented the club on its large membership and the attendance of the ladies, and congratulated all present upon the successful occasion. He was followed by Frank Priest, Asst. Supt. of Mails.

The honor of being the lady speaker of the evening fell to Mrs. Harriet Brisley, who spoke of her amusing incidents while meeting collectors.

John Kay was next on the list and he was followed by William Fratcher.

An auction sale of stamps was put on just to show the ladies how one is conducted. Dr. H. Preston Hoskins was auctioneer. Several lots were held exclusively for bids from the ladies, the successful bidder receiving a prize which was to be given to the husband. Prizes were obtained by Robert Meyer, William Fratcher and L. A. White. Musical numbers were rendered by F. F. Bott and Dean Macomb. A poem by C. H. Holden "Our Annual Banquet" was read and received with applause. Mr. Holden has removed from Detroit, and now resides at Port Dover, Ontario.

The menu card was of a special design in the shape of a stamp, and bore a picture of the Postmaster. A letter of congratulation was received from Pres. Wilhelm of the A. P. S. Floyd Quick was the official photographer. Prof. Wagner of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor congratulated the club on the successful celebration, and Mr. Haarer, who was also present from Ann Arbor, promises attendance next year.

It was after 12 o'clock when the affair came to a close, and everybody went home with the memory of a most successful celebration. We are indebted to Herman W. Boers, the publicity agent, for a lengthy report of the proceedings, upon which we have based this article. We know of no stamp club that has a more enthusiastic press representative than Mr. Boers.

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New Issue Notes—The first 17c precancel to appear was Minneapolis in the new style of electroplate, illustrated above. Baltimore has a new plate of similar appearance and one of the first stamps precanceled with it was the new 13c Harrison. Bellingham, Wash., and Burlingame, Calif., are in receipt of their first electroplates, which are like the one from Minneapolis also. This type may be described as "similar to U-8," and a new Universal Style need not be created to cover mention of it in the catalog.

However, a new style which will be in order for the Catalog Chart, is shown above for Appleton. This is a recent production of the Bureau and unlike any previous design issued to a number of offices. Houston, Huron, S. D., Concord, N. H., Savannah, Ga., Stamford, Conn., and Mandan, N. Dak., have all come forth with new precancels printed from copper plates of one hundred subjects like the one for Appleton. Mandan canceled the old 13c green, and the new 17c, among others.

The Wichita Falls cancellation shows a three line adaptation of the same font of type just discussed. Possibly it will have companion plates in the near future. The only variety that has come to hand is the 1½c; it is a pretty specimen. A precancel of similar appearance is the 1½c Union City, N. J.

For some time Claremont has employed handstamps to do the necessary precancelling. Originally it had a regular plate which produced a three line overprint of plain caps between double lines. Many varieties exist in this Type I, from the 1908 "Merry Widow" Special Delivery to the red and blue 24c Aeroplane. Type II was intended only for the Parcel Post issue, and was a type-setting which would only fit the large red stamps. It is most striking to see and a precancellation desired by all. Types III and IV are still in current use, both being handstamps, the former of which is similar in design to the illustration above. This illustration will be Type V. The overprint is from a new electroplate that has just been issued to the Claremont office. A sister plate was also sent to St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The Nashville type is the one mentioned in this department several months ago. While it appears to be an "electro", that point is not settled in my mind as yet. There is to be found, running vertically between the subjects of every row, a thin line bearing the appearance of a pen stroke. Just what this is, I have been unable to ascertain. I cannot reconcile myself to the thought that such a line would show on stamps printed from an electroplate. If some Nashville reader will clear up this point, I think it will interest readers of this department, and collectors of precancels in general.

Special Handling—This stamp is now coming from New York in the same type as is used for the Special Delivery issues. The 2c Huguenot-Walloon exists in this type also. A large number of offices have precancelled the Special Handling in small quantities, as the demand, except in special instances, is limited. Mfr. C. E. Goulding shows me Shelby, Ohio, with a hand-stamped overprint of small serif caps between bars (U-56), most of which are used by an electric lamp manufacturer in that city. North Wales, Pa., is another handstamped one (U-58), that is used in quantity on floral shipments. Wooster, O., Virginia, Minn., Pomona, Calif., and Ashland, Pa., all had recourse to this stamp precanceled, during the past Xmas season.

Norse-American—The Norse-Americans precancelled from Minneapolis, in the new style overprint, cannot be given a clean bill of health. It is to be regretted that the shadow of speculation is to be cast upon them, and in justice to our readers we feel called upon to state that a number of the 2c and 5c were precancelled to order for a collector, who is holding them at high prices.

So. Milwaukee, Wis.—It is a long time since we have seen a new plate of the U-5 style come forth, but now we have it as the precancels from South Milwaukee show. I have seen the 4c, 10c and 25c of the new series. Milwaukee uses the same style of type, but the overprint appears in two lines instead of three, which we designate as U-3.

Wooster, O.—Mr. Donald E. Dickason reports that the U-10 electroplate was in use during the 1924 Xmas season for a short time, and has not been used since. The U-60 handstamp has done practically all the work for this office, and has precancelled all old series values from 1c to 50c with the exception of the 13c, the new series stamps from ½c to 5c, 7c, 10c and 20c; the ½c, 1c, and 2c postage dues; and the 10c, 15c and 20c Special Deliveries.

Napoleon, O.—As a correspondent, Mr. S. Hyman of Chicago, remarks: "It is a big name for a small town." Besides the Special Handling, I have a number of the current series bearing the cancellation.

Perry, N. Y.—A new-comer. stamped of course. Very few "break into" the precancel lime-light an electroplate. Perry precancels scarce items. I have seen only the series, 10c and 30c new. The latter the overprint up, and went into the specialized collection of this stamp, by F. L. Gellerman of Cloquet, Minn

Bell Flower, Calif.—A pretty a pretty precancel, and in all proba a pretty little city. The precancels hand-stamped in three lines — Bell Flower — Calif., between short Mr. L. J. Barry has shown me the 4 9c, current issue. Springfield, Ill., hand-stamp of similar appearance is in current usage.

Pittsboro, Calif.—There are a flo new towns using precancels in Calif but I have not seen Pittsboro ment yet. A 1½c came to me on a cir handstamped in the U-53. Other that are using precancels for the time are Burbank, Garden Grove, K burg, Orland, Parlier, Sawtelle, S vale, Venice, Watsonville and Wh I am indebted to Mr. S. J. Jones calling some of these to my attentio

Bridgeport, Conn.—Has comm using Bureau precancels. The 1c, 3c, 4c, 6c and 10c perforated around the 1½c coiled are out. Trenton, has the 3c, and Elgin, Ill., the 1c c These latter varieties are among most recently issued and unchron "Bureaus".

Ironwood, Mich.—Come handsta in the U-53. Mr. J. L. Garland re the current issue from ½c to 50c clusive of the 9c, 13c, 14c, 17c, 25c 30c. All overprints read normally, the 1½c also exists inverted.

Ashland, Pa.—W. P. Snyder inf me that Ashland has precancelled values of the current series from ½ $1.00, with the U-76 handstamp. the 10c and 15c Special Deliveries, 25c Special Handling, as well as po dues from ½c to 10c.

Huntington Park, Calif.—The 9c 10 was in stock when this office rec its handstamp, and was precancelled with most of the current issue fron to $1.00. I thank Mr. O. G. Soude specimens of the type used, which handstamped in three lines of small caps between bars.

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Conclusion—If any reader desires the Universal Style Chart, printed on cardboard, in convenient folder form, which illustrates over 40 different types of precancelled stamps, he can secure the same from the editor of this department at a cost of sixteen cents.

Notes of interest and inquiries welcomed.

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George Hetrich, M. D., of Birdsboro, Pa., sends us a clipping from the *Reading* (Pa.) *Eagle* of March 20th, which gives the particulars of a novel entertainment, in that its purpose is to popularize stamp collecting. Dr. Hetrich informs us that Mr. Mengle who wrote the play is himself a stamp collector, as is his father, who is one of the instructors at the Reading High School. The clipping follows:—

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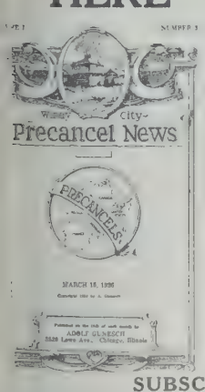

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658*	Danish West Indies 1872, 4c blue(4), cent. T. Fine, O. G.	11
663	Denmark 1851, 2rs blue(1). Very fine	20
673	Diego Suarez 1890, used set, 4 var.(6-9) complete	16
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755*	Mexico 1913, 3c(343) & (343b), in Tete-Beche pair	10
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804	*1905, 1k, 1½k, 2k, 3 fine O. G. blocks	10
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864	Turkey 1863, 2pi greenish blue(4). Superb	5
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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Under date of March 30th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department advises that the Postmaster General has just made certain recommendations to the Special Joint Committee of Congress, which is now considering legislation relative to a change in postal rates.

The act of February 28, 1925, increased the rates on private postal cards from 1c to 2c and allowed the rate on the official cards to remain at the former rate of 1c. This action was taken although the Postmaster General at the time advised that both rates be made 1½c. Because of this increase in rates on the private cards, the revenue has very materially fallen and as a result, the Postmaster General now recommends that postal cards of both classes be rated at 1c each, for he feels that the decreased rate will result in an increased revenue.

The Postmaster General makes a new and important recommendation that legislation be enacted providing for a "C. O. D. post card." Such legislation would authorize him to accept for transmission in the mails business reply cards under conditions prescribed by him at postage thereon at the regular rate for post card and an additional postage charge of not more than 2c on each card to be collected on delivery to the original mailer. Provision is made for safeguarding the compensation and allowances to the various classes of postmasters. It is estimated that such a system will result in a material increase in postal revenues, and furnish another postal facility of special importance and advantage to the public.

This recommendation refers to the return postal card. Under our present regulations if a firm desires a reply they send out a reply card for which they pay the 1c postage in advance for the return communication. Thousands of such cards are thrown into the waste basket at a loss to the sender. Under this new recommendation, postage for the return postal would be paid for on the delivery of the communication.

The Postmaster General makes another recommendation on a matter which was not covered in the act of 1925.

The law requires that mail matter of the first class upon which one full rate of postage has been prepaid must be forwarded to destination. This requirement is taken advantage of by a number of concerns by mailing heavy first class matter with deficient postage. This failure to prepay the postage not only causes an additional handling by both clerical and carrier forces, but requires more time for handling and delivery and consequently entails additional expense and labor. It is recommended that in such cases if the postage is short only one rate the deficient postage only shall be collected, but if short more than one rate the deficient postage and an additional charge of 1c for each ounce or fraction thereof shall be collected.

The act of 1925 made certain changes in rates on second class mail matter, including that applying to transient second class, so-called, that is, publications entered as second class when sent by others than publishers or news agents. These are the publications sent by the public to friends, etc.

The act increased the rates for such matter, making them 2c for each two ounces or fraction for weights not exceeding eight ounces and for weights for matter exceeding eight ounces the parcel post rates to apply.

The Postmaster General did not recommend this rate and points out that the increase is excessive and has reduced the mailings of this class of matter largely and the revenue of the Department accordingly.

He, therefore, renews his recommendation made in November that the rate be fixed at 1c for each two ounces, regardless of distance carried.

The Postmaster General shows that the rates on third class matter and on fourth class matter fixed by the act of 1925 have approximately produced the results expected by the Congress in raising additional revenue from them. He, therefore, believes that there should be no change made in the rates for these classes.

The Postmaster General makes no recommendation for changes in registry, insurance, collect-on-delivery, return receipts, special delivery and money orders, but makes a recommendation for an important change in regard to the special handling charge. At present this charge does not cover special delivery of the article. He recommends that the terms of the provision be enlarged so as to insure special delivery as well as special handling and that the rates be graduated on the basis of weight, the new rates to range from 15c to 35c. There is a special exception with regard to the higher rate and where the mailer does not wish special delivery he may have the special handling at the rate of 25c.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of March 25th the Postmaster General further announces that effective April 17th contract air mail service will be established between Salt Lake City via Las Vegas, Nev., to Los Angeles and return, a distance each way of 600 miles. The establishment of this route will materially expedite delivery of air mail to and from points in Southern California and points in the east served by the transcontinental government operated route through connection at Salt Lake City. The service will be daily and the rate of postage for this route is 10c an ounce or fraction thereof with 5c

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WE are indebted to Leslie E. Schumann, Franklin S. Smith, and George Meckler for news items that prove of special interest.

THE 1925 Year Book of the United Stamp Societies has just been issued. The price is 25c and a copy may be obtained by writing E. L. Clark, Sec., 25 N. Franklin St., Lynn, Mass. The book contains a large amount of useful society matter, including constitution, etc. There are eleven member societies, and complete lists of officers for each society are given.

WE congratulate *St. Nicholas Magazine* upon the fact that it has secured the services of Philip H. Ward, Jr., as the editor of their stamp department. Mr. Ward's first article will appear in the April issue.

W. C. PHILLIPS & CO. of Hartford, Conn., has renewed its contract for 5,000 lines of advertising space for 1926. We are also inserting this week the advertising of Van-Cleland, Winnipeg, Can., who will be with us under contract. This firm is headquarters for Canadian stamps.

A COPYRIGHTED despatch is being seen in the metropolitan press dealing with philately and its effect on Djibuti. The natives have of late become quite unruly. When arrested they have been fined 50 francs and handed a receipt with a government fiscal stamp having a face value of 50 francs. The disturbers of the peace have been selling these stamps at from 80 to 100 francs. The Djibuti police are now giving unstamped receipts.

WE have received from Harry C. Frank, Delaware, Ohio, a clipping from the Long Beach (Cal.), *Press-Telegram*, giving the particulars of the stamp collecting activities of Harold Ward of that city. It is accompanied by a nice picture of Mr. Ward and his album.

NANKING PHILATELIC SOCIETY

By WARREN A. SEAGER.

The regular monthly meeting of the Nanking (China) Philatelic Society was held on Monday, March 1st, at the home of Rev. L. S. Ruland, with an attendance of thirteen. Business on hand was disposed of during the usual stag dinner, leaving the rest of the evening free for the society's first auction.

In some of the larger centers in China, where there is a sizable western community on which to draw for membership, stamp auctions are a part of the regular routine; but for a small organization such as the N. P. S. an auction comes as a red letter event. Mr. Ruland conducted the auction in a way that might have caused an outsider to wonder why he hadn't taken up this work for a career. Bidding was lively on many of the 50 lots offered, and all but seven lots were disposed of at satisfactory prices. Over $60 changed hands during the evening. Now that the first auction has proved successful, the society is looking forward to "better and bigger" ones.

Four of the charter members of the N. P. S. are leaving for the U. S. A. on furlough during the summer and have planned to get together in New York for the Exhibition in October.

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We welcome Thomas Segur Crosby, 210 Third St., Portland, Ore., to membership in our Honor Club. He includes with his remittance of $5 for five years' renewal of his subscription an equal amount to pay for five copies of the Philatelic Dictionary. This co-operation in connection with putting the Dictionary into circulation is heartily appreciated.

Our final application this week comes from Earl H. Macoy, president of the National Printing and Engraving Co. of Chicago, Ill. We are pleased to acknowledge Mr. Macoy's remittance of $5 and have extended his subscription five years.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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3.	Barrel	3c Nat'l	Chicago, Ill.	Black	Dr. A. D. Pierce
4.	Barrel	3c 1861	?	"	Miss H. M. Boyce
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6.	Devil & Pitchfork	3c 1861	West Meriden, Ct.	"	H. P. A.
7.	Mortar & Pestle	3c 1861	Waterbury, Ct.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
8.	Old Felt Hat	2c 1883	?	"	F. Meine
9.	Spade	10c Amer.	?	Purple	H. P. A.
10.	Devil Masque	6c Nat'l	?	Black	Dr. A. D. Pierce

Number 1 is a child's mug—milk—maybe Copper Lustre! (The scene changes.) Nos. 2 and 4 are kegs, and No. 3 is a barrel for low grade furniture polish. 5 is what keeps chickens from going out nights. The Devils, 6 and 10, look on it all "as is", while the drug store emblem, 7, stands by as a first aid station. No. 8, tho of slouchy appearance, is really "high hat"; and finally the spade may be used to cover up any or all of this group which may not meet your approval.

In a previous lot, No. 2 of March 1st, an angular beast was labeled "Black Cat". From Mr. Radasch comes word that this animal is a calf, and a bucking calf, that he has some of them on his farm! Has anyone a copy of this critter on cover? While the one shown appears to be of the Manx variety, it is doubtless not so, and any information re this beast will be welcomed, for it is a fine large cancellation.

Mr. Eugene Klein has sent in a recently found R. R. cancel which seems to be unlisted, "North Pa. R. R." This comes in a single lined pmk. with small type and on 3c '57 and 3c '61 covers. Cover sent is addressed to Gwynedd, a town in Pa.

Mr. Wm. S. Eager sends in a cover, 3c used in '57 and pmkd. "Fitchburg, Ms.," to Gardner, Mass., which shows on reverse "Putnam's Penny Post" in a circle, the pmk. being without date. Who has a word to say about this pmk? It sounds unusual, and there was not any R. R. at this time connecting these two towns.

Mr. Beverly S. King has sent in a very interesting cover, "New York Dec 7 1856" falls across the 3c U. S. stamp. At top right is a "Union Square" local canceled by the PAID in ellipse. The most interesting part of this cover to me is the return address, it being a large N interlaced with a similar size S, the latter being merely outlined in colour. Each big letter contains printing. In top right serif of the N is "New York" in colorless small letters, down the slanting bar of the N is "North & South", while bottom left serif has "Philadelphia."

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A Market Review— Popular interest centers in the fractional denominations. The demand for the 1½ cent is about as keen as that for the ½ cent. However, the former stamps are quite commonly seen in the regular course of business. The ½ cent precancel has a limited use, and should be scarce, but due to the fact that it must be precanceled and kept on hand when the need demands it, most offices carry precanceled stocks of it. This makes it comparatively simple for collectors to secure quantities at a slight cost, due to the low face value, and for this reason the supply on the market is very extensive. Most dealers have sizable stocks of it and can offer varieties as low as five cents each and still have a margin for profit. I do not consider any half-cent precancel in existence worth over twenty-five cents and the majority will come within a ten cent limit. A recent attempt to "boost" the prices of individual varieties, still current, by the publishers of the Standard Precancel Catalog was met with opposition from both the trade and collecting ranks. Inflation of the price of a current stamp precanceled must be guarded against, or an orgy of speculation is apt to begin. Time, only, will bring the scarce and underpriced precancels to the fore. An effort to create "scarce" and high priced varieties, before they are obsolete can never succeed. I find that the New York ½ cent is almost unsalable, and also Chicago, Philadelphia, and Saint Louis, due to the great quantity that have been used.

Small town precancellations on the 1½ cent bring an average of about eight cents. One of the scarcest I have had was from Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii. Fifty cents would not be an extreme price for such an item. Some small towns contain manufacturing companies which send out large quantities of circular matter franked with the 1½ cent, e.g., Camden, Me., Lemont, Ill., Shelby, Ohio. Such varieties are worth only a few cents each. Bureau precancellations on this stamp are for the most part plentiful and worth little, but here and there are such varieties like Albany, N. Y., Waukegan, Ill., Macon, Ga., Fulton, N. Y., Liberty, Mo., and Marion, O., that are hard to get hold of and worth in the neighborhood of a dime.

In the current series the 14 cent ranks next in general esteem. Prof. A. F. Gamber is the leading exponent of this denomination as a stamp for specialization and has without doubt the most complete collection.

The 25 cent and 30 cent values have attracted others. The former is rather scarce and finds a ready market. No important collections have come to my notice. The 30c Bison is not in such demand as the 25c, but still is sought after. F. E. Gellerman of Cloquet, Minn., is still hunting for new specimens for the "herd" he has penned up in his Ne Plus albums, and ranks as the foremost specialist on the precancellations of this issue.

The new 13c and 17c adhesives will, of course, find favor with many of the precancel fraternity. Hardly enough varieties have been produced as yet, to make a start upon, but when they do start coming there will be plenty of waiting album pages.

Due to the stocks of five dollar stamps of the old set being unexhausted, I have not noticed any of the new ones with a precancellation. On the new two dollar, I have seen Techny, Ill., and Paonia, Colo. The high value precancels have ever been in demand on account of their scarcity. True the $5 Marshall, Perf. 10 precanceled Rochester, N. Y., and the $2 bi-color from Endicott and Rochester are held in quantity and available on the market, but outside of these three, one has to do some "tall hunting" to assemble a showing.

The 1898 and 1902 precancels have suffered to some extent in popularity, because of the increasing difficulty to obtain fine copies and the decrease in the number of general collectors who have taken to forming special collections of home states or certain denominations of recent series. The whole field of perf. 12 and 10 issues contains much of interest, but after all just as much pleasure can be secured from the later and less expensive issues. The early "dateds" are always in demand, and fetch good prices, as do the special types, such as were used at Northampton, Waterbury, Lansing, Jackson, etc. The 13c, 1902 and 1908 series, are gilt-edge property.

Perforation variation is not such an important consideration with the precancel collector. The 1912-15 and 1914-17 stamps, perforated 12 and 10 respectively, are quoted at respectable prices in the Standard Precancel Catalog, but do not sell rapidly because of a scattered and very limited demand.

Freaks, errors, misprints, etc., are generally quick to sell as the unusual attracts most of us. I procured a 6c current issue, precanceled Philadelphia, on *double paper*, recently from an eastern collector. Also a beautiful block of nine (3x3) of the 2c 1914, precanceled with the Chicago mail-order house handstamp that had the error "CHIACGO" on one of its subjects, showing six stamps with the erroneous spelling and the center row of three with the correct overprint. It is this class of material that stands out in any collection and for which there will always be a constant demand.

Plate varieties are called for by an occasional customer, but most ignore them as a rule. There is no field so rich in interest and study as precancels showing cracked, broken, and worn subjects on electroplates. I presume the time will come when they will be much sought and perhaps attempts to "plate" precancels will be in vogue. Mr. E. M. Oleson of Minneapolis tells me he had a pleasant time locating all the "breaks" in the present San Francisco type, and when he accomplished the task without reference to a plate proof or entire sheet, he deserves commendation. There are twelve distinct flaws that have been caused through damage to the plate. I hope to cover these soon in a special article.

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The Victory stamp precanceled has been reported as being in great demand, but I do not find such to be the case. The Pilgrim issue also seems to have been forgotten and commemoratives in general do not occupy their former place in the lime-light. Perhaps this is best for the hobby.

The most striking feature of the present precancel market is the strength shown by the 2 cent black Harding. It continues to retain many followers. Nearly twelve months ago the stamp had a sudden and sad fall caused by price inflation and prolific speculation, but is now on the upward trend as the "weeding out" process has been completed and the worthwhile items are becoming better known.

I trust that this market review has been of interest to many readers. Precancels are to be recommended for both study and investment. I do not wish to stress the latter too much, but it should be kept in mind that the precancel hobby is steadily growing in favor and there is ample indication of a bright future.

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A subscriber suggests that it would be a good plan if local collectors and especially local stamp clubs should put in the boys' departments of Public Libraries a copy of our Philatelic Dictionary. We would like to cheapen the price of $1 plus zone postage were it possible for us to do so, but the fact is that every copy of this book is now sold at a financial loss. If you think well of this proposition procure a copy of this book for your Library and we shall acknowledge your co-operation.

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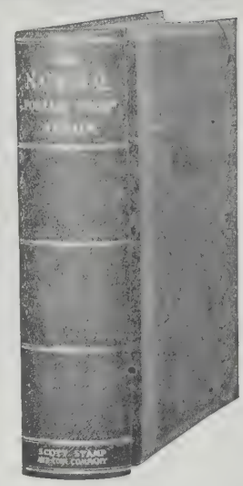

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EDITORIAL.

An absence from the desk for a week has resulted in some congestion of correspondence, but in due course of time, an inroad will be made in the accumulation and the usual routine will be observed.

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Our Washington correspondent who has been hinting at the possibility of certain special issues says that there is a likelihood that an announcement will be made of a celebration issue, the nature of which may not be divulged. It is to be one that has not been the recipient of any public notice, we are informed.

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The following tribute is paid to C. E. R., whose article, "Worth More Than Radium," struck a new vein in the issue of March 15, 1926: "In glancing over your paper I note the article, 'Worth More Than Radium,' by C. E. R., and I cannot refrain from expressing my appreciation for C. E. R., whoever he may be. The writer of the study is a genius of high mentality and I venture to say that his logic will do more to increase interest in collecting that anything else written in years. It belongs in the daily press all over this broad land where it will catch the alert minds, needing less violent distractions. The last line, 'And I'd look at 'em and moralize,' speaks volumes and makes us realize, whether we want to or not, that after all, the 'joie de vivre' is worth more than all the filthy lucre in the world. John M. Sadler, Muncie, Indiana."

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The following letter from Mr. Godfrey Schirmer, Denver, Colorado, is referred to readers in the hope that some one among them will supply Mr. Schirmir with the needed material: "As I contemplate giving a talk over the radio in connection with stamp collecting, in which I am very much interested, I find a note in your publication under date of February 8th, that you will be glad to furnish to those desiring it, some material and information in connection with a talk of this kind. Godfrey Schirmer, President, the American National Bank, Denver, Colorado." We have supplied various applicants with data until we have exhausted all the printed "talks" on hand and we are obliged to call upon readers for assistance in this worthy cause. We hope that the several readers who promised to prepare matter suitable for radio and other use will work to early advantage.

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From Mr. W. E. Whitnall, Woodside, Heswall Hill, Birkenhead, England, we have received the following correction: "Re Mr. C. A. Howes' 'Washington-First on our Stamps' in the issue of the WEEKLY of February, 1926. There are the same mistakes as when the article was first printed (under another title) in the issue of Feb. 22, 1913. I read, near the end of the second paragraph ', . . distances under three thousand miles.' Last three words of third '. . . three thousand miles.' Both of these are mistakes. In each case it should be 'three hundred miles.' See second column on page 124 of issue of April 12, 1913, where you print a letter I sent you pointing out the same error." Mr. Whitnall does not weary of well-doing and again we set the records right. We remember Mr. Whitnall as having been much interested in the line varieties on the plates of U. S. of the Bureau prints and in this connection we may say that we have received an excellent article on the subject of arrow and line varieties from Mr. Jno. J. Spenser, Saginaw, Michigan, who is a keen student of these plate pieces, which will have space, with cuts, in a coming issue.

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The recent "Saturday Evening Post" article on antiques, in which a reference to philately was made, has attracted the attention of a number of readers. The writer who uses a paragraph for the benefit of stamps is somewhat uncertain in his philatelic touch and it is none too flattering to read that stamp collectors in the aggregate have "precious little" knowledge of their objects of collection, but his remark that " you've got to know your subject" is not open to argument. The writer stresses the importance of condition and undertakes to compare prices for fine and for poor copies.

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There is much philatelic activity indicated in Canada and reports from different centers show that the ground gained through the recent Montreal exhibition is being well cultivated. We learn from the *Leader* of Regina, Saskatchewan, that the Regina Philatelic Club held an exhibit at the Regina Public Library and the newspaper's account is headed, "'Good as Trip Round World,' is Said of Stamp Exhibition." Among the exhibitors was Mr. J. B. Parker, the president of the club who showed Dutch and colonies and there were other displays of a kind intended to have a decided popular appeal. President Parker said that the object of the exhibit was to interest the townspeople and particularly the younger element in stamps with a suitable object lesson; and it is hoped to have a stamp showing at the Regina fair later in the year.

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Mr. Thos. Nixon, Toronto, Can., has sent us a copy of J. W. Palmer's *Bric-à-Brac*, London, dated December, 1885, whose title-page is adorned by several portraits of the redoubtable J. W. Palmer, himself. Older collectors will remem this somewhat singular man and his pap and recall how they were impressed wi the sapience of this nemesis of the forg stamp, as he advertised himself. Too, t pictures of his store at 281 Strand, Lo don, with its sign, "No Forged Stam Sold Here," and many other flaring a nouncements of the "oldest stamp me chant in the world" who styled himse as well, as "the exterminator of forg stamps" were dwelt upon by many pai of eyes forty years ago. In 1885, M Palmer advertised that he was givi special attention to "the English postag stamp department" and that his stock plate numbers was a vast one. We l lieve that Mr. Palmer was the subje of a little work, by Francis Neale, e titled "Romance in Reality; or, T Story of an Eventful Life."

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At different times readers have aske about postal service in Labrador and v remember having secured information the subject for their benefit. In the N York *Times* of March 28, 1926, a stirri story is found telling how "huskies a their mushers" are "the only means winter communication through 700 mil of Icebound Territory in Labrador." M S. Tanner Green describes the dog pos and furthermore tells of what in effe are "franked envelopes" that are em ployed in mail carriage. We quot "This winter an enterprising individua thoroughly familiar with what obtains that region, had some special covers pr pared, which in an ocular manner sho how the arduously accomplished mail se vice functions in that isolated Canadia tract. The covers themselves bearing a

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No sooner had these three really agreeable additions to our collections come along than the Anvil Chorus commenced, and be it noted that thus far it is mainly the British who form the chorus. Hence someone must arise in their praise and since nobody else has the brass, Rich the Bookman does it.

Let me record my opinion at the start that the gray-blue color chosen for the three-cornered 4d stamp is a particularly happy choice. In contrast to the over-deep blues and reds used in its prototypes of 1854, this new stamp is printed in a shade, that in the dozen specimens of each language-variety that I have seen is particularly well fitted to bring out the fine beauty of the design. In fact, it is the color of the 1861 De La Rue print, Scott No. 13a, as closely matched as practicable. This No. 13a is considered by at least one specialist in Three-Cornered Capes that I know as the most artistically satisfactory of all the three-cornered set.

The Union government has shown good judgment in using the triangular and imperforate combination on the 4d stamp and not on the more extensively used denominations. Just as we here use an 8-cent stamp comparatively infrequently, and usually one at a time on a parcel, so the 4d stamp is one that can be provided in this condition without serious inconvenience to users. Sold as they are in packets, with the stamps cut apart, they are certainly of as great convenience as perforated stamps that have to be torn from the sheet or the roll.

The Anvil Chorus that objects to separate stamps in Dutch and in English for each denomination is basing its criticisms on a misunderstanding. In the constitution of the Union of South Africa it is provided that all government documents, securities, and papers shall be available in both English and Dutch. In the 1910 commemorative issue and the 1913-22 regular issues, the attempt was made to have both Dutch and English inscriptions on the same stamp. That this overloaded each stamp with lettering will be obvious to anyone who examines these stamps; and that the new device makes for a more satisfactory-appearing stamp in each case, will be equally obvious. Furthermore, this policy is in line with the surcharges for Southwest Africa previously issued by the Union government.

An outstanding feature that has apparently not been noticed by chroniclers is the fact that the Dutch stamps are inscribed, not in Holland Dutch or "High Dutch", as was the case with previous issues, but that the phonetically-spelled variety of Dutch called Afrikaans (not "Afrikander" as one of the Anvil Chorus labels it), which is in general use in South Africa. This is not the first use of Afrikaans on stamps, however, for the Union government used it on its four air mail stamps last year and in the latest settings of surcharges for Southwest Africa.

Now for some strictly philatelic details. The ½d and 1d are perf. 14.5x14; not 15x14 as one chronicler (not MEKEEL'S) gives it. No shades of the ½d have yet been seen by me; but the 1d and 4d show quite a little variation. The lot of 1d sold on the first day of sale (Jan. 1), at Johannesburg, was carmine and black; a cover from Newcastle, Natal, dated Jan. 6, addressed to me, shows the 1d in carmine-rose; and a cover sent me from Johannesburg on Jan. 26, has a lighter shade of pale rose with gray-black center. The 4d in English shows four clearly recognizable shades of gray-blue; and the 4d in Dutch three such shades. The darker shades appear to have been those first placed on sale, as what first-day covers I have seen show these shades; but at least two of the shades of the English stamp are lighter than any shades I have yet seen of the Dutch stamp.

As yet, inverted watermarks have not appeared.

A prediction may be in order at this stage. From the fact that the original Cape design has been revived, we may possibly expect to see some design from each of the other three provinces of the Union included in the series. That will of course mean the good old rectangular design with orange tree from the Orange Free State (for a while masquerading as "Orange River Colony"); but what Natal and Transvaal will contribute I cannot guess.

The series thus far is strictly in line with the policy of the present Nationalist government of South Africa. Both languages are given equal rights and stamps without the intrusion of the other; the designs are alike for both languages. The present government is consistently embarking upon the cultivation of South African patriotism, and is endeavoring to make available in both languages objects of national pride. For the Dutch-speaking South Africans, this means recognition of the English-speaking people as equally South Africans with themselves. For the English-speaking South Africans, this means setting aside the delusion that they are "British" and recognizing that they are South Africans and a part of the South African nation. The abandonment of the royal head on the stamps and the provision of separate stamps for each language are means purposely adopted towards that end. And we in America, troubled as we are to Americanize the immigrants, cannot but wish this autonomous kingdom, a republic in all but name, united to Britain by having the same king, all success in its efforts, through philately as well as through other means, to achieve national unity and national consciousness.

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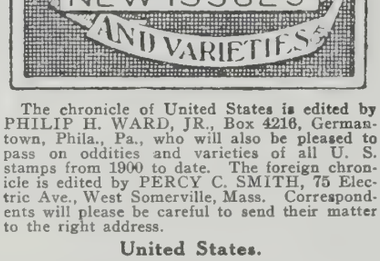

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United States.

Current Issue Oddities

Mr. W. A. Langdon has kindly submitted for inspection several oddities of the current issue, which he has recently acquired. He has located several strips of the 2c rotary in vertical blocks of twenty showing the entire left row with badly inked impressions, so that the stamps are only partially printed. These were penciled at the Bureau and the sheets should have been destroyed.

In addition, he has shown me a sheet of one hundred of the 5c rotary from plate 17587—the sheet showing the joint in the paper, giving us the so-called double paper varieties. Heretofore we have found the following rotary prints in similar condition: 1c of 1917, the 1c of 1922 and the 2c Harding.

Mr. Langdon also submits a block of four of the 12c Cleveland from the southeast pane, wherein the second stamp shows a distinct shirt stud. This seems to be an oddity in the plate, but I cannot definitely state without seeing further copies from the same position. Unfortunately we are not aware as to the plate number.

Plate Numbers Continued

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our plate numbers up to and including those issued to March 19, 1926. It will be noticed from the list that practically all of the plates are of the rotary type, for as mentioned in this column a few weeks back, after July 1st it is hoped that all denominations, from 1c to 10c inclusive, will be produced by the rotary press exclusively. This list furnishes us with no new variety that has not already appeared.

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18361-18362	2c	"	1922	400
18363-18364	2c	" Cvd.	"	400
18365-	4c	" "	"	400
18366-18367	2c	" "	"	170
18368-18369	2c	" "	"	400
18370-18372	2c	"	"	400
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18375-18376	9c	"	"	400
18377-18378	20c	"	"	"
18379-18380	3c	" Cvd.	"	"
18381-18382	2c	" "	"	"
18383-18386	2c Book	"	"	360
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69-18470	4c	"	"	"	"
71-18472	6c	"	"	"	"
73-18475	3c	"	"	"	"
76-18477	5c	"	"	"	"
78-18479	1½c	"	Cvd.	1925	170
80-18481	4c	"	"	1922	400
82-18483	1½c	"	"	1925	"
84-18487	2c	Book	"	1922	360
88-18489	1½c	"	Cvd.	1925	400
90-18491	2c	Book	"	1922	360
92-18493	1½c	"	Cvd.	1925	170
94-18495	2c	Book	"	1922	360
96-18497	5c	"	Cvd.	"	170

ECHUANALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 6p Great Britain stamp, overmarked with the new style watermark has been overprinted vertically for use in this colony.

ENMARK.—We have received from M. W. T. Wilson the three values of the Jubilee set issued the 12th of March. The stamps are similar in design to the 1851 issue, the 10ö is green and has in the centre "10 ore" while the inscription has "Danmark" to the left and the figures "1851-1926" to the right. The 20ö is red and has the same central design as the 4r of the 1851 series. The name of the country is at the top and the value at the base, while at the left is "1851" and the date of this year is at the right. The 30 is the same design as the previous value, but the color is blue. Mr. Wilson adds that these will be on sale for two months only, during which time the postal stamps of the values concerned will not be sold. Mr. A. F. Pade also sends copies for our inspection.

Mr. R. Roberts sends us a new 10ö green postage due stamp. Across the central part of the stamp is the word "Gebyrmaerke" with the usual Danish Crown above and figures of value at each side. The name of the country is at the top and the base, the figure of value in very small type with "Ore" on each side.

JAPAN.—Frederick D. Markee has shown us the 13s brown, which was reported as having been issued sometime ago. The color is dull shade and in the type of Scott's A35.

MADAGASCAR.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 65c in black and blue and the 85c in green and red, both in the 1908-17 type.

MEXICO.—The Economist Stamp Co. report that the 2c scarlet, 3c bistre brown and 10c claret of the 1923 issue have been surcharged "Oficial", the first and last values having a blue overprint and the 3c a red.

MONACO.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the following additional values in the postage due stamps: 20c bistre, 60c grey and the 1fr brown on buff.

PARAGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 1 peso dark blue of the 1925 issue has been surcharged with "C" in red in the upper right corner.

RAROTONGA.—Mr. G. V. Stewart informs us that the old Queen's Head stamps of this colony, which have been on sale concurrently with the Pictorials have been withdrawn and the remainder stocks destroyed.

SALVADOR.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 5c black and the 10c orange of the 1924-25 series have been overprinted "Oficial", the former in black and the latter in red.

SOUTH AFRICA.—We learn from several sources that only a very limited number of the 4p imperforate were issued in unsevered sheets, and joined pairs should be rare. Later orders were supplied by the P. O. already cut up.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the difference between the first and second printing of the new 4p triangular stamp bearing the surcharge "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika." The first printing is of a grey blue color while the 2nd is more of a greenish blue shade.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—The following is from the January number of the *South African Philatelist*, but, to date, the only values issued are the ½d, 1d and 4d.

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WE have received from Herman W. Boers a sample of the menu card issued by the Michigan Stamp Club in connection with their annual banquet, held Mar. 20. It is in the form of a postage stamp, including perforations. As an introduction to the menu we find this bit of conversation:—"Hawaii? Are you Hungary?" "Yes, Siam." "Come on, we'll Fiji." The various items of the menu all had a philatelic flavoring.

WE are advised that Arthur Barger of the Barger Stamp Co., Framingham, Mass., has recently been taken ill with pneumonia and confined in the local hospital. He is now convalescent and will soon be able to give attention to business.

OUR friend, Wm. D. Pierson of Waterbury, Conn., writes further Jamaica Nos. 79 and 92 as follows:—"Mr. Krause wrote me a few days ago calling my attention to the fact that the misplacement was due to the double printing. As the two shades of blue could be obtained in a single operation I was led to believe that this particular value had produced a variety. I am glad to acknowledge my mistake."

IN our issue of March 8 we referred to the fact that there were two stamp magazines in Great Britain quite similar in name. We had no idea of intimating that this constituted the total output of British newspaper activitives. Mr. Harris, of the *Philatelic Magazine*, is desirous that our readers shall know that his publication is also very much to the front, and we are pleased to commend it to any of our readers who may desire to have a publication from across the water.

WE have received another lot of the large J. P. S. stickers, issued to advertise the Society's free trip to New York. We can furnish a supply for a postage stamp.

FORUM.

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minutes with his stamp collecting friend, and they will probably spend all of a "few minutes", probably till curfew calls.

After the non-philatelists have had their peep at "that British Guiana stamp", they will doubtless wander around and get acquainted with some Airmails, Patriotics, covers before stamps, or maybe odd cancellations. It is such displays that attract the "Uitlander", and who knows, some little bit of charm which we overlook entirely, may turn this visitor into one of the throng who make philately what it is—a fascinating, time dispelling attraction.

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THE PHILATELIC INSTRUCTOR

By FRANCIS M. BOTELHO, Ph.D., Wayne, Pa.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Methods and Policies for Dealers.

Assuming you have decided to become a stamp-dealer, I think you will be interested in a few suggestions that I offer from my varied merchandising experience and from my special investigation of those who are buying and selling stamps for profit.

The philatelic business while unlike the hardware business has nevertheless many fundamental points in common.

For instance, sources of supply must be established, competitive prices must be fixed, stocks must be maintained in such wise as to be easily accessible, specialties require featuring, advertising is needed, and so forth.

Most important of all is a basic policy. By this, I mean that you must have a definite idea of what you propose to accomplish through dealing in stamps. Merely to have a general notion that you want to make money out of the game is scarcely sufficient, for it does not enable you to formulate clear-cut working programs. By "working programs" I refer to outlines of what you intend to do in the carrying out of your business rather than what hours or days you set aside for the routine matters.

A good policy that may be adopted by all new dealers would be something in the following order:

1. RESOLVED: To give prominence to offerings of assembled sets, packets, and collections, and to prepare these in assortments and at prices to suit the needs and pockets of collectors having in their collections varieties of up to ——— different.

By having such a working rule before you, the result will be that you will avoid scattering your energy in a number of unrelated directions. You will be led to concentrate your efforts, aiming at one central target so to speak. That should enable you to build up a good trade within the scope chosen, for you will learn what to have and to feature.

However, you may not care to deal in material of interest to comparatively beginners only. Perhaps you have already gathered stocks of rarer and more specialized specimens that should appeal to advanced philatelists. If so, your basic policy would be somewhat in the following nature:

2. RESOLVED: To feature higher priced items through approval sheets and books, offering at ——% below current catalogue prices.

This would mean that you will not seek the school-boy trade, nor even the older tyros. Your success will be entirely dependent on what you really deliver, which means your sales will be in a very pronounced manner dependent upon what you submit on approval.

Still again, you may decide to try for the business of both embryo and advanced collectors.

You may also want to sell only at retail and strictly by mail. You may even wish to do both a counter and mail business. There is nothing to prevent you from doing what you like best. But your final decision will be governed by your own facilities.

After you have established for yourself a definite policy your next step is to consolidate your sources of supply.

There are several big stamp houses (in the United States, Canada, England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Portugal, etc.) that, besides selling at retail, do an important part of their business in supplying at wholesale the smaller dealers who in their turn sell both at wholesale to yet smaller dealers and at retail to individual philatelists who purchase for their albums.

At first glance, it would seem that the small dealer would have little scope when his supplier also sells at retail. But this supposition is not well founded. In the first place, the big house has overhead expenses which the smaller operator has not. This means the latter can always sell at retail more cheaply. The system, therefore, is to buy from the former "in bulk" at reduced prices and to sell "piecemeal" at a margin.

Another way to secure quantity supplies is to exchange "in bulk" with other dealers abroad. Needless to say, the quality and assortment obtainable by this means cannot be always very good. But this system provides the "fillers," and leaves only the more desirable numbers to be purchased from the wholesale jobber.

The greatest factor in the stamp business is the time consumed in detaching the paper adhering to the labels, eliminating the damaged specimens, sorting out the material, grouping for packets, picking out for approval offerings, affixing to sheets, pricing the stamps, etc. All of this, however, is not much more different from any other line of industrial or commercial activity. In fact, there is the advantage of freedom from noise, grease, tax on health, foul air, etc.

There is, I feel constrained to add, a point of major importance that every stamp dealer should constantly bear in mind. It is this: Whereas, the nature of the business means appreciable profit can be had only by numerous sales in the course of a given period, the possibility is ever present of your coming across valuable "finds" and when you locate them your profit can reach extremely gratifying totals very rapidly.

Whatever policy you adopt, whatever methods you employ, I hope you will never forget that honesty is the surest, though not always the quickest, key for opening the door to material and spiritual well-being.

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BRITISH HONDURAS DUES

By Harry E. Huber.

On Jan. 2, 1923, Postage Due stamps of two denominations, 2c and 4c black, were introduced by British Honduras, to which a 1c value was added Nov. 1, 1923. These stamps were typographically printed in sheets of 60, without plate numbering, on script CA paper. The 4c is known with watermark inverted.

Section 4 of the regulations governing the issue and use of these stamps (made by the Governor in Council under subsection 1 of section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition), on the 8th day of November, 1922, provided that "Postage Due stamps shall not under any circumstance be issued to the public uncancelled."

Later (February 21, 1923) this section was amended to allow of their sale in mint condition to collectors and dealers:

"4.—Postage Due stamps shall not, under any circumstance, be sold to the public uncancelled across the counter. Their issue uncancelled will be made to philatelists by the Colonial Postmaster only on written application accompanied by their face value plus postage and registration when necessary."

To those Colonies making use of Postage Due stamps, a circular from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated April 21, 1925, ordered that in the future, these stamps should be reserved for official use, and sale should not be made to the public. Accordingly, section 4 of the regulations as amended February 21, 1923, was cancelled, by the Governor in Council July 8, 1925, and the original paragraph re-instated.

"No. 419. British Honduras.
Postage Due Stamps.

Regulation governing the issue and use of Postage Due Stamps, made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of Chapter 45 of the Consolidated Laws, 1924.

Regulation No. 4 of Regulations made by the Governor in Council on the 8th day of November, 1922, under sub-section (1) of section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition), as amended by the Regulation made by the Governor in Council on the 21st February, 1923, is hereby cancelled and the following substituted therefor:

4.—Postage Due stamps shall not, under any circumstances, be issued to the public uncancelled.

Made by the Governor in Council this eighth day of July, 1925.

Signed, E. A. Baber,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

S. S. Circular 21. 4. 25."

(Published in *Gazette* of 18th July, 1925.)

Evidently there was some misunderstanding in London, for on the basis of another circular from the Colonial Office, dated July 16, 1925, action was taken by the Governor in Council (on Sept. 23, 1925), cancelling the amendment of July 8, 1925, and reverting to the conditions of the February 21, 1923, amendment.

"No. 546. British Honduras.
Postage Due Stamps.

Regulation governing the issue and use of Postage Due Stamps, made by the Governor in Council under section 6, of Chapter 45 of the Consolidated Laws, 1924.

Regulation No. 4 of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council on the 8th day of November, 1922, under subsection (1) of section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition), as amended by the Regulations made by the Governor in Council on the 21st February, 1923, and the 8th July, 1925, is hereby cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

'4.—Postage Due stamps shall not under any circumstances, be sold to the public across the counter. Their issue uncancelled may be made to philatelists by the Colonial Postmaster only on written application accompanied by their face value plus postage and registration when necessary.'

Made by the Governor in Council this 23rd day of September, 1925.

Signed, E. O. B. Barrow,
For Clerk of the Executive Council.

S. S. Circular 16. 7. 25."

(Published in *Gazette* of 3rd October, 1925.)

D. L. R. 1912 Remainders Destroyed.

Early in 1924, a circular dispatched by the Colonial Office notified that when a new issue of stamps was made, the stock of the superseded type should be withdrawn from sale immediately, and destroyed. Generally, this was interpreted to mean a change in design, but in some Colonies, where supplies on script CA watermarked paper had been received, the Roman CA watermarked stock was destroyed.

In British Honduras, a Board of Destruction consisting of three heads of Departments, met about the middle of May, 1925, and destroyed the remainder stock of the 1c War (London overprint), 5c, 50c, $1 and $5 in the D. L. R., 1912, design. The quantity approximated 50,000 (90% were 1c War), with a face value slightly in excess of $6,000.

Nyasaland Type 1922-1925.

Nyasaland type stamps of 1c, 3c and 4c denominations have not yet been requisitioned the old stock being sufficiently large to last for some months. The 1c and 3c are in the DLR-1912 Postage & Revenue type, the former from plate 3, script CA, and the latter, from plate 2, Roman CA. The 4c is in the modified Peace type, printed from a line engraved plate, on script CA.

During 1925, fresh supplies of the 2c brown in sheet and booklet form; the 25c on green script (issued July 24, 1925), and the $1, all from plate 1, were dispatched to the Colony.

Postal Stationery.

The postal stationery at present in use comprises 1c and 2c wrappers, and 2c post cards (DLR — 1912 Postage — Postage type), and 2 3c registration envelopes (2 sizes, G and H), sold at 6c with embo head of King George V.

Slogan Cancellation.

A rubber stamp is occasionally us the G. P. O. at Belize, with the s (2 lines, 57mm long), BUY BRITISH G (caps 8mm high) AND GET THE BEST (4mm high). The impression is in v and the marking was first seen October, 1925.

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

Mr. E. S. Knapp has sent for inspection a bunch of odd and interesting covers. One of them comes from Brazil and has a 50 Reis stamp. Handstamped on the cover is the inscription "Closed Against Inspection. N. Y. P. O." Also a large T in a circle which is the foreign label for postage due, and the further stamp "U. S. Charge To Collect 15 Cents," the "U. S. Charge" being printed in a half circle form.

A 3c green 1879 is canceled with a heavy oval gridiron surrounding a large monogram—blurred and postmarked BL(AIRS) TOWN N. J. If that guess as to the missing letters is wrong, who can correct it?

A 3c green stamped envelope has a magenta postmark Forrest City, Sierra Co., Calif., and a 2c vermilion comes from Harvard, Clay Co., Nebraska, and the stamp is canceled with one of those intricate spider web designs.

Then there is a cover which no doubt produced a flow of profanity from postal employees, if they indulged in that pastime. It's a 3c green stamped envelope postmarked in blue Stockham, Neb. Nov. 13. Addressed to E. Nalson, Nassau St., New York. The St. has written over it in red ink the letters P. O. It is postmarked Nassau, N. Y., Nov. 19. At the bottom is written in blue pencil *Not* Nassau, N. Y., and the word City has been placed after New York, also in blue pencil. In a blue circle at the left is the stamp "Deficiency in direction supplied by New York Post Office," and near the center is a double lined blue oval in which appears the inscription D. S.—No. 1, in two lines. A good example of the attempt made by the postal service men to get the letter to the person for whom it was intended. Query: Did they succeed?

Professor Gamber sends a 6c War Dept. with a neat P. O. D. monogram in violet. Not many of these floating around in approval books.

Mr. D. K. Dunbar sends a 2c red-brown on a piece of cover, which is imperf. and looks as if it had been that way when it was applied. One margin is not wide but the other three are wide enough and the bottom one looks as if it might have been in the tenth row of the sheet. Unfortunately only part of the postmark is there. The first letter of this which shows is I or L and the others are ETON. The name of the month cannot be made out. The date ends with an 0 and below this is the last figure of the year 6. The obliteration is not very plain, but appears to be one of those intricate spider webby affairs used in several middle west towns, and projects slightly onto the cover at the right of the stamp. Other copies from this town would help to determine the status of this stamp. Who has one?

Incidentally this copy shows a double transfer.

Mr. S. C. Rogers sends a few covers of interest, registered. One is from Chicago, Ill., to Sweden, one from Philadelphia, Pa., to Hayti, one from Ballston, N. Y., to Lexington Ave., New York City, one from Geigers Mills, Pa., to Floral Park, N. Y., one from Washington, D. C., to Hayti, and another from Philadelphia, Pa., to Hayti. On the back of each one is one of those dated letters in a circle which it now seems must have been used in the Registry Division of the New York Post Office.

Mr. Geo. W. Corwin submits a cover used in 1898 with a most unusual cancellation for that date. It is a registered cover with a 10c brown stamp, and the stamp is canceled with the star shown as No. 3, and while we are speaking of stars those above are a few more examples of unusual ones. No. 1 is on a 3c green, No. 2 on a 2c 1883 sent in by Mr. R. J. Tarpy used at Granfield, Mo., No. 4 is on a 2c green off cover, and No. 5 on a 3c green, re-engraved.

In the issue of March 15th part of a postmark was given and the request that it be identified made. Three people said that it might be Newton Center and Mr. Wm. S. Eager sent a cover showing that this is the correct diagnosis.

A correspondent asks "What does the 'high hat' cancellation look like?" And just to show him and others who may not have seen one look at Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. They are all the high hat cancellations that have come to my view. Take your choice. They may have all been used at Danbury—and then again they may not. Who can tell us?

A 3c green is postmarked Jamestown Tenn., Sept. 15, 1879, and the stamp canceled with a neat little cross in a circle, all in magenta. This letter bears the postmark "Rec'd in Boston, Mass., Sept. 22 8 A. M." On the back are three markings, "New York Transit Sept. 21, 9 A. M.," "Boston Mass Carrier Sept. 22, 8 A. M." and "Charlestown Mass Recd Sep. 22, 1—A. M."

A 2c brown stamped envelope is postmarked in violet Ruffs Cre(ek), Pa., and has on the stamp in the same color part of an open star with segments of circles between the points, instead of the usual solid background. A complete star of this design would be a mighty nice thing to have. It is the first that has come to my notice. Perhaps other towns used it. Anyone got one?

Then there is a similar envelope from Sacramento, Calif., with checkerboard obliterator.

There are two 2c brown envelopes from Eulogy, Texas. One was used July 6, 1886 and the postmark tells us that C. W. Smith was P. M. then. The other is dated Nov. 18, 1887, and by that time Z. E. Mickey had become P. M., and Mr. Mickey used magenta ink for his canceller.

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FEDERATION OF STAMP SOCIETIES

By Frank L. Coes.

(We have given considerable space to the "one big club idea" and for the time at least this will be the last word upon the subject. We have felt that the discussion of this subject would be helpful, but the time has now arrived when our space may well be devoted to other matters. Doubtless the coming conventions will deal with the proposal which has been so steadfastly supported by our correspondent.—W. O. W.)

I see Mr. Guest as an individual member of the A. P. S., and not as its Sales Manager, thinks I have a lot of revolutionary ideas which ought to be removed from my system for good; and after sorting out the "worthless trash" from the "One Big Club" idea, comes out flat for "Federation."

He is late on the "Federation", because you printed the first glimmerings of the current controversy over my signature, late last Fall, when I advocated the "Committee for Public Relations" or some other systematic effort of Club and Collector combination, which would give the collectors of stampic items a mouthpiece at Washington, a co-related steering committee behind him, and a unanimously supported publicity movement.

In that letter I disclaimed any credit for the idea, and no especial liking for the clumsy title, but hoped the fact of your presentation of the matter would stir to action some of the many interested clubs and individuals.

Like all genuinely new schemes, it landed as "flat as water on a plate", except for the personal criticisms from interested people. Mr. Ams was the first. He wanted the scope broadened. Then came a dozen or more who wanted the elimination or addition of this or that and the "One Big Club" idea was the direct outcome.

In the meantime I have discovered that the A. P. S. has a committee appointed to work on this matter, and that the most worthy gentlemen on this committee are at a little loose end because they do not live where the committees from the other societies in interest can easily confer. Also that for fear of "entanglements" and other things, which like hydra-headed doubts crop up from multiplied hearsay, there is a decided objection to officially appointing a committee in the Metropolitan district to further the controversial effort to crystallize the thing into something worth while.

These "ifs" about what I think and what others think mean just one thing. That some outside influence is stirring Officialdom to the extent that the existing "Big Club" is applying the first law of nature, "self preservation," by tooting its horn long and loud for its own stuff. Good—self interest, properly, will raise the standard of membership, and the quantity. But let me point out that self interest alone will not improve fellowship. No dog in the manger policy, or the "holier than thou" feeling ever got anyone anything but trouble. Moreover, self interest will not improve inter-society intercourse.

The gentleman from Dallas is correct in saying that I am not a person who has "intimate touch" with the greater portion of any society. It is impossible, because I am not an official by desire, or an official whose office is thus in touch with the membership. I don't like "house committee" jobs, because I have not the time. But this makes no difference to the actual value of criticism, nor does it reduce my right to criticize, because I hold an A. P. S. number much older than his, and the third "life" in the other society he belongs to, though he does not talk S. P. A. in the same breath with the "Big Club."

The thing the garden variety collector wants is a reduction of lost motion, a reduction of camouflage, and a hand in the appointment of a representative, non-partisan (as regards Club alliances) committee who shall have means, authority and vision enough to get the finally desired result; an individual representative at Washington, who shall be the official mouthpiece of Stampdom.

It won't do any good to duck the issue. Federation for this end will mean federation for other ends. Combination for a Public Contact Committee thru federation of interests, will mean just what it says:—combination, and the sooner we stop this useless explanation of what this or that society CAN do (but does not do or attempt) and get out in the open for a Federation, which shall drop club politics, and shall embrace Clubs, non-club members who collect, the trade, the press and all other interests connected with the collection of postage stamps and side lines, the sooner we will have a tangible, workable organization.

You will note that I habitually duck using the term "Philately" as a name for stamp collecting. I can't get results with it. If I have to use it in talking to the boys, I have to stop to translate it, and the sentence that holds it loses its punch. So I am still looking for a handy name for a possible combination, except Federation, Federated Committee, Public Contact Committee, or something yet again;—always dodging this appellation for Stamp Collecting, which does not "click" (apologies to O. O. McI) with the low brow, common garden variety of auditors to whom we must look for new collectors.

Now let me say this, while not an "official" per se, I belong to most everything big and most of the near by small ones, and I wholly fail to grasp "bigness" in any Club, which will not move forward, or whose officials stand aloof from a forward movement for fear of committing themselves to "entanglements" or for fear they will lose "prestige" as conservatives and leaders. The two do not go together in a democratic club. The leaders are usually the ready to talk, ready to argue and often not ready to work, ever present (no other place to go) members of the minority.

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It is with sincere regret that we are compelled to chronicle the death of the veteran dealer J. E. Handshaw of Smithtown Branch, N. Y. We have been advised by his son, William Handshaw, that his death occurred in the hospital at Orlando, Florida, after an illness of about eight weeks.

The Managing Editor was intimately acquainted with Mr. Handshaw. His interest in philately covered a period of fifty years and we have known him for the larger part of that time. When the Managing Editor was connected with the Scott Stamp Co., nearly thirty years ago, Mr. Handshaw was at the height of his activities as a stamp dealer. He has made several trips abroad and some three years ago he published a book dealing with his experiences as dealer and traveler.

The son, William Handshaw, has been carrying on, at 79 Nassau St., the business formerly owned by his father, and there is also another son and widow to mourn the loss of the loved one.

The writer takes this opportunity of paying this tribute to the sterling worth and integrity of J. E. Handshaw, who was the soul of honor in all his business relationships, interested in the moral development of his community, and a devoted Christian man. Philately is the poorer in the loss that it has sustained.

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By FRANK L. APPLEGATE

How many, I wonder, have paused to consider the range denominations of United States revenue stamps that have been issued? The subject of different denominations is one that has always held a great fascination for me.

In documentary revenues we have had forty different values as follows: ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Playing Cards), 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80-cent, and $1.00, $1.30, $1.50, $1.60, $1.90, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $5.00, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00, $50.00, $60.00, $100.00, $200.00, $500.00 and $1,000.00, the latter being two hundred thousand times the value of the lowest value.

In proprietary revenues we have had 27 values, the ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, 1, 1¼, 1½, 1⅞, 2, 2½, 3, 3⅛, 3¾, 4, 4⅜, 5, 6, 7½, 8, 10, 12, 20, 40, 50-cent and one and five dollars, thirteen of which are not included in the documentary list. These are the ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ⅝, 1¼, 1½, 1⅞, 2½, 3⅛, 3¾, 4⅜, 7½ and 12-cent. Added to the 40 documentaries this makes 53. Of the nineteen denominations issued for narcotics we gain two, the 16-cent and the odd value of $1.28, bringing our total up to 55.

Of the 36 denominations of wine stamps listed in the catalogue, the 18c, 24c, 36c, 72c, $1.20, $1.44, $4.00, $4.80, $9.60 and $40.00 are new, total 10, making 65 in all of U. S. revenue values as per Scott's, and quite materially outnumbering the postal issues which, with the new 17c, total up to only 51. But this is not all. We have also 33 denominations of Beer stamps as follows: 12½, 16⅔, 18¾, 20, 25, 26⅔, 33⅓, 37½, 40, 50, 53⅓, 66⅔, 75, 80-cent, $1.00, $1.50, $1.60, $2.00, $3.00, $3.20, $4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $7.50, $10.00, $12.00, $15.00, $25.00, $30.00, $37.50, $60.00, $75.00 and $150.00, of which the 12½, 16⅔, 18¾, 26⅔, 33⅓, 53⅓, 66⅔, 75c, $3.20, $6.00, $7.50, $12.00, $37.50, $75.00 and $150.00 are new to our list. All beer stamps as regularly issued have the monetary face value. When they were surcharged for provisional use when the tax rate on beer was changed only the date of the act was surcharged, leaving the value of the stamp to be computed under the new rate. Thus in 1914 under the Emergency Act, when the beer rate previously one dollar per barrel was made $1.50, the dollar stamp became a $1.50 stamp where surcharged "Emergency Act 1914," and other values accordingly.

Later in 1914 new dies were made which showed the new values, but in 1917 the rate was doubled and in 1919 doubled again, so that what was a $1.50 stamp as issued in 1914 became a $3.00 stamp when surcharged "Act of 1917" and a $6.00 stamp when surcharged "Act of 1919." Through the rush of business in the Bureau on these latter dates new dies were not made for the new rates and all we have to show for some of the values thus created—the $6.00, $12.00, $75.00 and $150.00—are the provisionals. Sixteen new denominations under the head of beer stamps make a total of 81 values so far, but the end is not yet. We still have the so-called Tax Paids. Very few of these show a monetary face value, but there are notable exceptions. Most of these are among a set of tobacco stamps issued in 1869. The tax was 32 cents per pound and each stamp bore the corresponding face value. There were:

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The 8 marked * are new to our list and then there is a $1.25 stamp issued for cigars in 1872, which brings our total of U. S. Revenue denominations up to 90.

Canada Revenues.—For range of color, design and excellence of execution nothing can surpass the revenue issues of Canada and particularly those of the provinces British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec, as well as the Territory of Yukon and the Dominion itself, all have their own low stamps and I want to tell the uninitiated that they are surely things of beauty.

While the revenue emissions of our own country seem to have deteriorated of late years, not so Canada. The first Dominion of Canada bill stamps issued in 1864 were surface printed, but since then all Canada revenues with very few exceptions have been steel engraved, even the tax paids.

Take the stamps of the Dawson Mining Court. Any one seeing these large, handsome stamps displaying the view of a prospector examining a piece of ore far out in the wilds would surely think them made for collectors, but such is not the case. They have been in constant legitimate use since 1903 and are not too easy to get yet.

Take the Province of Quebec, which has been more prolific than any other. Here we have stamps of separate design for Law, License, Registration, Assurance (Insurance), Stock Transfers and Prohibition. The range of use is from 1864 to date and the execution is uniformly of the finest.

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A subject that has interested some of the collectors who have yielded fully to the fascinations of the Pony Express covers is the approximate number of envelopes that received the markings of the service. The service of the express was in demand by the government, merchants and other business men, while the great newspapers of New York and San Francisco recognized the utility of the enterprise. Some of the papers printed editions on a tissue paper for relieving the burden of weight of the ordinary news-print. We have found some statistics telling of the cost of operation of the Pony Express which ultimately would have been a profitable venture had not the completion of the telegraph across the continent impaired its monopoly. According to the compilation under notice, the Nevada Indian war cost the operators $75,000 and the maintenance of the express was $30,000 a month, or $360,000 a year. During the part of two years that the post was in existence, its expenses, including the $100,000 for equipping the line, were approximately $700,000. Receipts did not average $1,000 a trip and in all, they were not over $500,000. At first five dollars were paid for every letter carried across the continent, but later rates were reduced and so, with a credit of $500,000 to be divided by a number of dollars a letter, it may be said that from 150,000 to 200,000 pieces were carried by the service celebrated in song and story.

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We learn with no little satisfaction that the radio is being employed more generally in the circulation of stamp lore and now we wish to tell of the palpable hit made by Mr. Ronald M. Angus, Victoria, British Columbia, in spreading the gospel of philately. The Victoria *Colonist* says that Mr. Angus is the first speaker in Canada to broadcast on this subject and the paper devotes well into three columns to a report of the interesting talk; and a picture of Mr. Angus at the microphone is shown. Mr. Angus has been complimented by local philatelists and by some from the United States who picked up his words; and the station is asking for further engagements. It was at the suggestion of Miss L. M. Forbes, British Columbia's only lady stamp dealer, that Mr. Angus essayed his aerial fling. We have passed on the transcript of Mr. Angus' remarks to a correspondent who has asked for material for broadcasting.

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Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, proprietor of *Stamp Collecting,* London, will arrive at the Pacific Coast and then proceed to New York to attend the International Philatelic Exhibition. We shall be especially pleased to have Mr. Vallancey with us and we feel that many of us who have followed his career through his alert and able publication will wish his tour of inspection to be a pleasant one.

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From Mr. H. J. Kaufmann, Bureau of Statistics and Publications, Board of Education, Detroit, Michigan, we have received a copy of *School Topics,* Cleveland, in which we find a column article, "Thrills Plentiful for Followers of 'King of Hobbies'." This fortnightly is the official publication of the Cleveland public schools and by its endorsement so whole-heartedly of our pursuit has paid a tribute of high degree to stamp collecting. The occasion for this account is a special exhibit of stamps on display at the historical museum of Western Reserve Historical Society, "which children of grades 5 to 12 are invited to view." It is said that the exhibit in question is one of no mean order and we are pleased that it has been made the subject of approving remarks about philately.

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Mr. H. F. Bowker, Vallejo, California, has sent us the first nineteen pages of a special album that he is preparing for the reception of the stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports, which engage the endeavors of collectors here and there who are still sensible of the thrall of these distinctive issues, even though they no longer are catalogued as straight postage stamps. Latterly, there has been a manifestation of interest in the Treaty Ports and with Mr. Siddall's catalogue and Mr. Bowker's album the collector will feel well equipped. Mr. Bowker who is in the U. S. Navy, has spent much time in the Orient and so he may be said to have studied these stamps at first hand.

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Some months ago, a correspondent who was interested in the Philadelphia dealer, L. W. Durbin, so well-known thirty years ago, asked us for particulars of his career in Philadelphia, of which we were able to tell him to some extent. At the time, we neglected to mention that Mr. Durbin went to Philadelphia from St. Louis early in 1869, a fact that is recalled to mind by finding an advertisement in Mason's *Monthly Coin and Stamp Collectors Magazine* for January, 1869, in which Mr. Durbin announces that he was formerly in St. Louis. In May, 1869, Mr. Durbin assumed the editorship of the philatelic department of this monthly magazine, whose subscription price, by-the-way, was $1.50 a year.

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We learn from Mr. Henry C. Needham, with much regret, of the death of J. E. Handshaw, for many years a wholesale and retail dealer in stamps, who passed away at the Orlando Hospital, Orlando, Florida, on March 26, 1926. His health had been impaired for some time, but a year or so ago he bought a winter home at St. Cloud, Florida, spending part of his time there. William and Herbert Handshaw, sons, will continue his business in New York, in all probability. Mr. Handshaw will be remembered by many of us with kindly feelings and his death will be deplored.

THE New York *Times* in a recent article describes the new St. Francis stamps of Italy and reviews the recent auction sale of the Isaac Cook, Jr., stamps, in which a 5c Missionary brought $2,150. The first day's sale realized $36,400.

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*Mauritania 1906, 5c green	.25	
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FROM Mr. A. E. Pade, New York, a clipping has come from the *Post* of his city saying that philatelists are to be charged with having a hand in the crime wave that has been sweeping Djibouti, whose stamps are popular with collectors. The natives have been cutting up scandalously and when fined fifty francs were given a receipt bearing a stamp that later was sold by them for 80 or 100 francs. The overworked police suggest that stampless receipts be given natives.

FROM Mr. A. F. Merell, the "Stamp-man" of the radio, San Francisco, we learn something of his present activities. He gave a talk on stamp publications late in March and showed the juniors the possibilities in collecting stamps. He had a date at the University High School on April 8th, having spoken the day before in the Lowell High School. From April 19th, he will give a full hour each Monday, 5.30 to 6.30 P. M. over KFRC. He secured the MacLaren covers for exhibition and with twelve other fine collections, he, assisted by Messrs. Marcus and Blackwell, filled the Y. M. C. A. hall from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M. Mr. Merell showed his U. S. proofs. Mr. Merell says that the death of Donald Piercy has been a sad blow to them as the success of the San Francisco society was largely due to Mr. Piercy's continued and untiring efforts.

THE latest number of *Stampitis*, the little paper that puts over philately in Texas with a bang, gives a foretaste of the pleasures awaiting the delegates who attend the convention of the Texas Philatelic Association at Galveston, May 15th to 17th, inclusive. Never have we seen a more attractive setting for a schedule of entertainment and if a cajoling word is sent to Mr. T. E. Flick, the secretary, 801 Twenty-second Street, Galveston, Texas, those who are interested in the forthcoming event may see for themselves. An exhibition extending over the three days of the convention is a feature. A "sitting squirrel" cancellation on a 12c Interior is illustrated in the paper, thereby providing a congenial companion to the "kicking mule" impression. Mr. Wilhelm, president of the American Philatelic Society, was a recent visitor to this city of philatelic pep

FROM Mr. T. C. E. Hunter, we have received copy of the *Australian*, which illustrates in its picture section a half-dozen of the new issues, the world over; and we are pleased to see this recognition in a standard publication.

"PIM" whose deftness in handling a comic strip for one of the syndicates is freely recognized turned recently to stamps for inspiration, which he found in good measure. "Telling Tommy" shows dad explaining to the little boy that even kings and queens are interested in stamp collecting and he names four royal collectors. He speaks of the great British Guiana rarity and the Post Office Mauritius as well; and the Union of South Africa, 2½d blue with King George's portrait is the centerpiece of the picture.

RECENTLY, the San Francisco *News* sought the advice of Mr. R. H. Mower of that city because complaint has been made that the stamps on sale do not stick tightly to letters and the conclusion is that "winter gum" does not work well in California's mild climate.

MR. H. A. DIAMANT, St. Louis, Mo., visited Chicago on the first leg of an extended trip east and attended the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society on April 1st, at which Mr. A. W. Filstrup, Benton Harbor, Mich., was the exhibitor. Mr. Diamant is tireless in promoting philatelic publicity and has many ideas on the subject.

EVIDENTLY the publicity committee of the New York Exhibition is getting in some work. We have before us a clipping from the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, which deals in an interesting manner with the plans that are being made for the Exhibition. This particular article is based largely upon an interview with Chas. J. Phillips. Thanks to B. Cadbury for clipping.

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United States.

Air Mail, Jacksonville—Miami

The first flight inaugurating the contract air mail route, No. 10, between Jacksonville and Miami was made in accordance with schedule on April 1st. A plane left Jacksonville for Miami via Tampa and Fort Myers and also one coming north from Miami to Jacksonville, which stopped at the same two points in transit. The covers that I have seen mailed from Miami bear a postmark in magenta consisting of three concentric circles about 1¾" in diameter, similar to the one used in Detroit. Within the circles the following: "First Flight Inaugurating Contract Air Mail — Route CAM. 10—Miami, Fla., 6.30 A. M. April 1, 1926." Fort Myers and Jacksonville used a similar postmark with the name of the city changed, but in these two cases they used black ink. For some reason Tampa seems not to have had a special air mail cancellation for they applied the regular postmark with the name of the city, date and the wavy lines for cancelling the stamp. All covers that I have seen carried over this flight have been backstamped by the receiving station with the same postmark that they had used for the outgoing air mail.

We wish to thank Mr. S. E. Knox for the first cover coming to my attention from Miami and Mr. M. T. Danielson for a similar cover from Tampa. Although the Tampa cover was addressed to me at Philadelphia, I notice that it is backstamped at Jacksonville. This leads me to believe that all of the mail which they received was backstamped irrespective as to where it might have been addressed.

2c Rotary, Double Paper

In my notes of last week, mention was made of the fact that the 5c current issue rotary had recently been located, printed on paper that had been joined—hence, furnishing stamps on so-called double paper. Mr. Percy M. Day now advises me that he has found a similar pane of the 2c rotary perf. 10.

Revenue Notes

The new Revenue act of 1926 recently passed by Congress and signed by the President eliminates certain stamp taxes heretofore in effect. Effective March 29th, Documentary stamp tax on the following documents has been repealed: On bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued by any person, not a corporation, on deeds of conveyances, assignment and transfers of lands or other realty, on entry of goods or merchandise at any custom house, on entry for withdrawal of any goods or merchandise from customs bonded warehouses, on proxies for voting at elections, on power of attorney.

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New Provisional Envelope

The 1c green on amber, round die, Scott's No. 2665, has been located in die D with the double line overprint. This comes from one of the smaller western towns and is the first on amber with this surcharge to be found. It is size 13, watermarked 19.

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FRENCH GUIANA.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. report the following changes: 65c deep green, 85c red purple and 2fr red on orange.

GERMANY.—Mr. A. Wagner writing under date of the 24th of last month informs us that he has just been advised that within the next few days a new series of Airmail stamps will be issued by the Post Office Department. The values will be 5pf green, 10pf red, 20pf blue, 50pf orange, 1M rose, 2M blue and 3M olive green. The new stamps will have the inscription "Deutsche" to the left and "Luftpost" to the right. In the centre will be an eagle ascending from the summit of a rock. Mr. Wagner further adds that the Airmail stamps now in circulation (Scott's AP3) will be withdrawn from sale on March 31st, but will have postal value up to the end of June, 1926. It is also intended to issue a new 15pf Airmail postal card, the color being violet.

JUGO-SLAVIA.—An entirely new portrait type has just appeared on a 1 dinar carmine stamp, the King's head being in profile, facing right, flanked by a pattern of diamonds. Mr. D. Hepworth shows us a used copy. New type, as above, surfaced-printed: 1 dinar carmine.—*Stamp Collecting.*

LUXEMBURG.—Mr. Henry Hooreman and Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 15c orange-brown, 20c sage-green and 1fr indigo have been surcharged "Official", the first two values in black and the 1fr in red.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. R. Roberts and the Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of the 10c carmine, Arms type, on script watermarked paper.

MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 45c in the type of Scott's A13 in a slate color.

SIERRA LEONE.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 1p deep violet, Die 11, script watermark paper.

SWEDEN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for note the 5ö green, Lion type, watermark wavy lines, imperforate by Perf. 13.

SYRIA *(Lebanon).*—We are informed that, acting on the initiative of the Governor of the Lebanon and the General Secretary to the High Commissioner, it has been decided to issue a set of stamps with special overprint for the benefit of the refugees from towns and villages pillaged by the Druzes during the recent warfare. Ordinary adhesives of the current Lebanon series, both postage and postage due, have accordingly been overprinted "SECOURS AUX REFUGIES" and with new value.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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OLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Mr. Sigmund iser and the Economist Stamp Co. e shown us a 4c blue stamp of a new lign. In the centre is the figure "4" h "Provisional" across it and with rreos Colombia" in a curved frame ve and the words of value in a curved me below completing the circle.

OSTA RICA.—The Economist Stamp and Whitfield King & Co. have sent for chronicle the four new provisionl surcharged on the stamps of the 1923 es: 3c on 5c blue, 6c on 10c brown, on 40c orange and 45c on 1col olive en.

ENMARK.—In commenting on the reently issued Gebyr stamp Mr. R. berts sends the following communica- n:

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R. E. B. ROWE, 612 W. 112 St., N. Y. City, would like to know the present address of one Ernest Buchan, a shut-in. Who can favor him?

WE take great pleasure this week in publishing a page advertisement from T. Allen, one of our British advertisers. Mr. Allen has held a position on our first page for many months and is a fixture in our columns. He handles a class of goods that must recommend themselves to the most particular collectors. His page advertisement this week proves that he has a remarkable stock of stamps. Those who are preparing for exhibits at New York in October will do well to consult him in connection with the filling of want-lists. During his use of our columns we have never had a complaint of any kind filed against him.

A. H. GOETZ, 7 W. 42nd St., N. Y. City, has issued a summer price-list of singles, sets and packets. It may be had for the asking.

WE are informed by George B. Sloane that he intends to move from his present quarters to the new Collectors Club Building, 51 W. 48th St., N. Y. City. Besides Mr. Sloane, J. C. Morgenthau & Co., Herman Toaspern and the Martauco Stamp Co. are to have offices in the building. The ground floor, with a splendid store location, has not yet been rented. The building is now in process of being renovated to suit the needs of the Club and the dealers taking space in it.

WE are indebted to Albert E. Gorham and Joel H. DuBose for interesting air-mail covers. They mark the establishment of the first flight inaugurating contract air-mail between Miami and Jacksonville, Fla. Both covers bear Miami postmark of 6.30 A. M. Apr and the receiving Jacksonville postm of 1 P. M. The Miami special mar is in purple and the Jacksonville the reverse side of the envelope i black. Mr. Gorham also sends cover used on the first flight from J sonville to Miami. It bears the s date, April 1, the despatching time Jacksonville being 9.30 A. M., and receiving postmark at Miami being M. This cover has markings in b on the face and reverse side.

UNDER date of April 15, the M tauco Stamp Co. has issued a sp wholesale bulletin, which will be sen any dealer. Address 45 W. 45th N. Y. City.

A. F. MERELL, known as the KH radio stamp man, is busy with philatelic publicity. He now has members in his Stamp Club. Mr. M is also doing considerable work out of his radio activities. April 8 he g a talk before the University High Sc in Oakland. Beginning April 12 he the hour from 5.30 to 6.30 P. M. e Monday for his radio talks. If the P. S. could accomplish in other cen what Mr. Merell is doing in San F cisco it would do philately a world good.

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1877, Official, 1c. Superb used PAIR, IMPERFORATE BETWEEN. No. 306. A rare and uncatalogued item.
BRUNEI—1906, 1c Black Surcharge. Superb Used. **No. 1a.**
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1899, 2(c) on ⅔ of 3c. **DOUBLE SURCHARGE. Used on entire original.** Uncatalogued and very rare.
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1861, 1d **Superb Used PAIR** on small piece of original. **No. 7.**
1863-64, 1d Red. **Mint BLOCK OF 12. No. 12.**
1sh Emerald. **Mint PAIR. No. 15.**
1882-83, 5sh Orange. **Mint. No. 38.**
MAFEKING — 1900, 1d on ½d. **Inverted Surcharge.** Used. **No. 167a.**
1900, 6d on 3d. **Inverted Surcharge.** Used. **No. 170a.**
1900, 1sh on 4d. **Double Surcharge, one inverted.** Used. **No. 172a.**
CAYMAN ISL.—1907-8, 2½d on 4d. Mint. **No. 20.**
1907-8, 1d on 4d. Mint. **No. 20c.**
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CEYLON—1857, 4d **Superb Used. No. 5.**
1857, 6d Unused. **No. 6a.**
1861, 4d Mint. **No. 19.**
8d Mint. **No. 21.**
9d Unused. **No. 22.**
1863, 5d Mint. **No. 40.**
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1863-67, 2d **IMPERF.** Mint. **No. 49c.**
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EAST AFRICA & UGANDA—1903, 50Rs Mint. **No. 16.**
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1919, 4c on 6c. **Mint pair. No. 62c.**
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FIJI—1871, **Times Express.** 6d Mint. **No. 9.**
1878, 6d Printed both sides. Mint. **No. 44b.**
GIBRALTAR—1889, **VALUE OMITTED (10c) ROSE. MINT BLOCK OF 4 with side margin of sheet. Probably UNIQUE. No. 23a.**
MOROCCO AGENCIES—1903-5, 50c Mint. **No. 223a.**
1903-5, 1p Mint. **No. 224a.**
2p Mint. **No. 225a.**
GT. BRITAIN—1881, Printed both sides. 1d **Mint BLOCK OF 4. No. 89a.**
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GRENADA—1861, 1d **COMPLETE MINT SHEET OF 120. No. 1.**
HONG KONG—1863-67, 96c **Bistre.** Mint. **No. 17.**
INDIA—SCINDE—½a Red. Superb Used. **No. 83.**
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JAMAICA—1917, 3d Mint. **No. 309b.**
KENYA—1921, 50Rs Mint. **No. 17.**
LABUAN—1879, 2c Mint. **No. 1.**
1880-83, 8c on 12c Mint. **No. 12b.**
1Dol on 16c Mint. **No. 15.**
1885, 2c on 16c. Used. **No. 21.**
1894, 2c **IMPERFORATE Mint BLOCK OF 4. No. 50a.**
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1901, 8c **CENTRE INVERTED. Used. No. 206a.**
LAGOS—1884-86, 2s 6d Mint. **No. 23.**
1884-86, 2s 6d Used. **No. 23.**
5sh Mint. **No. 24.**
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1904, 10sh **Mint PAIR. No. 49.**
MALTA—1885, 4d IMPERFORATE MINT BLOCK OF 4, No. 12a.
MAURITIUS—1848, Thick Yellowish paper. 1d Orange. **Superb used. No. 2a.**
1848, 1d Orange. Superb used. **No. 3c.**
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MESOPOTAMIA—1918, ½a on 10p. Used on piece of original. **No. 3.**
1918, ½a on 10p. Mint. **No. 7.**
1a on 20p Mint. **No. 11.**
1a on 20p. Used on piece of original. **No. 11.**
Iraq—1922, 1R on 10p. Mint. **No. 50.**
1922, 1R on 10p. Mint. **No. 227.**
MONTSERRAT — 1876, 6d **BLUE GREEN. MINT BLOCK OF 4.**
NATAL—1857, 3d Superb used. **No. 1.**
1864, 1d **IMPERFORATE PAIR.** Mint. **No. 15c.**
1902-03, £20. **SUPERB POSTALLY USED. No. 100.**
NEVIS—1861, Blue Paper, 4d Mint. **No. 2.**
1861, 1d Complete unused reconstructed **sheet of 12. No. 5.**
4d Complete reconstructed unused **sheet of 12. No. 6.**
1867, 1sh Complete unused re-constructed **sheet of 12. No. 12.**
1876, 4d **Mint PAIR. No. 15.**
1d Complete **uncut mint sheet of 12. No. 18.**
NEW BRUNSWICK—1851, 1sh MAGNIFICENT UNUSED COPY. No. 3.
1851, 1sh Superb used. No. 3.
NEWFOUNDLAND — 1857, 8d MINT BLOCK OF 4. No. 8.
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NORTHERN NIGERIA—1904, £25 Mint. **No. 18a.**
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1851-53, 6d Deep Green. **IMMACULATE USED copy. No. 5.**
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PAPUA—1907, 6d **DOUBLE SURCHARGE.** Mint. **No. 24a.**
1907-10, 2d Per. 11x12½. Mint. **No. 36a.**
PERSIA—British Occupation, 3c Superb Used. **No. 1217.**
British Occupation, 9c Superb Used. **No. 1220.**
12c Superb Used. **No. 1222.**
24c Superb Used. **No. 1223.**
1K Superb Used. **No. 1224.**
5K Superb Used. **No. 1227.**
QUEENSLAND—1860, 6d Used. **No. 3.**
1861, 6d **Unused. No. 10.**
1862-63, 2d MINT BLOCK OF 4, HAVING 2 PAIRS IMPERFORATE BETWEEN. No. 14e.
RHODESIA—1890-91, £5 Mint. **No. 14.**
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1891, ½d on 6d **Complete Mint SHEET of 60. No. 16.**
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8d on 1sh. **Mint block of 4. No. 19.**
1909, £2. Mint. **No. 100b.**
1924, £1 Mint. **No. 141.**
ST. CHRISTOPHER—1882, 4d Blue. **MINT PAIR. No. 12.**
ST. HELENA—1d **Mint BLOCK OF 4. No. 8.**
ST. LUCIA — 1892, ½d on 3d **INVERTED SURCHARGE. Used. No. 39c.**
1892, ½d on ½ of 6d **Mint PAIR,** one stamp without figure "2" of "½". **No. 40d.**
ST. VINCENT—1880-81, 5sh Rose. Mint. **No. 29.**
1880-81, ½d on ½ of 6d. **Mint Unsevered PAIR. No. 30.**
1d on ½ of 6d. Unused. **No. 31.**
4d on 1sh Mint. **No. 33.**
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1914, 2sh Used on piece of original. **No. 111.**
3sh Used on piece of original. **No. 112.**
5sh Used on piece of original. **No. 113.**
SARAWAK — 1889-91, 5c on 12c. **Double surcharge, one sideways.**
1892, 1c on 3c. Unused Pair. **No. 21a.**
1c on 3c. Mint. **No. 23b.**
1923, 1c on 10c. **"CNET"** error. Superb used. **No. 77a.**
SIERRA LEONE—1893, ½d on 1½d. **A mint pair,** one stamp being **No. 32c.**
1912, £5 Mint. **No. 121.**
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1868-75, 10d on 9d. Used. **No. 61.**
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1904, 25 Dollars Mint. **No. 120a.**
100 Dollars Mint. **No. 120b.**
1908-11, 25 Dollars Mint. **No. 145.**
1915, 100 Dollars Mint. **No. 168.**
500 Dollars Mint. **No. 169.**
1921-22, 100 Dollars Mint. **No. 195.**
500 Dollars Mint. **No. 196.**
FEDERATED MALAY STATES — 1900, 25 Dollars Mint. **No. 13a.**
JOHORE 1876, 2c Mint. **No. 1.**
1904-08, 50 Dollars Mint. **No. 73a.**
100 Dollars Mint. **No. 73b.**
NEGRI SEMBILAN—1899, 4c on 8c Mint. **No. 16.**
TRENGGANU—1910, 25 Dollars Mint. **No. 11.**
SUDAN—1906-11, 1M Mint. **No. 304a.**
1906-11, 2M **Mint PAIR. No. 305a.**
5M Mint. **No. 307b.**
5M Used. **No. 307a.**
TASMANIA—1853, 1d Used. **No. 1.**
1856-57, 2d Used. **No. 8.**
1856, 1d Used. **No. 10.**
1892-99, £1 Mint. **No. 83.**
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1882-84, 6d Mint. **No. 18.**
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1908, 1d Used. **No. 285.**
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A COUNTY superintendent of schools in Southern California is sending out a bulletin to all the teachers explaining a new form of philatelic competition. Each school prepares a booklet of cancelled U. S. stamps. Each stamp is to be mounted on a separate sheet with a short account of the person or incident represented thereon. The scholar chooses his subject and writes a composition upon the material furnished him. The teacher's work is to show the child how to express the desired statements in clear, correct, concise and pleasing English.

WE have at hand a copy of "The Microphone," published by KFRC, San Francisco, Cal. The issue of Feb. 20, which is Vol. I No. 1, contains a very favorable mention of A. F. Merell's Monday night talks on stamp collecting. Quite recently the members of Mr. Merell's KFRC Stamp Club met at the Y. M. C. A., where there was an exhibit of original covers and also a volume of U. S. proofs. Pres. Wilhelm of the A. P. S. exhibited his specialized collection of U. S.

WE are indebted to Herman W. Boers and other subscribers for Easter greetings sent the WEEKLY.

PUGET SOUND ORGANIZES

By ARTHUR K. ROBERTS.

Out in the Pacific Northwest some enthusiastic stamp collectors have recently been granted a charter by the A. P. S. known as the Puget Sound Branch, No. 70. The membership already totals thirty-five. The organization is composed of collectors in Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bremerton.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1014 Third Avenue, Seattle; and the second and fourth Thursdays in the office of Mr. Ben Weeks, Provident Building, Tacoma. Clyde D. Brill, of Tacoma, is the first President of the Puget Sound Branch. Other officers are: Emmett R. Ashton, Seattle, Vice-Pres.; C. S. Ernst, Sec.-Treas., Seattle; Henry C. Hitt, Bremerton, Librarian and Expert; and Arthur K. Roberts, Chairman, Program Committee, Seattle.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Air Route, Chicago to Dallas

Under date of April 6th, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. W. Irving Glover, announces effective May 12, 1926, contract air mail service will be established over route C. A. M., No. 3, Chicago, Ill., via Moline, Ill., St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo., Wichita, Kans., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Fort Worth, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, a distance each way of 987 miles. The route will be operated on a schedule, which will make connections at Chicago with the air mail service in each direction between New York and Chicago.

The plane going south to Dallas will leave Chicago daily upon the arrival of the overnight plane from New York. It is expected to arrive at Moline at 7.25 A. M., and reach Dallas at 5.35 P. M. on the same day. Mail coming forward from Dallas will leave that point at 7.30 A. M. and arrive at Chicago at 7.20 P. M. in time to be dispatched on the plane leaving Chicago nightly for New York.

The postage over this new route is 10c an ounce or fraction thereof. The contractor is the National Air Transport, Inc., of Chicago, and this concern will receive 80% of the total revenue for carrying the mails over this route.

Air Route, Pasco to Elko

The first western contract air mail service was inaugurated on April 6th, between Elko, Nevada, and Pasco, Washington. The former city being on the transcontinental route enables mail from the northwest to come east at a saving of a number of hours. On this service several of the cities used the regular first-class mail cancellation in addition to the contract air mail service postmark, which has previously been described in this column, the postmark this time reading, "Elko-Pasco Route — Washington-Idaho-Oregon." Those that I have seen from Boise and Elko are in black while those from Pasco are in red. The airplane going north from Elko found it necessary on account of the weather to land, and as the landing place was about thirty miles from civilization, the mail carrier had to ride horseback this distance to reach a phone. The mail no doubt finally arrived at destination, but the covers over this trip have not as yet come to hand.

Under date of April 10th, the Post Office Department sends out the following notice concerning this route:

"Due entirely to the inability of Walter T. Varney, of San Francisco, contractor for the air mail service from Elko, Nevada, to Pasco, Washington, to perform his part of the contract, Postmaster General New today announced that, on request of Varney, the service on this route will be temporarily suspended. Varney explained in a message to the Department that he had only one good motor left and that those he had used had been found to be in bad condition. He stated he was unable to carry out the terms of his contract with the poor equipment on hand and requested that he be relieved from performing service for the time being. This commercial route was put into operation on April 6, 1926."

This means the suspension of the service four days after it was established and as it will take time to advertise for new bids, it is quite possible that it will be several months before the service is resumed. The postal bulletin of Monday, April 12th, conveys the same information to postmasters.

Mr. Benjamin Delovage kindly sends a clipping from the *Sunday Oregonian* of April 4th, which illustrates the route covered and showing by means of a map the territory that will feed this service. Judging from the detailed clipping, there was quite an event made of the first day flights.

New Second Issue Revenue

We have known for a number of years of the existence of the Second Issue Revenues in blue and black of the denominations of 25c, 50c and $1.50 with sewing machine perforations. These perforations, which come in more than one type, are undoubtedly unofficial, and it has been believed that the stamps were issued in imperforated condition and these perforations added after they had left the hands of the Department.

Recently in going over a lot of old papers, there were found a number of canceled stock certificates of the Southwestern Market Company of Philadelphia, the certificates being dated around April of 1872. Sixteen copies of the 25c Second Issue were found with substantial margins, imperforated. Most of the certificates used previous and after this month contained the normal perforated variety. These stamps have been shown to Mr. Hugh M. Clark and a number of others who all agree that they are undoubtedly imperforated, but Mr. Clark does not feel that he desires to mention them in the catalog until he sees a pair. If a pair should later be found, it will no doubt rank as one of the rarest pieces in the Second Issue.

Guam

The Collectors Club Journal for April announces the discovery by Mr. Herman Toaspern of the 10c brown in type II. We have known for several years that the $1.00 existed in the two types with the "Guam" overprint, but this is the first time the second type of the 10c has been located. Since this first copy was located, the owner of one of our largest collections of U. S. colonies has found a second copy which he had in his collec-

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SALMAGUNDI:—

SUPPLEMENTING our chronicle of the Pasco-Elko air-mail cover sent us by Albert E. Gorham, we have now received one routed Elko-Pasco, which is of more than ordinary interest, because it was carried by the aviator who was delayed in transit. It bears the Elko postmark of 1 P. M. April 6, but the Pasco receiving marking is 11.30 A. M. April 9. It is an interesting cover, and we are indebted to Mr. Gorham for the same.

SOMEONE connected with the Milwaukee Philatelic Society put over a marvelous publicity stunt in the Milwaukee *Journal* of Sunday, April 11. An entire page was given over to the feature "Stamp Collecting a Fascinating Hobby." The article deals particularly with the collection of W. J. Uihlein, vice-president of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. The pictures are of striking interest. One shows Mr. Uihlein and his secretary, Fred W. Noske, examining the former's twenty volume stamp collection. Five of the volumes lie open upon the table. One of the pages of the Uihlein collection is pictured, showing a set of old Swiss cantonals. The *Journal* states that this page represents a value of $2,710.00. A fine picture of King George is shown, also one of J. H. Puelicher, president of the Marshall & Ilsley Bank. One cannot fairly estimate the value of an article like this in promoting the interests of our hobby. Clipping from Hugo E. Traupmann, Jr.

SOMETIME next Spring Alan Cobham, who has just mapped out a commercial airway from London to Capetown, South Africa, will make a survey of a new Empire air route from England through Paris, Lyons, Pisa, Rome, Naples, Suda Bay, Cairo, Damascus, Romadi, Bandar Abbas, Karachi, Delhi, Calcutta, Rangoon, Bangkok, Singapore and Kalidjatti to Port Darwin, Australia. —G. V. Stewart.

FROM the Metropolitan Stamp Co., 1482 Broadway, N. Y. City, comes the *Metropolitan Philatelic Messenger,* a very ambitious house organ of 24 pages. It is a Volume 1, Number 1, and is a distinct acquisition to the list of publications issued by stamp dealers. There is enough reading matter to make the magazine something more than an advertising medium, and we urge our readers to send for a sample copy.

IN the Detroit *Free Press* rotogravure section of Sunday, April 11, appeared a nice picture of the dinner of the Michigan Stamp Club, held in March at Webster Hall. H. W. Boers, who sends us the clipping, is to be congratulated upon his enterprise.

THE fourth annual convention of the Southern New England Philatelic Societies will be held at Springfield, Mass., May 8. Mr. Atherton has sent us an extended notice, which we are unable to print in its entirety. He writes us that this is to be a big event and we are perfectly willing to believe it. This year Bridgeport, Hartford, Holyoke, New Haven, Waterbury and the three Springfield Clubs will participate. Previous gatherings have been held at Waterbury, Hartford and New Haven. On the program for this meeting will be found an auction, exhibits and dinner, with the usual incidental attractions.

JAMAICA NOS. 79 AND 92

By Maxwell Krause

I note your item on page 190 regarding the discussion and correspondence caused by the articles written by Mr. Pierson and myself concerning Jamaica Nos. 79 and 92, and the suggestion of Dr. Evans that someone make a study of the various varieties and dies "that can evidently be found."

All this comment has undoubtedly been caused by the fact that Mr. Pierson's article was unfortunately erroneous. The Jamaica pictorials were all made in two printings, which accounts for the difference in shades in so many instances between the centers and the frames of single specimens in all values, and for the discovery of the 1sh value with inverted center, although the stamp is printed in one color. Therefore, the position of the crow's-nest or top of the mast in the 2½d value in relation to the frame lines above it is entirely dependent upon the accuracy of the second printing. The space between the crow's-nest and the frame lines will vary considerably in both Nos. 79 and 92 and I have seen them come together in both varieties, as I have also seen them quite a distance apart. In other words, the difference described by Mr. Pierson is not a die variety and is created solely by the accuracy with which the centers were inserted in the second printing operation.

There is only one difference between the dies used in printing No. 79 and those used in printing No. 92, and that is in the flag on the left hand border, as described in my article. This difference I described fully and I also gave a history of the Union Jack at the time so that collectors in this country would understand why such a seemingly small difference was of considerable historical importance. I sent you the article because I had had so many inquiries asking just what was meant by the inverted flag referred to by Gibbons and the philatelic press, the average collector having failed to notice the small alteration made in No. 92 although aware that one had been made.

It is true that the watermark in itself distinguishes these two stamps from each other and it so happens that all copies with the old watermark were made from the original dies with inverted flag and that all copies on the new script CA paper were printed from the corrected dies. But there is absolutely no other difference in the dies.

At the time my article was published, I was pleased to receive letters from a number of collectors thanking me for the information contained in the story and advising that they had been puzzled on this point since Jamaica, No. 92, had been issued. I am sure that any discussion created was due to misunderstandings and I trust that this letter will entirely clear up the matter so far as I am concerned.

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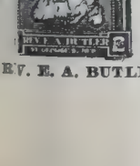

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CHAPTER XIX.

Exchanging With Foreign Correspondents

I cannot be gravely in error if I venture the assertion that only a surprisingly few American stamp collectors do any exchanging with fellow-hobbyists in other countries.

This condition is not as it should be.

True, the average American knows no other language than English, or, if you prefer, "United States." Thereby, any attempt at corresponding with collectors who do not know English becomes a complicated proposition. But, English is the language used in many parts of the world, including: Ireland, Scotland, England, Canada, Australia, British West Africa, South Africa, India, Straits Settlements, etc., namely, over all those geographical divisions where the British flag flies as emblem of the rule of the "King of the United Kingdom and Dominion beyond the Sea and Emperor of India." In addition, barring Egypt and Indo-China, the stamp collectors in all the countries east of Suez understand English. On the other hand, west of Suez (i.e., Europe) English is becoming generally taught as a secondary language in the higher schools of most of the countries.

Thus, it will be seen that exchanging with collectors in foreign countries is no ago.

In an earlier chapter I had occasion to mention the advantage of being able to practise one's knowledge of foreign languages through corresponding with philatelists of other climes. As I am strongly of the opinion that every educated person should be able at least to read two or three languages, I wholeheartedly recommend seeking and maintaining letter- and stamp-exchanging connections for the linguistic benefit, if for no other.

However, there are other benefits too.

If you are a collector, you will be able to add many specimens to your albums at little cost, because in the same manner as U. S. A. stamps are easily obtained by you to send abroad, your correspondent will find it equally easy to gather his country's stamps to send to you in exchange. This remark refers particularly to the commoner and current emissions, but is not without application for the harder-to-get issues.

If you are a dealer, you will be able to acquire considerable varieties with a minimum outlay of cash as compared with buying the same quantities from a wholesaler, however reasonable may be his prices.

Of course, there will be instances—especially in the case of unusual or rarer numbers—where your wholesale jobber could supply you exactly what you want at less than what it would cost you through exchanging. For this reason, it is advisable not to overlook your jobber even if you import the greater part of your stocks for sale. In fact, it could happen that one or two of your foreign correspondents supply you with material of which your own American jobber is short; when an instance like this occurs, it means you should be able to sell to your jobber.

How to secure connections abroad?

By advertising in the club organs mentioned in Chapter XV, "Stamp Societies and Clubs."

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The number of replies is usually most satisfying. In this respect, I would point out the desirability of stating in your advertisements exactly what you expect. By doing that, you will avoid being the recipient of undesirable material of the sort representative of "mission lots."

As you know, "mission lots" constitute bargains from the quantity standpoint, but often are dismaying from the quality basis of judging.

Probably, you are thinking: Where will I get the stamps to send in exchange?

If your nucleus is not "strong", you are face to face with quite a little problem—so it seems. In reality, you have no problem at all. By broadcasting your calls judiciously in more than one of the aforesaid European club organs, you will receive offerings from widely-separated fields: from South America to Oceania and from China to Sudan. Accordingly, you will have the leeway to enable you to take out what you need or like, and then to give the stamps of one in exchange for those of the other. This is to say, you can make yourself the "exchange mart."

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(To be continued.)

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A LITTLE booklet, "Notes on Line Engraved British Stamps," by Harry Tahl, has been published by Frank Godden, Ltd., 359 Strand, London W. C. 2, England. The price of the book postpaid is 40c. Anyone interested in collecting British stamps will find this a very useful book. It is freely illustrated.

THE Pasco-Elko air mail service was inaugurated April 6 and specimens of covers are at hand from W. Schwede, Seattle, and H. C. Jones, Spokane. The cover submitted by Mr. Schwede shows a large violet marking, in which the hour of departure is given as 5:30 A. M. out of Pasco. The cover sent by Mr. Jones bears a Pasco marking of 6 A. M., April 6. Both communications were three days en route to Beverly, Mass. Mr. Jones informs us that his letter left Spokane on an old stage-coach for Pasco, via Walla Walla. He submits a clipping from a local paper showing the old-fashioned stage coach, which is labelled Spokane-Pasco Mail.

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A PASCO-ELKO air mail cover has been received from Albert E. Gorham. This differs from the covers we have previously described in that on the reverse side is an Elko receiving date of April 6, 12.30 P. M. We thank Mr. Gorham for his courtesy.

THE Jackson (Mich.) *Citizen Patriot* of April 8 contained an entire column of stamp collecting notes. Mrs. O. W. Mott sends us this clipping.

THE value of the air mail is every day apparent. We have before us a letter mailed by the Edmond Stamp Co., San Francisco, Calif. It bears the postmark of Friday, April 9, and on the reverse side the New York receiving marking of April 11, 11 P. M. Two days from ocean to ocean shows the marked progress that is being made in air mail delivery.

REGINALD E. PECK in renewing his subscription also includes a subscription for the Public Library at Westerly, R. I. Hearty thanks.

THE publicity campaign of the New York Exhibition has evidently been launched. The Buffalo *Evening News* of April 7 contained a column story dealing with the "Stamp Show." It was written by one Junius B. Wood and bears the following heading:—"Special to the Buffalo *Evening News* and Chicago *Daily News*." Clarence W. Dichel sends us this clipping. We hope our subscribers will keep us fully posted with clippings of this character.

THE dates of the S. P. A. Convention at Cincinnati are August 9-10-11 and hotel reservations can be made by addressing B. S. Daniels, Schmidt Building.

ELSEWHERE will be found the striking advertisement of Frank Godden, Ltd., of London, England. The collection which Mr. Godden has purchased is a most remarkable one. The *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* recently published two pages of photographs of the rarities, one page being given to the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland shillings, no fewer than six of the scarlet vermilion being pictured. The collection is very strong in rarities. The notable collections of Lord Crawford, Castle, Hausburg, Mann and Ferrari have contributed to its value. There are classic issues of all countries up to 1876. We bespeak a perusal of this advertisement.

SUBSCRIPTION RECORD FOR MARCH

The honors for the past month in the matter of subscription-getting belong to the Pacific Stamp Co., which has secured and sent in no fewer than 92 new names. The Payn Stamp Co. follows with 56 to their credit, and others have sent in goodly numbers. We feel particularly pleased with the success of a new-comer, the firm of O. W. Crowder & Co., which sent in 30 new subscriptions. The following have obtained ten or more during the past month:—

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TES FROM EL PASO, TEXAS

By JOHN W. DYE.

he El Paso Stamp Club of El Paso, as, had the pleasure of entertaining sident A. H. Wilhelm of the Amer- Philatelic Society and Mrs. Wilhelm ently, at the home of Mr. J. Delano tlett. As a result of this visit there ll be about six new members of the P. S. shortly.

n order to stir up interest in stamp ecting among the school children of city the El Paso Stamp Club distrid as prizes, to the pupils having the hest grades in Geography, packets of eign stamps. The cost of this distrition was small and the results big. e result was the formation of at least e school children's stamp clubs. Earin the season the Club exhibited six nes of attractively mounted stamps in window of a large down town store. ough such exhibitions each time the mbership of the Club is increased. Club meets every alternate Friday ving at the home of one of the varimembers.

t a recent meeting new officers of the b were elected as follows:—Percy Ghee, President; Thomas J. Dwyer, e-President; A. P. Myers, Secretary-asurer. John W. Dye, the retiring sident, was appointed Club Auctioneer r Publicity Agent by the new president.

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A GREAT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

If the stamp dealers of this country will pull together, a certain great prosperity for their business is now in sight by taking advantage of the unique opportunity that is now offered to them.

The International Stamp Exhibition of October next will be the largest and most important one that has ever been held. During this Exhibition the convention of the American Philatelic Society will be held in New York at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and 500 rooms have been reserved there for delegates, but it is expected that double that number may attend this convention.

At the Exhibition itself some forty booths have been arranged for the use of dealers and societies who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to meet their old friends and to make many new ones.

Collectors and dealers are coming in crowds from all parts of the world. Special arrangements are being made already in Gt. Britain, Germany and Austria for large parties of philatelists to visit New York. The Exhibition Committee, recognizing the great importance of this Exhibition and the opportunity it offers them to increase the publicity of stamp collecting, has engaged the services of a leading firm of publicity agents and in addition to paying their fee, have arranged for them to spend $10,000 in advertising in the general press of America and Canada.

This publicity will result in bringing to the Exhibition thousands of outsiders daily, a good proportion of whom should become stamp collectors.

The advertisements throughout the country should result in a great increase in collecting in all states, towns and villages, and all this publicity must prove of the greatest advantage to the trade for many years to come.

The committee has worked out a budget in detail and estimate that over $50,000 will be required to carry out the plans on a requisite scale.

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EDITORIAL.

The western express franks, with the Pony Express covers riding at the head of the cavalcade, form a procession that is viewed with growing favor by the spectators who line the philatelic streets. In the west the historical interest of these covers is being emphasized and the appeal otherwise is not lost on those with philatelic instincts. Latterly, there have been many references to the franks in the press and some of the notices have been detailed in our columns. Now we have the March number of *MotorLand*, published by the California State Automobile Association, in which the leading article is "Early California From a Mail Bag," by F. J. Dietrich, Jr. The article, copiously illustrated, reveals the romance of early California through the private express company franks. Some of the old advertisements of the expresses are reproduced and about a score of franked envelopes are pictured. The source of supply of much of the material for the story was Mr. W. R. Parker of Stockton, California, whose researches in the lore of private express stamps have attracted attention. In the article are many references that would make readable quotations and we shall cite an example: "The research into western franks has brought to light a number of interesting facts. Agitation for a real railroad found an unusual outlet in the form of 'Putt's Overland Envelope.' This amusing masterpiece was a stunt perpetrated by an itinerant printer by the name of Putt, circulated in '61 or '62. In red letters and a variety of types, the envelope bore pieces of literature and poetry of, among other attributes, divers degrees of profanity. At considerable length, stage coach travel across the continent is described in no genteel terms. On the face of the envelope appears its purpose. 'This little institution is to be forwarded to its place of destination by Uncle Sam's GREAT MULE RAILROAD, and is expected to arrive inside of its schedule time — provided, the cars don't get STUCK IN THE MUD, nor the LOCOMOTIVE run out of grass! WE WANT A DIFFERENT RAILROAD'." Evidently this envelope is not of the stamped envelope variety, but is a plain envelope class, such as were many others that were not included in Phillips' list of franks published about thirty years ago.

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Recently, we had a visit from Mr. Charles A. Nast of Denver, who was *en route* to the east. Mr. Nast revived old memories in an entertaining way and harked back to the times when our world was more compact and easier stirred by questions of procedure than it is now. Mr. Nast has long been a student of our revenue stamps, private and otherwise, and we remember his check-list of provisional cancellations on the 1898 proprietary revenue stamps as a thorough one. His studies in the cancellations on the three cent green, U. S., have covered a period of much time and his article on the subject, "Characteristic Cancellations," is a feature of our popular little work on the three cent green. Mr. Nast retains his enthusiasm for stamps and always intent upon putting philately's best foot forward.

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Professor Franklin P. Metcalfe of Fukien Christian University, Foo Chow, China, has returned to his duties after a trip and with the new semester is getting into action in a philatelic sense. He has been successful as an organizer of boys' clubs for stamp purposes and he has started to plan another club. It is encouraging to find that an increasing number of educators are alive to the desirability of directing the thoughts of the young people to stamp collecting. It is always a foregone conclusion that for every so many boys and girls that are given a start on the philatelic path, there is one that becomes a permanent collector. The importance of primary training for collectors cannot be stressed too much and if they are coached properly at first, mistakes that will confront and dishearten them later will be at a minimum.

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A correspondent in India says that he has found that many of the officers with whom he comes in contact are collectors and that there are many superb collections in their keeping that are unheralded and unsung. He says that he had the pleasure of seeing there a correspondent with whom he has corresponded since 1899 and that when he met him, they were "old friends" at once. The traveler speaks of the havoc wrought by India's climate on original gum and of the protective measures that collectors there have to adopt and he moralizes on the fact that philatelists here should thank their lucky stars that they are not handicapped in this manner.

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Mr. George E. Terbush, the sales promotion man, who is never too busy to discuss ideas for the spread of stamp publicity, has the suggestion to make that a rubber-stamped frame, surrounded by a short slogan, such as, "Collect Stamps Now," be filled by a stamp pasted in it. The stamp could be placed on the business letter-heads and envelopes, even. At any rate, rubber stamps with a collecting slogan could be distributed for impressions on mail sent out by collectors.

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The convention of the American Philatelic Society will be held in New York, October 18th to 20th inclusive, and it is safe to predict that attendance records for all times will be shattered. No doubt, so many collectors will go to New York to see the Exhibition and take part in the convention that a special railroad rate will be given. In fact, the Central Passenger Association has announced a certificate plan arrangement covering its territory, with issuing dates from October 14th to 17th, with October 18th as validation day at New York. The last honoring date for the return trip is October 23rd, 1926. The endorsing officer is Mr. Baldwin Schlessinger, 30 E. Houston St., New York. Under this concession, full fare is paid on the trip to New York and if two hundred and fifty tickets are presented for endorsement, the return trip will cost just half the full fare rate.

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Here is the explanation of the post office department telling why the air mail service from Elko, Nevada, to Pasco, Washington, has been suspended temporarily. In writing to the government, the contractor said that he had but one good motor left and because of his poor equipment he asked that he be relieved for the time being from the performance of his contract.

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The Canadian postal authorities have informed Washington that "in order to facilitate the handling and despatch of parcels posted at the larger centers where extensive mailings are made for delivery at places within the Dominion of Canada or in the United States, the postage-paid-in-cash system has been extended to parcels of third-class matter and parcel post. Each parcel mailed under the postage-paid-in-cash system will have affixed to it, at the upper right hand corner of the address where stamps are usually placed, an impression showing the amount of postage paid at third-class or parcel post rates."

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In the "American Boy" for March there is a great piece of publicity based upon the career of Dr. Warren L. Babcock of Detroit, "the boy who learned about stamps." Dr. Babcock unrolls the philatelic reel artfully and in a most interesting way, and we are sure that his example will be such as to inspire in the boyish breast a decided respect for stamps. A portrait of Dr. Babcock is shown and the article is crammed with readable material.

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The Dayton, Ohio, "Herald" recently contained an account of the organization of the Dayton Philatelic Society by the "big boys" of that city. There are about thirty names on the roll, including Congressman Roy G. Fitzgerald and Henry W. Pleasant's, assistant postmaster. Here is an auspicious beginning indeed.

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our applications for membership in Honor Club have just been received, ompanied with checks for five s' renewals of subscriptions. While have no special comment to make up- these four applications we must take opportunity of expressing our deep sfaction at this testimonial to the e of the WEEKLY.

ne application is from A. C. Hagen- , assistant secretary in the office of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Milwaukee, Wis. Another comes n S. W. Farnsworth, 60 Beaver St., Y. City who merely encloses his k in an envelope. A third applica- comes from Everett G. Damon of firm of Manzer & Damon, contract- and builders, Ipswich, Mass.

ur fourth application for membership the Honor Club this week is from rge R. Reinhart, Jr., 6004 Oxford St Philadelphia, Pa. We are very sed to enter him for a five years' scription to the WEEKLY and at the e time as a member of the Honor b.

We have received a remittance of $5 m M. Ohshiba, Tokyo, Japan. While h does not entitle Mr. Ohshiba to mem- ship in our Honor Club, we never- ess feel that we should mention his lty to the WEEKLY by renewing his scription for nearly four years. He s n active member of the Philatelic So- ty of Japan and also of the Junior Philatelic Society.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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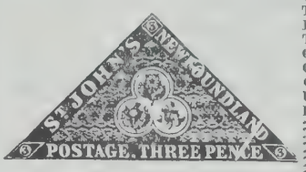

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NEW YORK EXHIBITION NOTES

The cost of the Exhibition has been estimated to be between $50,000 and $60,000. Up to the present time the financial pledges of the collectors and dealers throughout the United States have not been sufficient to guarantee this sum. This is no doubt due to a mistaken idea regarding the inception and purpose of the Exhibition.

The Exhibition was originally planned to take place in Philadelphia in connection with the sesquicentennial celebration in that city, but after due consideration the Philadelphians decided that New York had better facilities for holding a great international philatelic exhibition at this time. The matter was taken up with the Association for Stamp Exhibitions the Collectors Club, and other philatelic organizations, suggesting that the Exhibition be held in New York, and the Collectors Club immediately acted favorably on this suggestion. As most of the officers of the Collectors Club are also officers of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, a joint meeting was called and the Exhibition was under way.

That is the story of how the Exhibition came to New York, and the interest of the Collectors Club in it. This seems to have created an idea in the minds of collectors that it is solely New York's exhibition planned for financial gain, and the surplus over expenses, if any, to be devoted to the building fund of the Collectors Club. This is a fallacy and absolutely not so. Neither the Collectors Club nor any other similar organization will receive one penny from any such surplus and at the last meeting of the Exhibition Committee the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: THAT any surplus remaining after the Exhibition be divided as follows: $2,500 to be retained by the Association for the purpose of furthering future philatelic exhibitions in the United States and elsewhere and the balance to be divided and returned to contributors pro rata.

The New York collectors and dealers have given liberally both in time and money, but much remains still to be done to get the necessary funds together to insure the success of the undertaking Send your donation direct to Mr. Theodore E. Steinway, 109 West 57th Street New York City.

The opening day, Saturday, October 16, 1926, from 2.30 to 5.30 P. M., has been designated as Members Day and the Committee has arranged for a preview of the Exhibition by members of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions. Admission will be by membership card only and these may be obtained by sending $2.00 to Mr. Theodore E. Steinway for 1926 dues.

The first donation from an American organization was sent by the Delaware Stamp Club; $20 for a silver gold medal The honor of the first foreign donation falls to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., who has donated a complete set of four medals as follows: Palm of Honor, $100; gold medal, $50; silver gold, $20 and silver, $10. It will be interesting to see who will be reported next.

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In response to many inquiries as to whether an exhibitor must show all of the countries noted in any one section or may exhibit one country only in competition with the others, the Exhibition Committee believed that the intent was perfectly clear, but in order that there may be no misconception, they have decided that where more than one country is named in a section anyone of such countries may be exhibited alone to compete with the other countries in that section.

For those who like statistics, it might interest them to know that the minimum number of awards authorized by the Committee is as follows: Palms of Honor 12, Gold Medals 123, Silver Gold Medals 61, Silver Medals 194, Bronze Medals 192. The silver gold medal which replaces the silver gilt medal has been decided upon and will consist of a silver medal with a rim of gold.

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ALBANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the set of stamps mentioned in the Chronicle in issue No. 1836. The values are 1q orange, 2q red brown, 5q green, 10q rose red, 15q dark brown, 25q blue, 50q grey blue, 1fr brick red and blue and 2fr green and orange. All are of the same design, front face portrait, except the two franc values which show a profile view and different style of lettering.

BOLIVIA.—*Inca Issue.*—Receipt of the supplement to *Kohl's Briefmarken Handbuch,* Vol. I, reminds us that we have omitted to chronicle the values and colours of this remarkable set. We therefore extract the following particulars:

½c rose (500,000).	30c rose (500,000).
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2c black (1,000,000).	50c rose (500,000).
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5c green (1,000,000).	1b green (500,000).
10c green (1,000,000).	2b blue (498,800).
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22½c green (500,000).	5b grey (250,000).
25c violet (1,000,000).	

—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BULGARIA.—The Economist Stamp Co have shown us a 50c black, with a view of the Cathedral of Sophia in the centre.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for chronicle a set of six stamps bearing the inscription "XIIth Exposition Agricole Et Industrielle" and showing a farmer plowing with a yoke of oxen. The stamps are oblong in shape and carry the name of the country at the top in the centre with the words of value at the lower left corner. The watermark is crown and cipher letter "F" in Arabic, signifying King Fuad. The values and colors are as follows: 5m brown, 10m rose, 15m blue, 50m blue green, 100m mauve and 200m bright violet.

According to information disseminated by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, special stamps are about to be issued for the use of the various legations and consulates in Cairo; they will be inscribed "ADMINISTRATION CONSULAIRE," and will comprise 50,000 copies of a 10m denomination, 20,000 of a 50m, 5,000 of a 100m, and 20,000 of a 200m.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the 50c, Sower type, has been issued in a grey green color.

HUNGARY.—*New Series.*—Further to our note of 18-2-26 we now learn that the designs are the work of Professor Franz Helbing, the off-set printed low values showing the St. Stephen's Crown and regalia, while the Pengo denominations will have vignettes of the Fisher's Bastion and Mathias Church at Budapest. One or two of the stamps may possibly represent the Virgin Patrona Hungariae.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

ITALY.—After describing the St. Francis commemoratives (formally chronicled in these pages a fortnight ago), Mr. Fred J. Melville says in the *Daily Telegraph:*—

Italy has some other interesting stamps in preparation, amongst them a series of air post stamps due this month. Signor Del Neri is the designer of the set, consisting of four values—60c greenish-grey, 1 lira blue, 1.50 lira orange-yellow, and 5 lire green. There are two designs, one showing the flying horse Pegasus, and the other an allegorical display of wings. The Italian Air Ministry secured the designs in public competition.

Lastly we are promised a stamp in memory of Virgil, which should provide yet another silken cord to link stamp collecting with the classroom. Virgil in person will be new to stamp portraiture, but there is an historic link with his works in the famous motto on the classic first issue of New South Wales, the "Sydney Views." The phrase, "Sic fortis Etruria crevit" (thus did brave Etruria grow) is from Georgics II, 533. It appears beneath the central design showing convicts, their fetters removed, landing at Botany Bay, received by Industry, and embarking on the simple life in praise on which the poet sings.

The air mail stamps—the old Pneumatic type with modified inscription, reading "POSTA AEREA"—chronicled in *Stamp Collecting* for January 30th, are duly notified in the current number of *Il Corriere Filatelico.—Stamp Collecting.*

NICARAGUA.—Mr. Robert J. Wagner reports that he has received a copy of the 6c red brown, No. 425, with the surcharge "Oficial."

SURINAM.—Whitfield King & Co. c... our attention to the following new pr... visionals that have recently been issue... 12½c blue, 1913-15 issue, has been su... charged "15 Cent" in two lines in re... 20c green, same issue as above, ove... printed "15 Cent" in two lines in blac... Also the 5c green, of the same issue, h... been overprinted with a large "3" in t... centre in black, covering the form... figure of value.

URUGUAY.—Regarding the Air Po... stamps chronicled in our last issue, w... are informed by Francis J. Field, Lt... that these are for use on the re-opene... Montevideo-Buenos Aires service.

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WE have received from Joseph A. Steinmetz a clipping from a New York paper which describes no fewer than seven auction sales listed for April. Considerable space is given to the description of these auctions to be held by Morgenthau, Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ohlman, Percy G. Doane and J. M. Ortels Co. The article quotes a number of prices realized at a recent Toaspern sale and also notes the early removal of the Collectors Club to its new quarters.

WE have received from Frank Godden, Ltd., 359 Strand, London, W. C. 2, England, a photograph of what is described as "The rarest known British piece in the world." It consists of a block of sixty mint of the exceedingly rare Plate Eleven 1d black, with marginal inscription and plate numbers in corners. The value of this unique block is $17,500, and the photograph will be found of advice to anyone who wishes to determine if they have any Plate Elevens among their letters AA to EL. These reproductions are of the collotype process and retail at 36c.

WE are unable to decipher name and give credit to some Los Angeles subscriber who, under date of April 9, very kindly sent us a cover dealing with the first flight Los Angeles-Las Vegas-Salt Lake City air mail. The message was not received in time to use to the advantage of our subscribers. The flight was scheduled for April 17.

THE quarter-page auction announcement of H. R. Harmer should receive close attention. This firm is desirous of securing the names of American auction buyers, and has dated this sale far enough ahead to permit of across-the-ocean correspondence. Mr. Harmer, in his letter enclosing the copy, speaks in a very satisfactory manner of the character of his offerings of Argentine Republic and especially commends the superb photographic reproductions of some of the contents of the sale that are included with the catalog. The advertisement speaks for itself.

OUR Library Shower is already making itself felt. H. Roswell Jones, corresponding secretary of the Polytechnic Philatelic Society, Baltimore, Md., has sent us a subscription for the Institute Library, North and Guilford Aves., Baltimore. Who will be the next?

WE have received from Frank A. Goldsmith a clipping from the *Boston Globe* of April 11. It contains a column story concerning the stamp collection of Mr. Ralph H. Payne, Greenfield, Mass. Its well written and we regret that we do not have room to reprint it in its entirety. His collection includes a fine lot of Pony Express covers.

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Great Britain.—With reference to our remarks *re* sideways watermarks on this page last month, Lieut-Colonel L. J. Worthington kindly writes: "Sideways wmk. is found in the current ½d, 1d, and 1½d stamps issued in rolls of 480, delivery left side first ('controls' P, O and N respectively on the outer wrapper). The 2d (Control T) has still the upright watermark, the rolls being cut up from sheets, but if this value appears later in 'continuous' rolls, it will doubtless also have sideways wmk."

British Guiana.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the current 6c in a pale blue shade, quite different from the previous ultramarine.

Cook Islands.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that the stamps with portrait of Queen Makea Takau have been withdrawn from circulation.

India.—Charkhari. Messrs. Ram Gopal and Co. show us the 1 pice, turquoise, and ½ anna, red, with pen-and-ink surcharge "½ a" and "1 a" respectively. We await further news as to the official nature of these before listing formally.

Malta.—Since adding our note to Captain Jessop's article, with reference to the 5s on lemon paper (page 106), Mr. Forbes-Bentley has kindly shown us specimens of what he regards as the lemon shade. While there is a distinct lemon tone about the paper of the stamps shown us, this seems to be due largely to the green colour of the central portion of the design. It is doubtless a variety which specialists would wish to have, and according to Mr. Forbes-Bentley is of considerable rarity, but we do not think it is on the true lemon paper.

In this connection Lieut.-Colonel L. J. Worthington writes: "I feel personally very doubtful that the true lemon was ever issued. I have two marginal pairs of this stamp, one slightly more lemon than the other, but it is certainly not the true lemon. I do not know of any stamps of the same size as this being issued on lemon, and considered that the small supply of lemon paper was entirely reserved for cutting to the size required for the normal size, 120-set stamps."

Count San Fournier states that all the deep blue 3d stamps were surcharged as 2½d provisionals, so that there will be no 3d stamps of this shade. He adds that 2½d blue, and 3d black on yellow, are now on order. On the arrival of the new pictorial set, it is intended to overprint all stamps of the current series with the word "Gozo" for use in that island only. This is obviously a speculative device, and we hope dealers will refrain from ordering the "Gozo" set, if it materialises.

New Zealand.—We quote from a contemporary (the *New Zealand Stamp Collector*, we believe):

"The ½d and 1d Dues of New Zealand have appeared on the curious lithographed watermark paper, and these complete the list of this issue. All are very scarce and will be rare.

The paper with lithographed watermark was used as a last resort when all the other suitable paper had been exhausted. Although unsurfaced, it was what is known as imitation art paper, and was supplied from stock by the Government Printer. In order to minimise the possibility of forgery, the Stamp Department instructed the printer to print a watermark on the paper. Trial sheets were submitted with the watermark lithographed, and this method was approved. The Government Printer used a lithograph varnish and, as his instructions stipulated that the watermark should be clearly visible, it was necessary to add colour to the varnish. Owing to the difficulty of satisfactorily colouring the varnish, it was found impossible to maintain a uniform shade, and hence the lithographed watermark is found ranging in shade from pale grey to blue.

A few sheets of the 1d Dominion were issued with the lithographed watermark almost black, but these are very scarce.

Although it has been stated that the 3d King George was printed with the lithographed watermark, this is incorrect. The only stamps printed on this paper were the ½d and 2d King George the 1d Dominion, and the ½d and 2d Postage Dues. A small quantity of the 1d Dominion was overprinted 'OFFICIAL.'

The total number of sheets with lithographed watermark was comparatively small, and the bulk of the printing comprised the ½d and 1d values. The 2d was issued to only a few Post Offices, and should prove to be a very good stamp."

Nigeria.—Mr. C. V. Appleton reports the 6d, Script wmk., Die II, with watermark inverted.

Rhodesia.—Mr. G. N. Beaulah shows us a 1d King George, Die III, perf. 14, in a marked aniline shade, the colour showing through to the back of the stamp in a pronounced degree. There is a slight brownish tone to the colour of the stamp itself. Our informant states that this stamp was received from Livingstone just

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Union of South Africa.—Our thanks are due to the numerous read who sent us specimens of the new stan or cuttings relating to them. As stamps were on sale in London we w able to list them before they could r us from South Africa, hence the abse of any acknowledgment at the time.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Belgium.—In September of last y we noted a pair of the 55c on 65c "L monde" with inverted surcharge, sh us by a collector who found it am some stamps given him by a friend in Helena, who was himself not a collec Seeing our chronicle, *Le Philatél Belge* suggested that the authenticity the error was at least doubtful. were able to put the editor of our temporary in touch with the owner of stamps, and the former pronounced surcharge to be forged, a similar having been previously seen by him.

Apparently the forger had been tent to use a few of his "treasures" propaganda, by sending them through post, hoping that one at least would up and be recorded. He would then able to "discover" the remainder o sheet, unused, which would fetch h prices. That he got no further than did, in the case of the copy found St. Helena, is due to the caution of Belgian friends. Needless to say, finder of the error acted in perfect g faith, and had every reason to supp the stamp was genuine, bearing in m the "unphilatelic" circumstances of discovery.

Congo State.—The 20c value, be again required, is to be reissued in type of the 75c, colour bright green. stock of the previous 20c, olive, destroyed when the stamp was withdra

Bolivia.—From a decree published *La Ilustracion Filatelica* we get details the terms on which the Tihuanacu (S Gate) series was produced. Three cent of the total issue was to be gi to the promoter of the issue, and it probably some of these that came on market in Europe before the stamps reached Bolivia. We have been inform that the Sun Gate series has now been on sale in Bolivia, but we await so proof that it is in general use, bef listing it, as it is possible that criticis in the philatelic Press may lead to a v small quantity of stamps being put i postal circulation in order to give app ent validity to the issue—a proceed which would not, in our opinion, give catalogue rank. The numbers prin range from 250,000 to 1½ millions.

Mr. Mervyn G. Palmer states that 1c and 2c of the *Centenary* series w undoubtedly speculative, as none ha been on sale at La Paz. The specula is trying to sell the stocks of the 1c a 2c, but nobody will buy. May his di culties increase!

China.—Mr. A. W. Tyrrell shows a specimen of the 10c, blue, Junk ty with "2½" very boldly handstamped on in violet. It is on a piece of cover be ing the Shanghai registration label. T does not appear to be an official surchar Does any reader know more about it?

Costa Rica.—*L'Echo de la Timbrol* publishes a decree authorising the su charging of certain values not in freque use, in order to convert them into stan of denominations now required, but n included in the current series. Certa colours are also to be changed.

Denmark.—Mr. Svend Ramsing forms us that Denmark is to commem rate the 75th anniversary of the fi Danish stamp by issuing three n stamps in which the design of the fi

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Remainders of the 30 öre, orange, and 40 öre, blue, have been surcharged for use as 20 öre stamps.

Egypt.—A correspondent states that a new stamp will be issued in connection with the Agricultural Exhibition, to be held in Cairo shortly. The stamp will depict a native plough and is expected to be a very handsome one. It will be printed in Cairo. In view of the fact that this is the third special issue now on the way, should not Egypt's claim to a place on the philatelic "black list" receive careful consideration?

France.—Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Law shows us a strip of four 30c, scarlet (Sower, Type 18), on vertically laid paper, which he bought at the Mentone P. O. in the spring of 1925. We have not previously heard of this variety and should be interested to know whether other readers have come across it.

Nejd.—Mr. A. Sempad sends us two series of postage stamps in definite designs and also one series of Postage Dues. We believe the stamps of Nejd will prove to be of proper standing, but will not formally list them in our Supplements until we have further information on certain points which are still obscure.

Peru.—Mr. Mervyn G. Palmer explains the use of the stamp overprinted "Plebiscito" as follows: During the Plebiscite held under U. S. auspices, to determine the future of the disputed provinces of Tacna and Arica, the Peruvians were to have their headquarters in Arica, but the Chileans made it so hot for them ashore that they had to go aboard the S. S. *Ucayali,* which was created a Government transport and so was entitled to a post office, the latter being under the G. P. O., Lima. The stamps used on the *Ucayali* were overprinted "Plebiscito," the whole issue being sent to that vessel, but there was nothing to prohibit their use at other Peruvian P. O.'s.

Mr. Palmer says nothing about the large pictorial stamps which also appear to have reference to this Plebiscite. They are the 5c, 10c, and 50c, with views of a sea coast and statue. We have seen one apparently postally used, sent us by Mr. E. K. Crews, and Mr. Rhys Jones has shown us others.

Portugal.—We are glad to hear from a reliable source that the promoters of the de Pombal issue are "tearing their hair" over its failure. There are millions of these stamps at the Mint, and no one will buy them. The trans-Atlantic flight issue is also dead. R. I. P. Meanwhile *L'Echo* states that an Independence series will appear at the end of this year.

Nyassa Co.—Mr. J. N. Marsden has drawn our attention to some of the stamps of this Company, S. G., Nos. 2 to 44 and 53 to 58, which have recently been appearing. They are more finely printed and the colours are of a different tone. Is it possible that these stamps have been reprinted?—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Under date of April 20th the Postmaster General announced that he had just approved the die for a special 2c stamp to be issued in commemoration of the Sesquicentennial Exposition, which will be held in Philadelphia beginning June 1st of this year. The subject of the stamp will be the Liberty Bell and the variety will be placed on sale on May 10, 1926, at the post offices in Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, in addition to the Philatelic Agency, at which point stamp collectors will be supplied.

The new stamp will be printed in red, the same as our current 2c variety, and will be the size of the Special Delivery stamp. The words "SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION" appear across the top of the stamp in a straight line. Under these in a flat arch appears the words, "UNITED STATES POSTAGE". The arch is supported at either end by a curved scroll growing out of circular panels at either lower corner of the stamp with the numeral "2" in each corner. A panel connects these with the words, "TWO CENTS." Resting on the lower panel are four flat ornamental columns supporting in the middle a picture of the Liberty Bell, which swings from their tops. In either upper corner appears the dates, "1776-1926". All the other lettering on the stamp is white faced Roman.

The Post Office Department is making plans to order from the Bureau 300,000,000 of these varieties, which will be sent to all post offices throughout the country just as fast as production will permit.

At this writing, I am unable to state as to whether further denominations will be issued.

Air Mail Notes

The contract air mail service from St. Louis to Chicago and return was inaugurated in accordance with schedule on April 15th, the plane stopping enroute at Peoria and Springfield, Ill. Peoria, St. Louis, and Chicago, used the large postmarks peculiar to the contract air mail routes and similar to those that were first used at Detroit. Those that I have seen from these three cities have been printed in black.

The City of Springfield used a somewhat similar postmark of about the same size, but somewhat more ingenious. We find the airplane in flight with the markings reading as follows: "First Flight Inaugurating Contract Air Mail Chicago—St. Louis—Route, 4.30 P. M. April 15, 1926, Where Lincoln Lived—Springfield, Ill." The postmark is in magenta. All of the covers carried on this route to the several cities in transit have the backstamp of the receiving station, St. Louis and Chicago using the electric machine canceler, while Springfield used the magenta air mail postmark.

Since our last notes, the Los Angeles-Salt Lake City contract air mail route has been started, the initial flights being made on April 17th. I have received those coming from Los Angeles, but the covers going west from Salt Lake City have not as yet arrived in the east. The Los Angeles postmark for this special service consists of three concentric circles similar to that used heretofore by the contract air mail service, but this time the outside circle is but 1⅜" in diameter instead of 1⅞" as heretofore. The covers that have come to hand from Los Angeles over the transcontinental route are all postmarked with both the normal canceler and the contract air mail mark in magenta. I wish to thank Mr. George E. Virden for a first day cover.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Benjamin Delovage, I have received several clippings from the Oregon papers in reference to the inauguration of the contract air mail service between Pasco, Wash., and Elko, Nev., via Boise, Idaho. Quite an event was made out of the occasion and in the case of the mail from Spokane, it was carried in the old stage coach that was formerly used in carrying mail in the earlier days.

Covers carried from Elko north and which were temporarily delayed due to the fact that the pilot was forced to land, have now reached the east and I find that covers posted from Elko to points in transit bear both violet and red cancellations. Rubber stamp pads were used and it is quite likely that covers with black cancellations are also available. The air mail postmark is similar to the one described last week with the substitution of the name of Elko for Boise and Pasco.

Under date of April 14th, the Postmaster General announced that bids will be opened at the Post Office Department at noon on June 4th next for the proposed air mail route from Cleveland, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky., and return. In addition, the proposed route will serve the cities of Akron, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and the following tentative schedule has been arranged: Leave Cleveland, 3.00 A. M.; Leave Akron, 3.35 A. M.; Leave Columbus, 4.15 A. M.; Leave Dayton, 5.15 A. M.; Leave Cincinnati, 6.15 A. M.; Arrive Louisville, 7.30 A. M. The returning plane leaves Louisville at 6.00 in the evening and arrives at Cleveland at 12.05 A. M., a few minutes after midnight. The distance between the two extreme points is approximately 400 miles.

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Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

On Wednesday, March 24th, Dr. C. W. Hennan was good enough to make a long journey down from Chicago in order to give us a display at the Collectors Club, New York City.

At the commencement of his remarks, Dr. Hennan explained that he could only show a portion of his early Dutch stamps as a considerable portion of the collection was away in London, being written up by Mr. Frank Godden ready for the Exhibition in October. However, the portions that he did show proved to be very interesting and kept members fully occupied for a couple of hours.

Dr. Hennan's remarks on relative rarity and on the under valuation of many of the rare items in the catalogues were found most interesting. Throughout the collection he showed us a large number of die proofs, essays and rejected designs, many dating from 1851, among these a block of 9 of the first 5c, of the original plate proof.

In the issued stamps he showed typical varieties of each plate of each value in pairs, singles and strips. In the perforated stamps of 1867 to 1871 he showed a wonderful lot of the different die varieties, perforations, etc., many on covers and with many varieties of rare perforations, among these the very rare 15c Die I, perforated 10½x10.

Dr. Hennan also drew our attention to a large number of very dangerous counterfeits, especially those coming from Switzerland and Paris, some of which were really very close imitations of originals, especially the large 10 Gulden. In this, as he pointed out, the best test is that the counterfeit is slightly shorter all round than the original.

In the Dutch Indies the interesting exhibit was covers dated from 1805 and used for 10 stivers. Covers were also shown of 1842 of unpaid and paid type. Probably the finest thing in the issued stamps that were shown was a 10c imperf. of 1864, a used strip of ten believed to be unique. Another fine piece was the 1865, 10c perforated, block of 9 used. All varieties of perforations in the later issues were shown in singles, pairs and blocks.

Dr. Hennan drew attention to the fact that in Scott's catalogue the 2c of 1876 in yellow or yellow-orange color, very close to the color of the 2½c, has been thrown out of the catalogue as they believe them to be bogus. He states, however, that he has correspondence from the Dutch Government certifying that these are absolutely genuine.

In the later issues, especially in the Provisionals, Dr. Hennan showed many errors, such as double and inverted surcharges and overprints and also a rare specimen set issued to Postal Delegates at Stockholm in 1924, and a specimen set on the Jubilee issue, which are stated to be exceptionally rare.

The stamps of Curacao and Surinam were also shown with many rare and uncatalogued varieties.

On Wednesday, April 7th, Mr. Hans Lagerloef at the Collectors Club, N. Y. City, gave a display of the stamps of Cuba, together with a very interesting talk on Cuba itself, which he had recently visited. At the commencement of his talk he told us that he had just come back from Sweden and he brought the special greetings of the Postmaster General to the Collectors Club, and gave us the good news that the Swedish Post Office had decided to make an exhibit in October at the Grand Central Palace and the Assistant Postmaster General of Sweden will come over personally for this purpose.

Mr. Lagerloef, who is so well known in Sweden, through his numerous and valuable donations to the Stockholm Postal Museum, informed us that the authorities in Sweden were anxious that this Museum should not go into the rut so often found in Government Departments. They had, therefore, formed an Association termed, the "Friends of the Postal Museum in Stockholm". In this Association there are only two Honorary Members, H. R. H., the Swedish Crown Prince, and Mr. Hans Lagerloef.

Mr. Lagerloef exhibited a large photograph of a design that has been made to be shown here in October, consisting of a very fine portrait of the former Postmaster General of Sweden, made entirely of Postage Stamps.

In speaking of the stamps of Cuba, Mr. Lagerloef drew attention to the fact that he thought there were more fakes used postally in the stamps of Cuba than in any other country. He said that thanks to men like General Goethals and Sergt. General Gorgas, Cuba had been made one of the healthiest places to live in and Havana had the lowest death rate of any City in Latin America.

Mr. Lagerloef then passed round four volumes of his large and important collection of Cuba. A special feature in this was the great number of essays and proofs of these stamps that he had been able to get together. Even specialists like Ferrars H. Tows stated that in this collection there were many such essays that he had never seen.

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On April 15 three applications for membership in the Honor Club reached us. One was from George A. Hughes, 610 Chetwood St., Oakland, Calif., a second from George K. Parsons, 1 W. 54th St., N. Y. City and the third from Lawrence D. Steefel, 1713 Delaware St., Minneapolis, Minn. We welcome all of these subscribers to membership in our Honor Club.

Just as we go to press two additional applications are received. One is from Dr. C. W. Wells, 556 Park Ave., East Orange, N. J., and the other from T. J. Eppes, Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Eppes is proprietor of the Park Cafeteria, located at 205 E. Bay St. He had just renewed for one year and evidently had some qualms of conscience, as it was soon followed up with a remittance of $4 for four additional years. We would that other of our subscribers would be similarly affected.

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2.	"DEC"	3c 1861	Putnam, Ct.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne.
3.	"D K"	3c 1861	Brattleboro, Vt.	"	D. F. Kelleher.
4.	"E" in circle	6c Cont'l	?	"	H. V. Swallow.
5.	"FV" in circle	3c 1861	Franklinsville, N. C.	"	H. C. Brooks.
6.	Monogram	3c 1882	?	"	H. P. A.
7.	"NI"	3c 1861	Nilwood, Ill.	"	H. C. Brooks.
8.	"T" in circle	3c 1861	?	"	W. Farrar.

No. 2 also has been seen with "OCT" and "NOV" in similar style. No. 3 are the initials of the assistant postmaster at that time, Mr. Dan Kellogg. No. 6 is found on a 3c Interior Dept. There are many "T" designs, one very similar to this being from Thomaston, Ct., in the '60's. If anyone knows the arrangement of the letters in No. 6, and what they may stand for, this information will of course please many of the Forum readers.

I recently picked up a booklet on "Penny Blacks Plated by F. Wadham." One has to do something when his pet stamps do not arrive, so pardon the following which may stray from our early U. S. colyum, and it may give you a new line of endeavor, which may be helpful. I take the liberty of borrowing a sentence "Tens of thousands have learned geography thro their stamp albums, thousands have been fired with ambition to see the world by the contemplation of the picturesque issues of far countries." Have you ever thought you'd like to see those pictured pagodas of China, or that everlasting Sphinx, or maybe a zebra in his native Nyassan home?

In 1911 I met a young lad who had just been transferred in the navy, and he had met up with a newly found buddie from an entirely different part of the U. S. In one of their preliminary get-together chats, he found that his pal had joined the navy for exactly the same reason he had—to see the world, and each confessed they were so inspired by seeing the odd sights of the world pictured on their stamps, for each was a stamp collector.

A collection of cancels on U. S. Department stamps has come in. Some of the "high spots" show odd cancels that I have never seen on our postage stamps at all. There are some twenty-five Kicking Mules. Two of them are "new" to me. One is a jet black fellow with spotted sides. I once saw another just like this one, and thought it "bad", tho this is said to be the real mule, and has all the earmarks (generous ones, too) of the original mule. The other that is unfamiliar is in form of a block of four 1c Wars, each hit by the mule, or a part thereof. This shows the last two letters of the town as "————AY", and the state does not show at all. The wording is enclosed in a double ring, same as Port Townsend used, and the mule is quite similar, tho has a more vicious eye possibly.

We have records of the KM's from Port Townsend, Jefferson Co., Wash., and from Goleta, Santa Barbara Co., Calif., yet no town with the name ending in "AY." Then there is the KM from Forbestown, Butte Co., and another from Susanville, Lassen Co., both California, as reported by Mr. Lyon. Who knows of any other towns with

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BRITISH COLONIALS — EARLY ISSUES
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Early next month the Collectors Club, which is the centre of philatelic activity in this section of the country, will move into its new and what is expected to be permanent home at 51 West Forty-eighth Street. Founded thirty years ago by a small coterie of dealers and private collectors of that much-ridiculed hobby, postage stamp collecting, the organization has grown steadily and has been influential in educating the public to the view that postage stamps are as worthy of general interest and intensive study as the collecting of old books, autographs or fine paintings.

For several years the club has occupied a floor in the remodeled building at 120 West Forty-ninth Street. A few years ago steps were taken to raise a building fund. About $20,000 was raised among the members, and with this as a nucleus, supplemented by the purchase of bonds secured by the long leasehold values of the property and the ownership of the building by the club, the trustees took over the forty-seven-year lease on the Forty-eighth Street plot.

The fee to the land is owned by Columbia University, being a portion of the early Botanic Gardens associated with the activities of Dr. David Hosack. Several thousand dollars has been spent in remodeling the old residence, formerly the home of Mrs. Helen M. Hoyt. Ford, Butler & Oliver were the architects, and from their design a three-story extension has been constructed in front of the house out to the building line.

The ground floor has been arranged for a retail store. Three well-known stamp dealers have rented offices on the second floor, being Herman Toaspern, whose specialty is accumulating rarities for auction sales; George B. Sloane and Marshall Hancock. The rear of the third floor will be occupied by the J. C. Morgenthau Company, probably the largest auction stamp firm in this country. The firm has been in the Nassau Street postage stamp centre for many years. The uptown removal, with that of Mr. Sloane, who also has Nassau Street offices, indicates that the stamp dealers, like so many other trade interests, are showing an inclination to move to the uptown Forty-second Street area.

Another important stamp move which took place recently was the leasing for a long term by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, the leading dealers in the United States, of the entire second floor of the new Brentano Building in Forty-seventh Street, near Fifth Avenue.

The Collectors Club will occupy for its general meeting room and offices the greater part of the third floor, and on the fourth floor ample provision has been made to house its philatelic library, which ranks among the most complete and valuable in the world, containing several thousand volumes and pamphlets. Each floor has fireproof vaults. An elevator has been installed and the new building will provide an attractive business and club addition to the Forty-eighth Street block between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, which has recently undergone a radical transformation from a select residential thoroughfare to a commercial block.

The Collectors Club at the present time has 624 members. Nearly 100 were added during the past year. Theodore E. Steinway is President. He held that office several years ago and succeeded, at the last annual meeting John N. Luff, the leading postage stamp expert in this country, who declined a re-election and was made an honorary Life Governor. Charles E. Curie is Vice President, J. Brace Chittenden, Secretary, and Harry M. Lewy, Treasurer.

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A NOVEL collection of postage stamps is the property of Mrs. Josephine Farrell, Winthrop, Mass. She has mounted her stamps so that they decorate a set of wooden bedroom furniture. Thousands of stamps were used in making the striking designs, and the newspaper clipping sent in by J. N. Lawrence states that Henry Ford is on the trail of a furniture.

A GOSSIPY article on stamp collecting appeared in the Grand Rapids Press recently in the first column on the editorial page. It was entitled "Side Lights." The article does not possess enough new material for us to reprint it, but is doubtless a syndicated article. Thanks to George S. Boltwood.

HERMAN FOCKE very kindly sends us specimens of the current Malta issue bearing the overprint "Postage" in small letters in a horizontal line across the face of the stamp. The reason assigned for this provisional issue is the fact that the new set of stamps is about to be issued for revenue purposes. It is quite evident that the Maltese postal authorities are taking advantage of stamp collectors with the idea of procuring some freely cash.

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THE FEMALE AND FILATELY

By R. D. MacGuffin.

The American husband is said to be the best on earth, the most adoring, most docile, most generous and most indulgent. We, the American husbands, are very sure that the American wife is the best on earth, the most beautiful, most loyal, most intelligent and most companionable. We all ought to be happy, the unmarried in anticipation and the married in realization. But we are not all happy. There's a fly that buzzes constantly around the honey jar and when it falls in there's a family jar, real, serious, tear-producing.

The fault lies entirely with the American husband. He is neglectful and a bum salesman. I can prove it and I am going to.

IF man had the superior intellect, women would appreciate stamps because man's superior intellect would be quite capable of selling philately to his better nine-tenths. We have taught them most everything. It used to be quite the thing for the dimpled darling to ask silly questions at the baseball game, but we learned that that was a pose; she knew more about the game than we did all the time. She knows football, golf, and every other sport. But when stamps are mentioned she gets out the old baby stare of twenty years ago.

It is serious. Just how serious I never knew till a few years ago I got an urge to do recruiting missionary work. Being a rampant theorist I hit upon the idea of selling philately through the sense of sight. "Stamps are sold through the eyes," said I. So I got up a really attractive set-book, stamps mounted on black coverboard and put some attractive sets in the storekeeper's window opposite a high school. Things happened right away. The boys swarmed. They cleaned out the stock the first week. That winter there were sold one hundred fifty-eight sets of one kind (Austria, 1908, to 2 K.), proving that there were at least one hundred fifty-eight boys in that locality who collected. There were undoubtedly more because not all would need that one set. But not one pretty little flapper bought one single solitary set. It was unanimous so far as the girls were concerned. One hundred percent thumbs down on stamps, was the attitude of the adored ones.

It is serious for this reason. When those boys walk to the altar and say, "Yes, I'm another victim", they think they're being funny, but they aren't. They are walking right into a battle, a stamp battle. She understands all about the money and time he spends on golf. When he pays his lodge dues, that's all right. His cigar money is taken for granted. But money for stamps and time for stamps, that's something else again. She can't see it at all.

I know men who dare not have their stamp mail sent to the house. It has to go to their places of business or to a post office box especially rented for stamp mail. One went so far as to tell me that if I sent any mail to his house that he would never see it, because it would be burned before ever he got home. He warned me he would not be responsible; if I forgot the loss would be mine. Is there anything frivolous about that? Or is it serious? Any man or group of men who fail to see the importance of selling the eternal feminine, well, they make a most expensive mistake, that's all. We, none of us are independent nor can we be. It is absolutely imperative that we entend ourselves to our utmost to sell philately to the feminine gender.

Of course it is a well known fact that no one understands women. But we can and do know a few things about them. Most of them appreciate the value of a dollar. All of them see to it that their husbands carry life insurance, which is as it should be. Here's our key, the selling stamps to our better halves. Convince her absolutely that stamps have value and increase in value faster than money out at interest, even beat compound interest. Convince her that there is no recreation that so safeguards her interests while at the same time satisfying your needs. Convince her that it is impossible to invest money to better advantage. Prove to her that you have the job of stamp investment down to an exact science. Women do not naturally take to stamps as men do, but they do take to dollars. Dollars are dignified and through them alone can stamps be made to appear dignified, to women especially.

Just how important this thing is is shown by figures. It is estimated that there are about 30,000 adult collectors in the United States and about one million boy collectors. That means that only one out of every thirty-three boys is able to continue collecting after he reaches maturity. What a terrific mortality! Do you think that all those casualties occurred without battles? What battles!

Surely it is worth our while to find out why only one out of every thirty-three young men continue to collect stamps after they reach maturity, and to apply a remedy. Personally I think I know the causes. The chief of them are three in number. First in importance is the lack of absolute undebatable knowledge concerning stamp values and the importance of stamps as money breeders. If this knowledge was widely disseminated boys would buy better stamps and be better able to convince others that they were business men when they accumulated wealth in the form of stamps. As it is, our boys collect stamps of the poorest investment value and by the time they get some real stamp sense they see what a mess they made of it in the past and conclude that they should lay off in the future. We can't afford to allow boys to lack for scientific knowledge concerning stamp values.

The second of the three causes lies in the lack of unanimity among old collectors concerning stamp values. There are too many prejudices freely expressed without any figures to back them. Boys get too much conflicting and unconvincing advice from old collectors.

The third of the reasons for such tremendous mortality among young collectors lies in the opposition from the feminine gender. When marriage comes stamps fly out at the window. This can be changed only by the presentation of facts that are overwhelmingly convincing; it surely is worth our best efforts this job of convincing our ladies. And what's more it will take our best efforts to do it. It can be done only with the dollar argument. No woman in her right senses is going to stand idly by and see her husband put money into stamps unless she knows absolutely that the money is better invested than it would be in any other way. The best is none too good for her and she must be shown.

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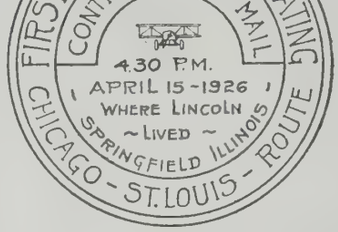
Considerable enterprise was displayed by the City of Springfield, Ill., in connection with the inaugurating of the first flight contract air-mail between Chicago and St. Louis, on April 15.

We have received from Albert E. Gorham, Washington, D. C., a cover bearing a Chicago sending postmark of 5.30 A. M., April 15, and upon the reverse side is the St. Louis receiving postmark of 10.30 A. M., the same day.

Raymond Bahr of Springfield, Ill., also sent us a letter by way of Chicago, the postmark bearing the hour of 4.30 P. M., from Springfield. The postmaster at Springfield sent out a circular soliciting patronage and informed his patrons that a special marking would be used and that the envelopes would be adorned with the picture of Abraham Lincoln. The two features are illustrated. In sending out the circular the postmaster said:—"Cancellation stamp designed by Springfield will be used for the first flight and never again. Say that you mailed some letters on the first flight."

The letter mailed by Mr. Bahr has no receiving postmark either at Chicago or New York. The letter reached Beverly Friday evening, April 16, a little more than forty-eight hours after leaving Springfield. There is as yet no airmail service between New York and Beverly.



MISCELLANY:—

WE are indebted to Albert E. Gorham, Joseph Vavra and William S. Bellows, M. D., for airmail covers in connection with the first flight inaugurating contract airmail between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. Some things about these covers might be noted. They all bear upon the face a large violet marking indicating the nature of the flight and giving as the hour of posting 7.35 A. M., April 17. The Gorham cover bears a New York postmark on the reverse side of April 18, 12 P. M., showing that it took forty hours for the trip. The Bellows envelope does not show any receiving postmark. The Vavra cover bears a Huntington Beach, Cal., postmark of April 16, 5.30 P. M., and a New York receiving mark the same as the Gorham cover.

JOSEPH A. STEINMETZ submits for our perusal correspondence which he has initiated in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia. He has been advised by the Director of the Department of Publicity that there will be a special U. S. issue for the occasion. Mr. Steinmetz in his letter to us regrets the delay that has been evidenced in shaping up the matter.

HOME NEWS and the Cherry Blossom are the names of two lists being sent out by the Home of the Postage Stamp. They are gotten up in a unique manner, and will be mailed free on request. The advertisement of this firm elsewhere in this issue is bound to attract attention.

THE New York *Herald-Tribune* for April 18th contained a full page article on stamps which was finely illustrated. The article was entitled "Paris Launched First Air Mail in 1870." The article was written by Harriette Ashbrook and it draws considerably upon information and co-operation furnished by Dr. Serge Avazon. Clipping from Charles H. Eglee, Jr.

WE are indebted to a number of subscribers for clippings received in connection with the issuance of the new 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp. Lovers of first day covers will have at least three opportunities for adding varieties to their collections.

THE winners in the stamp essay contest, prizes for which are given by Major Guy W. A. Camp, and which has been conducted under auspices of a committee from The Philatelic Section, Maryland Academy of Sciences, are announced as follows: First prize, Harry Rudo, of the Baltimore City College; second prize, Bror Grondal, of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute; third prize, Charles Gillan, 601 Loudon avenue. For the essay sent in by Rudolph Anthony, Villain, Jr., 1931 East Pratt street, the Philatelic Section, will give a prize. The prize winners will be given the awards at the meeting of The Philatelic Section at the Maryland Academy of Sciences, 105 West Franklin street, Baltimore, Friday night, April 23rd. The prizes are stamps; the subject of the essays was "How Stamp Collecting Helps Me In My Studies." The donor of the three leading prizes, Major Guy W. A. Camp, is chairman of the Board of Governors of the Society of Philatelic Americans, a national philatelic organization, which has thousands of members.

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

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The First Precancel—Perhaps of questions concerning precancelled stan that query as to what is the earl known variety, is more often asked t any other.

The Scott Specialized Catalog Wheeling, Va., on the 5c and 10c 1 Baltimore exists on the 5c 1847 in a cular overprint. These items have sketchy history and it is regrettable we know so little about them.

The "PAID" and "paid" cancellat on the 1c 1851 are a primitive type precancel. These are printed in lower case and capital letters. Whe both types occur on the same sheet separately is a fact unknown. Pairs both are in existence, and the Stand Precancel Catalog illustrates the lo case setting.

A second class of matter of interes the precancel collector is "covers" wh have been cancelled before mail through press work. The stamps w not "precancelled" in the general se of the word, for they were cance *after* being affixed to the envelopes, the important point is that the "ent was cancelled and then issued by postal authorities to the mailer, for insertion of mail matter. Cumberla Me., appears on the 1857 envelope, on buff, cancelled as follows: "CUM LAND, ME.—OCTOBER 22" in two lines tall block capitals, 4 mm. high, the line being 33 mm. long and the sec 25 mm. The envelope has a printed dress form as follows:

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This item is listed in the Standard cancel Catalog at $25.00.

As an example of an adhesive prec celled on "entire," we may cite the known Glen Allen, Va. The practise this office was to overprint the sta with a large star and the upper half the envelope with a circular postma This is illustrated in the Standard cancel Catalog, and may be found many "cover" collections. A sim method was in vogue at Edella Fricks, Pa., early in the present centu Here the name and date were printed various type settings, across the sta and envelope, and lines were also prin above and below the impressions. Sm ville, N. J., is said to come with a c cellation similar to that applied at G Allen, but we have never seen such item.

Glastonbury precancelled the 3 c 1869, and 1 cent 1879, and 1882 wit large "G." These are priced at $20 $7.50, and $5.00 respectively in the Sta ard Precancel Catalog. It is stated t the manufacturers of Williams Shav Soap used the stamps. However, best these are of the class in which m of the early precancels fall, and can be considered in the quest for the fi real precancel of standard appearance

The many "bar" precancels form intensely interesting group for the s cialist, but bewilder the beginner. Th cannot be identified by any but the e pert and this detracts from their pop larity.

We consider the first real precancel be the 1 cent 1882 re-engraved preca celled BURLINGTON, Vt., in two lines small serif capitals, without lines or ba The overprint is generally poorly defin and reads vertically up. In the sa type which cancelled the 1882 stamp, find the 1 cent 1890 and 1894, both which are much commoner. The 1890 still to be found in quantity, but abo one copy in ten is legibly cancell The 1882 stamp is catalogued at $3.00 a a splendid buy at the price. It was fi used in September, 1887. Boston fo lowed soon after with the 1 cent 18 This stamp was used by the Perry-Mas Co. and thousands were employed to m out copies of *The Youth's Companio* Mr. F. L. Smith, the leading authority precancels during the early days, h stated that it was this precancel whi was the first to attract postmasters' a tention to the labor-saving device of pr cancelling stamps.

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Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, writes us:—The following order by the Malta Government was issued on the 27th March.

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"GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 98

1. On and after the 1st April, 1926, the stamps affixed in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance VII of 1918 shall be revenue stamps issued by the Treasury, to be used for revenue purposes only.

2. Specially appropriated revenue stamps shall exclusively be used in the following cases, viz.:—

(a) The stamps affixed to registers in accordance with Articles 32 and 95 shall bear the word 'Registers'.

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(c) The stamps affixed on applications or on tenders for leases, work or supplies presented to Government Departments in accordance with Article 90 shall bear the word 'Applications'.

(d) The stamps affixed on agreements, contracts or other instruments (including bills of sale and notorial acts), and on every judgment, decree or order of any Court or other lawful authority, whereby any immovable thing, ship or share in a ship is in any way transferred, or transfers of debts or other rights and in contracts of long lease contemplated in Articles 31, 57 and 58 shall bear the word 'Contracts'.

3. The above mentioned stamps will be obtainable at all Post Offices and at licensed stamp vendors.

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In the United States appeared the Lexington-Concord and Norse-American sets—a nation's struggle for independence, and a voyage by Scandinavian settlers to a new land.

Afghanistan commemorated the seventh anniversary of independence.

Belgium remembered the passing of three-quarters of a century since the appearance of her initial postal adhesive.

Bolivia marked the passing of a hundred years since winning political freedom.

Brazil honored a journalist, Barbosa.

Congo recalled the valor of her colonial troops during the World War.

Czechoslovakia put her President's picture on stamps on his birthday.

Egypt advertised the holding of the International Geographical Congress in Cairo.

France let the world know that an arts exhibition was taking place in Paris.

Germany boosted with stamps her traffic exposition at Munich; and, with an eagle in the sky, distributed some propaganda adhesives to prove that "the watch on the Rhine" still continued.

Great Britain did philatelic advertising—the second year of the Empire exhibition at Wembley.

Hejaz marked the accession of a king, Ali.

Honduras inducted a new President into office and put his likeness on stamps.

Hungary did not forget a noted native novelist, Jokai.

Italy pictured her ruler's face—the twenty-fifth year after Victor had become king. And various Italian colonies philatelically celebrated the Holy Year—Cyrenica, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and Tripolitania—as the mother country had done the previous year.

Japan was jubilant—and said so with stamps—because her royal couple had endured a quarter-century of wedded bliss.

Latvia paid recognition to her chief city, Libau.

Liechtenstein put a portrait of her ruler, Prince John, on stamps when he attained the ripe age of eighty-five years

Mozambique did or did not issue Delagoa Bay commemoratives, as the case may turn out to be.

Nedj's ruler, Ibn Saud, proclaimed through stamps his followers' right to worship at the Holy City.

New Zealand held a South Seas exhibition in Dunedin and advertised it philatelically.

Norway formally acquired new territory—the archipelago called Spitsbergen (or, in Norwegian, Svalbard)—and impressed the fact, through special stamps, on the peoples of Norway and Spitsbergen.

Portugal honored a novelist, Branco, and Pombal, a statesman, by putting their pictures on adhesives of speculative character; and remembered her "Comrades of the Great War" with a charity set equally unnecessary postally. And various Portuguese colonies—Angola, Azores, Cape Verde, Guinea, Macao, Madeira, Mozambique, Portuguese India, St. Thomas & Prince Edward, and Timor—were similarly active, while Portuguese India honored Vasco de Gama.

Russia remembered Lenin, Lomonossof and Popov by gracing special stamps with their likenesses.

Salvador paid philatelic tribute to her principal city, San Salvador.

Uruguay did likewise in connection with Montevideo, as well as marking her centenary with stamps and also celebrating the Battle of Urandi.—*Scott's Monthly Journal.*

IMPORTANCE OF PREPAYMENT OF PROPER POSTAGE ON AIR MAIL

Although short-paid air mail may, if it bears at least 8 cents postage, be rated with the deficiency and dispatched and the amount due collected upon its delivery, postmasters should nevertheless impress upon patrons that it is of the highest importance that the postage on such mail be fully prepaid in order to avoid the delay necessarily incident to the special treatment which must be given short-paid mail, both at the office of mailing and that of address, in connection with the rating of the matter and collecting the postage due.

In view of the variation in the rates of postage on air mail because of the establishment of contract air mail routes in addition to the Government-operated air mail service, special efforts should be made to inform patrons with respect to such rates and at the same time they should be encouraged to prepay the full amount of postage chargeable on air mail. As set forth in amended section 385, Postal Laws and Regulations, the rate on mail carried over the Government-operated air mail routes is 8 cents an ounce or fraction thereof for each air mail zone, except that on mail carried over the New York-Chicago night route the rate is 10 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, while the rate on mail carried on contract air mail routes is 10 cents, 15 cents, or 20 cents an ounce or fraction thereof, according to the length of the particular route involved, with an additional charge of 5 cents an ounce or fraction thereof for each air mail zone the mail is transported on a Government-operated air mail route.

In connection with the foregoing postmasters should also advise patrons that air mail should be properly indorsed to indicate how it is to be sent. For example, a letter mailed at San Francisco addressed to Detroit intended for transmission all the way by air mail should be indorsed "Via air mail to Detroit" and prepaid at the rate of 20 cents an ounce or fraction thereof. If intended to be carried by air mail to Chicago only and thence by railroad, the letter should be indorsed "Via air mail to Chicago" and prepaid at the regular rate of 16 cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce. An air mail letter originating at a place adjacent to or on a contract air mail route which would naturally be sent over such route for connection with a Government operated air mail route, but which the sender desires carried over the latter route only should be indorsed to that effect, as for instance in the case of a letter mailed at or near Detroit, "Via air mail from Chicago."

Letters indorsed merely "Via air mail" when addressed to or in the direction of places served by contract air mail routes in connection with Government-operated air mail routes will, if they bear at least 8 cents postage, be treated as intended for transmission over both routes and if not fully prepaid will be rated with postage due to cover the amount chargeable for their transportation over the combined Government operated and contract air mail routes. This should be given the widest possible publicity so that patrons may be informed as to the correct rates and the desirability of fully prepaying the same in order to prevent the delay entailed in handling short-paid matter. When there is doubt concerning the rating of air mail which is not indorsed to show how it is to be sent and there is sufficient time to ascertain the sender's wishes without delaying dispatch of the matter this should, of course, be done.

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EDITORIAL.

The complaints by collectors that stamps have been removed from mail addressed to them have come to us in augmented number latterly. While a complete immunity from this form of filching may never be attained yet so numerous have been the protests of the kind recently that official action has been stirred again to stop this proceeding, which is so iniquitous from the philatelist's viewpoint. Our course has been to advise the indignant victims to register their protest with their postal officials, who are aware that Washington considers the practice of removal of stamps from matter in transit highly reprehensible. Again, the postmaster general shows a disposition to be helpful to collecting interests and under date of April 10th, he issued the following order: "Notwithstanding previous warnings against the removal of postage stamps from matter while in the mails, the practice has not been stopped. A number of instances have just come to attention where the stamps affixed to letters sent by air mail on first flights over contract routes, air mail, were removed, apparently by employees interested in philatelic work or who sell the stamps to philatelists. Thousands of letters are sent by air mail, particularly on first flights over new routes, merely in order to obtain the envelopes with attached stamps for their philatelic or historical value. The department desires to cooperate with persons interested in this work, not only because of the pleasure and satisfaction they get out of it, but for the reason that the business increases the postal revenues and is quite profitable. The unlawful removal of stamps by mail, whether foreign or domestic, and regardless of the manner in which the mail is sent, will not be tolerated. The penal statute, embodied in section 522, Postal Laws and Regulations, makes it an offense punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both, to remove postage stamps from mail. All instances coming to attention will be thoroughly investigated with the view to taking action against the guilty parties as will lead to the application of the penalty prescribed by law for such offense. *The Practice Must be Stopped.* Let all concerned cooperate in eliminating the abuse and thus maintain the integrity of the postal service."

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The tone of the foregoing notice is direct and definite and shows that the department is determined to correct the abuse. Collectors who have been sufferers through the acts of a relatively few employees in the service should certify their cases to the authorities with the assurance that the complaints will be given full consideration. We know that there have been prosecutions of offenders and in one instance at least a fine was the result. The repeated warnings of the department are calculated to leave no basis for the claim of any culprit that he was not aware that he was proceeding unlawfully by his action in removing the stamps.

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We have received from Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, several orders by the Malta government, and concerning the new surcharges, he says: "The current stamps overprinted, April 1st, 'Postage,' in capital letters, issued this morning (April 1st) are not available in complete sets, (the 2 shilling and four pence values having become exhausted one hour after issue). The government notice which authorized the stamps follows: 'It is hereby notified that the stamps in current use bearing the design symbolical of Malta under the Responsible Government will be placed on sale, as from the 1st of April, 1926, overprinted with the word "POSTAGE." These stamps will be valid for postage purposes only'."

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A very interesting communication has been received from Mr. S. Tanner Green, Quebec, Province of Quebec, which may be regarded as an authoritative announcement on the subject: "I notice in the Weekly of April 12th that you make reference to my article on dog-team post along the North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence in winter time, which appeared in the Sunday New York *Times*. In regard to this, would say that there are not any 'franked envelopes' inasmuch as any envelope or cover, properly prepaid the ordinary rates, according to classification, can travel over this or any other regular mail route and there is no necessity whatsoever for any special cover to do so. Neither can the contractors or drivers have anything to say as regards the envelopes or covers of mail matter. They are under contract to carry matter in whatever closed bags handed them at the post offices at the termini or intermediate posts along their route; and, consequently, the envelopes to which you refer were merely special covers, privately prepared, as stated in my article, outside Official Post Office precincts. In other words, the design was printed on the official embossed envelopes, which were then mailed to or received from certain parties, just as could be done by designating on an envelope, in printing or otherwise, that it should travel by the S. S. Olympic or something of that kind. Thus, to make it plain, the blank embossed envelopes were sold in the ordinary way by the Post Office; after that they had the design printed on them and were used to send some letters to and fro along the coast and were, necessarily, date-stamped in transit, similarly to any other letter which was properly prepaid the legal rate of postage. Therefore, they were not 'franked envelopes' in any sense and only a few were used addressed as records from a region which is not frequented to any considerable extent in ordinary travel in the winter time. For your information, enclosed herewith is one of the envelopes in question, postmarks on which show the itinerary." We are pleased to have Mr. Green's explanation in order that these envelopes may be assigned to their proper place as having no "frank" significance, whatever. The envelope submitted for inspection shows that the postmark of place of origination is December 17, 1925, while on the reverse is a succession of postmarks, five in number, the last being Quebec, March 11, 1926. They indicate a graphic itinerary of an arduous trip, requiring almost three months to make.

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The "Independence Stamp" will pave the way for the special issues that will mark the present year. The Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 had its famous envelopes in its honor and it would be a churlish fellow who would deny the right to follow a precedent established fifty years ago. The preliminary reports have it that the special two cent stamp in commemoration of the sesqui-centennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence will be on sale May 10 at Washington, Philadelphia and Boston.

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Mr. H. Bedford-Jones, Ann Arbor, Michigan, throws a monkey-wrench into the works and shows that the errant Djibutian is being unjustly stigmatized for pranks that were played in the past century. He refers to the "copyrighted despatch" mentioned in the "Far and Near" column, page 198, issue of April 12th: "In the *Echo de la Timbrologie* of last January was reprinted some news from its columns of January, 1896. An item told of how the Somali Coast natives got fined fifty francs, then sold the stamp used on their receipt to steamer passengers for sixty francs, clearing ten on the deal. All this was long ago—back in the days when there was a 50-franc stamp on the Somali Coast: to wit, thirty years ago. I dunno whether the joke is on the 'metropolitan press' you quote, or on you for quoting it, so take your choice!" Then, too, it was said that the stamps are fiscals when they are postage. It would be just as well for a few editors to hide their diminished heads and even the absence of an exclamation mark at the end of the paragraph does not absolve us. What gets us is that the New York paper (not the *Times*, by-the-way), protected its stuff in this instance with copyright; and did pay money for the untimely news? Or did some foreign correspondent in the back room fix up the story so, impressively?

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Here is a stamp story, replete wit dramatic action that has a happy ending with punishment in store for the allege thief, even though a confederate is at liberty for the time being. We are in debted to the San Francisco *Examiner* o April 15th for the following:

"A book of stamps, valued at $4,50 passed between Ross O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco stamp dealer, 16 Gear Street, and Charles Beamish, a Los An geles collector, after a hectic hour wit police and warrant clerks yesterday, an ended amicably a lively dispute as t possession.

The stamps formed part of a $7,00 collection stolen from Beamish by saf crackers in Los Angeles some weeks ago For their theft one man, George Buckle is under arrest and a confederate a liberty after a daring leap from a Gear Street office window to the crowde street last Monday.

Yesterday, confronted by the owner o the stamps, Buckley said that one boo was in possession of O'Shaughnessy who on Monday by warning the police had caused his arrest. Detectives, calle by O'Shaughnessy were concealed in hi office, when the two men appeared t offer the stamp collections for sale.

Yesterday Beamish, the Los Angele collector who had been robbed, arrive with Los Angeles officers sent for Buck ley. He found only one book of th stamps that had been stolen. The other Buckley said, he had left at O'Shaugh nessy's office. There Beamish and de tectives found it and after some disput about a reward offered for its recover and threats of a warrant the stamp boo was returned to Beamish.

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The new stamp is of the size of the ecial delivery stamp. The words "Sesi-Centennial Exposition" appear across e top in a straight line. Under ese in an arch, appear the words United States Postage." Resting on a wer panel are four flat ornamental lumns supporting in the middle a picre of the Libery Bell, which swings om their tops. In the upper corners der the words "Sesqui-Centennial Exsition" appear the dates "1776-1926."

Plans have been made to authorize an ue of 300,000,000 of these stamps, hich will be sent to all post offices in e country as fast as production will rmit after May 10.—*Phila. Inquirer.*

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The Worcester Stamp Club, following the precedent established in past years by the City Government, has taken up correspondence with the Worcestershire Philatelic Society of Worcester, England, offering the services of its members in securing for members of the English Society, who intend to visit the U. S. during the October Exhibition information, reservations, etc., for that period.

On the walls of the Worcester, Mass., City Hall, hang two suits of armour presented by the city of Worcester, England, which were worn in the battle of Worcester, during the Civil War, about 1651. Other communications between the two city governments have taken place in the past and the business organizations have also corresponded, as have the athletic (Soccer) organizations.

It remained for the Worcester Stamp Club to put its shoulder to the Rotating wheel, and offer suggestions for an itinerary thru New England, with a Worcester stop, as part of possible travel plans for the Worcestershire collectors.

It occurs to their committee that this might well be used as an idea in cementing the fraternal relations between other U. S. clubs and other similarly named clubs in Great Britain. The names of many of our eastern towns and counties are derived by direct transfer from those in Great Britain, and this little courtesy would greatly further our correspondence and friendship.

The Worcester Club also included a little gift, donated by various members, of samples of our more recent postage and commemorative issues, imperforate blocks, first flight covers and a N. Y.—Chi— first flight cover, together with the various air and special delivery and special handling stamps in blocks with numbers in most cases. Also a few older issues and a "Worcester, Mass" cover dated 1850.

The whole sending with the idea that New England from Boston to New York, was well worthy of attention as part of a most interesting and historical section of these United States, and suggesting the use of Boston as a port of entry or departure, and other travel details, which seemed most appropriate.

The attitude of collectors in this great country is too often self centered. We have much to learn, and our bonds with the only country in Europe using a language, which "any school boy can write and read" should be strengthened in every possible way.

Perhaps it is seemingly useless to suggest that the great Junior Philatelic Society of London has much which would be of value to youthful collectors, but this fact, coupled with their magnificent monthly paper, which is hampered by no inter club or society jealousy, and which is especially fitted for detailed specialization thru its illustrations and special articles, make this society and its membership very attractive. The J. P. S., too, is sending some member free to the Exhibition.

And just to be different, the Worcester Club is staging a contest of a similar nature, the first prize being a ticket to N. Y., and return, so that the winner can see the Exhibition at much less expense. Why not look up some English club you know of and do some reciprocity stuff, too?

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United States.

New Revenue Variety

Mr. Allan P. Vestal has shown me a copy of the 2c strip Narcotic stamp in violet in imperforated condition. This is of the type II size, catalog number 3384. He also states that he has copies of the 1c imperforated of the same size, catalog number 3380. He informs us that the stamps will be fairly common as about five thousand of these are being used monthly by one of the middle western plants. In handling a part of their output, they use a machine which finishes the operation of packing by placing the Narcotic stamp as a seal to the bottle. This firm was unable to use the rouletted stamp normally turned out by the Department and arranged to purchase the 1c and 2c stamp in an imperforated and ungummed condition. They are cut apart on a machine paper knife in the printing plant of the establishment after being canceled.

Mr. Vestal learns that the 1c stamp has been cut and used singly and that the 2c stamp has been used both singly and in pairs. No other denominations have been obtained by this firm from the Department in this condition.

Mr. Edward Stern of the Economist Stamp Company advises that he has located a copy of the $3.00 Charter Party, No. 3884, with a distinct direct impression on the back, giving us a revenue printed on two sides. We have had such peculiarities in our postage stamps heretofore, but I believe this to be the first revenue noted.

New Newspaper Variety

Mr. E. N. Costales of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company has shown me a variety not seen heretofore, namely the 1865 10c blue green, first issue of newspaper stamp, with a distinct printing on the back, giving us a further variety similar to the revenue stamp previously described. This was found in a collection just purchased by this company.

New Provisional Envelopes

I have recently seen coming from a small New England post office two new oval varieties of the 1c envelope with 1½c overprint. These envelopes are die A and have been found in sufficient quantity to make them somewhat plentiful. They are certainly not to be confused, especially in the case of the buff variety with the rare die D, which was found some months back, and which is known in an exceedingly small quantity. From communications that I have seen some dealers seem to think that the common variety is the one that has heretofore sold as the scarce item.

Double Line Overprint
1½c on 1c, Issue of 1907
Die A on blue, size 13, Wmk.15, H.B.
Die A on buff, size 13, Wmk.15, H.B.

Canal Zone

I am advised by the Philatelic Agency located at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, that they now have ready for distribution the 17c black with portrait of Wilson and the 20c carmine with the Golden Gate with the usual Canal Zone overprint. With these additions we now have fifteen stamps in the Canal Zone series.

BULGARIA. — From Whitfield King & Co. come a copy of the 50s in black, bearing a view of a Castle and the date "16 IV 1925."

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.—Our Edinburgh friend, Mr. J. A. R. Dryden, kindly submits the following new arrivals:—

Newspaper Stamp. Overprinted "NOVINY," in blue, on Express stamp of 1920:—
10 (h) chocolate on yellow.

Postage Due. Overprinted "DOPLATIT" and new value, in violet, on Hradcary type of 1919. Imperf. unless stated otherwise.
30 on 15 (h) vermilion, perf. 11½ (S.G. 47).
40 on 15 (h) vermilion, perf. 11½ (S.G. 47).
60 on 50 (h) purple (S.G. 31).
60 on 50 (h) deep blue (S.G. 38).
60 on 75 (h) slate-green.
60 on 80 (h) olive-green.
100 on 400 (h) violet (S.G. 16).
100 on (h) olive-green.
100 on 1,000 (h) bright purple (S.G. 45).

The Times announces that it is proposed to create a special stamp issue for franking official correspondence of the International Commission of the Danube, at Bratislava (Presburg) on the lines of the League of Nations stamps.—*Stamp Collecting.*

DENMARK. — We have received from Mr. A. E. Pade and Mr. W. T. Wilson the following new provisionals: On the type of Scott's A16, 27ö red and black surcharged "7" over the former figures of value; 15ö violet surcharged "12" in like manner; on the 4ö Official of the 1915-20 issue "7 Ore" in two lines as in Scott's A19 with the overprint at top and bottom and sides; and the same surcharge on the 15ö blue Official in like manner. Mr. Pade gives the following information regarding these stamps, "These provisionals were required by a change in the postal card rates effecti April 1st last. The stamps appeared the 3rd inst and are to be followed several more. The whole official seri which were withdrawn on March 31 are to be used up in this manner. Ho ever in order that collectors of this cou try do not get too bad an idea of t stamp issuing activities of my old cou try I would like to print some remar of the Danish Postmaster General fr an interview published over there cently. The P. M. General said that regrets the necessity for all these n stamps, but it is caused by the readju ment of prices, which is going on as result of Denmark's exchange havi recently gone back to almost par, a co sequence of which is continued readju ment of postal rates, followed by chang of colors in order to comply with t World Postal Union regulations, etc. hopes, however, that the rates will back to a stable level by this fall wh it is expected to have a regular set stamps. Due to the increasing difficul in getting a sufficient number of differe colors it is planned to use the current l values type for values up to the 1 and to create an entirely new type f the values from the 10ö to 40ö, while t present type with the King's portrait w remain for the higher values.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown a new 27m violet, Air Post stamp. T stamp is oblong in shape and in t centre pictures and Airplane in flig At the top to the left is "Royaume" wh to the right is "D'Egypte" and betwe is a panel bearing a native inscriptio On the left centre is "Milliemes", wh the right centre is the usual native cha acters. At the base is Poste Aerienn with the figures of value in the lower le corner and native figures in the low right corner.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES. — Mr. Roberts reports the appearance of a green postage due, script waterma sideways.

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. ha shown us the 1fr 25c stamp in the Paste type in blue.

MONACO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman a Mr. R. Roberts have sent copies of t 45c slate and 75c olive green, both in t type of Scott's A13.

NIGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has sho us the 10sh green and carmine on e erald, script watermark, die 2.

PERSIA.—We have had submitted f chronicle by the Economist Stamp (the 1ch orange, and 2ch red lilac, of t 1924 design, with a surcharge in bla of the native lion and with the Crown the top. At the left is the wo "REGNE" with "19" just below. At t right is "PAHLAVI" with "25" below.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. ha called our attention to the recent n

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AN MARINO.—*Onofri Commemora-* are nearly ready. We are able to ish the following historical note by tesy of Commander Jamieson: An- Onofri, who lived during the latter of the eighteenth and early part of nineteenth centuries, held the office Captain Regent in San Marino no than seven times between the years and 1821. He was surnamed by his w-citizens "the Father of his Coun- and acted as spokesman when, in , Napoleon Bonaparte sent an envoy offer the Republic an extension of itory, the refusal of which had much o in later years with the continuance e independence of San Marino.

he stamps will contain Onofri's por- in the centre with the inscription 5 LIBERTAS 1925" across the top of stamp, below which is a curved band aining "REP. DI S. MARINO," round lower half of the portrait appears ANCOBOLLO PER L'IMTERNO" with the e "CENT. 50 CENT". It will be no- d that the essay from which we de- e the design is for the 50c value, h will not now be issued.—*Philatelic azine.*

PAIN.—Mr. Fred J. Melville contrib- to the *Daily Telegraph* the follow- further particulars of the projected d Cross" stamps foreshadowed in our e for December 5th:—

pain is planning an issue of Red s postage stamps which promises to of novel pictorial interest. The ps are to be of fifteen denominations, ix designs, some of which will be d in different colours overprinted the Spanish colonies. The stamps being plate-printed by Messrs. Water- & Sons, Limited, of London, and are examples of miniature engraving in glio. The subjects are from photo- hs of the Royal family, one design enting a new and handsome portrait he King of Spain; the Queen is de- d in two of the designs, one in Court norm, and the other in the uniform of a Cross nurse; a fourth design shows H.H. the Prince of the Asturias; a the Princesses Christina and Bea- ; while the sixth, intended for use he express-letter stamps, will show oup of the Royal family. The stamps be expected about the date of King lfonso's birthday in May next.—*ip Collecting.*

RANSJORDANIA.—We learn from Mr. V. Stewart that according to latest ors this Territory is to be annexed the British Mandate of Palestine. current series (issued last Nov.) vi therefore have had a very short life is worth picking up while still ob- able at present low prices.

STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. A. A. Rosenblum informs us that a new perforating machine may be put into use at any time, gauging 13x12½, the old machine being practically worn out. Yet another series for collectors of this popular country.

Canada.—Mr. H. Buckland sends us a cutting from the Toronto *Globe* announcing the early inauguration of a commercial and mail service by aeroplane, between Hudson and the mining area in the Red Lake district.

Fiji Islands.—Mr. D. de Mouncey notifies us that he recently obtained the 1s, emerald, Script, with watermark inverted. This was the last stamp of a sheet, the remainder being used on bills of lading by a business house. Our correspondent was fortunate in securing a corner stamp, with sufficient bottom margin to show the Plate No. 11.

Irish Free State.—Mr. Wm. Sayers writes, "Re Mr. J. Dixon's note, the collection of the 6d delivery fee is not discontinued. It is payable on all parcels from outside the Saorstat, except egg boxes returned to senders from persons outside the Saorstat."

Malta.—With reference to Capt. Jessop's article in the February number of the *M. J.*, Mr. E. Weston states that the ½d War Tax was issued on 15th December, 1917, on which date he purchased a sheet. He also has a copy postmarked on that date.

Mr. R. S. Pateman states that the "no dot" variety of the ¼d on 2d occurs on the 4th stamp of the 4th row, bottom left-hand pane, probably in only one printing.

Mr. J. F. Darmanin reminds us that the new series, expected in April, will include new denominations, 1s6d and 3s, and that the highest value will be 10s. It will be interesting to see whether the £1 will be discontinued altogether, or if yet another printing of the £1 in the current type will be made.

With reference to a criticism in Messrs. Whitfield King's *Bulletin* of the proposal to overprint remainders of the current issue with the word "Gozo" (a wholly unnecessary procedure), an absurd comment has appeared in the Maltese Press, to the effect that the protest is made because the stamps are to be overprinted locally, and therefore the Maltese dealers will get the stamps before dealers in England, and thus reap the benefit of "a sure and rich harvest." We have no doubt that the stamps will be easily obtainable in England if they are ever issued, but the "rich harvest" will not be so "sure" if collectors treat these totally unnecessary stamps as they deserve, by leaving them severely alone.

Morocco Agencies.—A correspondent kindly shows us a copy of the 15c on 1½d, King George, with the second "c" of "MOROCCO" broken, and with a small horizontal line in the break. We do not know whether this minor variety is constant.

New Guinea.—Mr. A. A. Rosenblum states that the new stamps overprinted "O.S." are unobtainable unused, and that practically no used specimens are available in Australia.

New Zealand.—Messrs. Wilcox, Smith and Co. kindly show us two varieties of the 1d "Universal" with the lithographed "watermark," in one of which the watermark is uncolored, while in the other it is black. Both these varieties are scarce, particularly the uncolored watermark.

A new 1d stamp with the King's portrait is expected shortly, also the 2s and 5s with King's portrait.

A relative of the designer of the Georgian issue and the recent Exhibition stamps, points out that his name is H. Linley Richardson, not Lindley, as stated in our catalogue.

Space does not permit of reference to several other letters from N. Z. correspondents, to whom our best thanks are due.

Southern Rhodesia.—Mr. C. Rose-Innes shows us the ½d imperf. at left from left margin of pane, also a similar 1½d. The 6d he shows in two distinct shades, one bright and one dull.

S. W. Africa.—Mr. G. N. Beaulah shows us two shades of the 4d Triangular, one being considerably paler than the other.

Mr. H. Mallet-Veale shows us several varieties of the ½d *wrapper*, two having the overprint high or low, so that only "AFRICA" or "SOUTH WEST" falls on the stamp, while a third has the Dutch overprint as well as the English, so arranged that "AFRIKA" falls on the stamp above "SOUTH WEST." The fourth wrapper shows space between "I" and "C" of "AFRICA," and stop after the word.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Abyssinia.—Mr. R. Joyce writes (with reference to the note in Gibbons Catalogue after the Postage Dues, stating that these were used as ordinary postage stamps in 1908): "Some of these were distributed by the Postal Union in 1909 as specimens of postage stamps in use, and as it was not customary to send out the Postage Due Stamps, the following, received by the N. Z. Post Office, must have been intended for ordinary postage purposes: S.G. No. D 11 (violet and blue overprints), D 15 (violet), and D 16, D 19 and D 21 (with blue overprints)."

Argentina.—The new commemorative series is not expected until July, writes Mr. H. G. Spanton.

Mr. A. H. Davis states that the new Centenary stamp listed this month will remain on sale both in Uruguay and the Argentine until the printing (two millions) is exhausted. We hardly imagine that our correspondent implies that this stamp will be available for postal use in Uruguay.

Belgium.—Mr. P. Massez states that the new Flood stamps have been printed as follows: 30c, 5,000,000; 1fr, 500,000 each. Mr. J. Ghilain confirms.

Messrs. Whitfield King state that one stamp on each sheet of 25 of the 1fr shows the error "BELGIQUE."

French Colonies (Middle Congo).—Messrs. Errington and Martin kindly show us the two top rows of a sheet of the current 2c, the top row being imperf. at top and sides, the machine having evidently been started one line too low. They found several sheets thus in an ordinary consignment from France.

The *Tchad* and *Togo* stamps without overprint, also sent us by the same informants, and listed this month, are of course identifiable owing to the fact that stamps overprinted for these Colonies are printed in special colors.

Japan.—Messrs. Yuasa and Co. show us a block of the current 3 sen, carmine, perforated by the new machine. The gauge is as before, but the holes are larger and absolutely clean-cut, and the centring is very accurate.

Jugo-Slavia.—Our correspondent "Viator" states that the following minor varieties have been noted in the De La Rue portrait series. 20 par.: one stamp in the sheet had the serif of "2" disjoined. 25 par. on 3 din.: one stamp has full stop after the Cyrillic "P" slightly above the line. 50 par. on 3 din.: one stamp has Cyrillic "P" rather less than 2½mm. high instead of 3mm.

The border pattern of the new Portrait stamps is derived from the famous Pirot carpets.

Liechtenstein.—We are informed that of the 300,000 sets printed of the Charity stamps listed in the December, 1925, *M. J.*, the following quantities were officially burned recently: 10r, 108,897; 20r, 102,-953; 30r, 45,156.

Panama.—It is proposed that two special stamps should be issued in June, to commemorate the centenary of the First Pan-American Congress, held at Panama in 1826, and also to raise funds for a Pan-American university scheme. The stamps, if issued, will probably bear the portrait of Simon Bolivar, who convened the first Congress. *(Revista Filatelica de Panama.)*

Peru.—Mr. Manuel Buenaño states that a new 15c blue, with portrait of Marshal La Mar (type of 1925), will be issued shortly, for use on correspondence abroad,

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as a new tariff came into force in October last.

Portugal.—An effort is being made to get rid of the stocks of 1923 Air commemoratives by placing them on sale in Brazil. The price asked is about 9s per set.

San Marino.— Commendatore M. A. Jamieson shows us the proposed design of the new stamps shortly to be issued in honor of Antonio Onofri, "Father of his Country." The portrait is a remarkably handsome one, and the frame design is simple and tasteful. Prof. E. Federici, the designer of the Italian "Black Shirt" and Manzoni issues, is also responsible for the new San Marino design. The values to be issued are of 10, 20, 45 and 65c, and 1 and 2 lire.

Siam.—Owing to the death of the late King and the abandonment of the Siamese Exhibition, the Oriental Stamp Co. state that the Air stamps will not now be overprinted in this connection.

The same informants state that it is now definitely established that there was a return flight in connection with the Chandhaburi-Bangkok first experimental flight, and that this took place on February 26, 1919. Letters and cards, etc., were specially obliterated with the "Garuda" Air postmark cancellation, with similar receiving or arrival postmark.

Turkey. — Mr. Oswald W. Churchill kindly confirms the statement regarding the current issue of Turkey made by Lieut. D. M. J. Murray (Feb. *M.J.*).

The official Air Post service between Constantinople and Angora, and vice versa, was in operation for about two months, September and October, 1924, and not for a fortnight only, as stated. The rate for a letter was 10pi, half this sum going to the Turkish P.O. and the other half to the "Compagnie de Navigation Aérienne Franco-Roumaine," which was running the service. Mr. Churchill shows us two covers with the special postmarks in Turkish and French: "Postes Aériennes Stamboul" (19.10.24), and "Postes Aériennes Angora" (28.10.24).—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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The following is a list of post offices supplied with government printed precanceled stamps in sheets and coils.

It includes several towns that no varieties have as yet been chronicled.

S indicates full perforated Sheets. C indicates coil stamps.

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Los Angeles, Calif. S & C	Westfield, Mass. C	Marion, Ohio. C
San Francisco, Calif. S & C	Battlecreek, Mich. S & C	Springfield, Ohio. S & C
Denver, Colo. S & C	Detroit, Mich. S & C	Toledo, Ohio. S & C
Bridgeport, Conn. S & C	Grand Rapids, Mich. S & C	Oklahoma City, Okla. S
New Britain, Conn. C	Kalamazoo, Mich. S & C	Portland, Oreg. S & C
New Haven, Conn. S	Lansing, Mich. S & C	Altoona, Pa. S & C
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Miami, Fla. C	Minneapolis, Minn. S & C	Harrisburg, Pa. S & C
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De Kalb, Ill. C	Lincoln, Nebr. S & C	Warren, Pa. S
Elgin, Ill. C	Omaha, Nebr. S & C	Wilkes Barre, Pa. C
Waukegan, Ill. C	Frenchtown, N. J. C	Pawtucket, R. I. S & C
Fort Wayne, Ind. C	Manville, N. C. C	Providence, R. I. S
Indianapolis, Ind. S & C	Jersey City, N. J. S	Memphis, Tenn. S & C
Muncie, Ind. S & C	Newark, N. J. S & C	Nashville, Tenn. S & C
Peru, Ind. C	Trenton, N. J. S & C	Fort Worth, Texas. S & C
South Bend, Ind. S & C	Albany, N. Y. C	Houston, Texas. S
Davenport, Iowa S	Binghamton, N. Y. S & C	Salt Lake City, Utah. S & C
Des Moines, Iowa S & C	Brooklyn, N. Y. S & C	Seattle, Wash. S & C
Sioux, Iowa S & C	Buffalo, N. Y. S & C	La Crosse, Wis. C
Waterloo, Iowa S & C	Fulton, N. Y. C	Milwaukee, Wis. S & C
Girard, Kans. S	New York, N. Y. S & C	Sheboygan, Wis. S & C
Wichita, Kan. S & C	Niagara Falls, N. Y. C	Schenectady, N. Y. S & C
Louisville, Ky. S & C	Syracuse, N. Y. S & C	Kokomo, Ind. S
New Orleans, La. S & C	Alliance, Ohio. C	Rochester, N. Y. S
Portland, Maine. S & C	Berea, Ohio. C	Bloomfield, N. J. C
Baltimore, Md. S	Cincinnati, Ohio. S & C	Schuylerville, N. Y. C
Boston, Mass. S & C	Cleveland, Ohio. S & C	Wilmington, Del. C
Salem, Mass. S & C	Columbus, Ohio. S & C	

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REVENUE NOTES

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

The Report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, last, and which was so ably reported by Mr. Ward as far as the postage section is concerned is before me as I write and I find considerable of interest to collectors of revenue stamps in its pages. Table 7 gives the number of sheets and of stamps printed and delivered of each kind and series of revenue stamps, but does not give separate statistics for each denomination as is given for the postage stamps. The following table will be found interesting as showing in what quantities some of the current revenue stamps are being produced:

Documentary, Series 1917, all den. More than 12 million. Same overprinted Stock Transfer, more than 18 million. Same overprinted Future Delivery only 710 thousand.

Hence these three classes of documentaries stand in about the ratios of 120, 180 and 7. It is also interesting to note that the quantities of documentaries do not begin to compare with the postage stamps printed. The total 31 million documentaries compares roughly to the one postage denomination of 50 cents, while the 1 cent postage ran to over *two billion* and the 2 cent to *seven and one-half billion.* There were even more 11 cent postage stamps produced (39 million) than all the documentary stamps.

Three million and more of the one cent documentary stamps were overprinted for cigarette tubes. Thirty-four million playing card stamps of the Series of 1924 were produced and also two and a half million of the narcotic stamps of the current series, which isn't so many when divided among the various si and values.

Cordial and Wine stamps of the se of 1914 were delivered to the extent fifty thousand, and of the series of 1 half a million, while but thirteen thous of the "Book Wine stamps" ($20 a up) were reported.

I note that the $10 Consular Fee sta has been replaced with a nine dollar d under what authority I do not know, a that 300,000 of them were delivered, ing more than any other value except $2.50, and that a new series called F eign service Fee Stamps has come i use, consisting of $1, $2, $2½, $5 and and that about thirty million in all these were produced.

Eight million documentary and inter revenue stamps were produced for Philippines and nineteen million exc and 48 million cigarette stamps w made for Porto Rico.

I note some of the cigar and cigare stamps (U. S.) are printed on rot presses.

FROM THE RUBAIYAT OF OMAR T PHILATELIST

(With apologies to Fitzgerald, Le Gallie and old man Khayyam himself.)

By C. E. R.

Wake! For another Sun is rising clear
Above the bleak horizon, cold and drear,
And we can best this festal day enjoy
By fixing up our philatelic gear.

Now, the New Year reviving old desires,
The good collector to his Den retires,
And tries to figure out how he can buy
The stamps that each imperfect set requires.

Alike to those who "Generals" prepare,
And those who chase the pre-can. to its lai
Inexorable Fate speaks solemnly:
"You can't get ev'rything from ev'rywhere!

Some buy the picked Approvals, one by one
Some Packets, from all countries 'neath
Sun,
Some pin their faith to Want-lists, some
Gifts,
And some attempt Collecting with a Gun.

Strange, is it not? That of the millions wh
The Phantom of the World Complete pursu
None have attained to that exalted end;
Except, perchance, a favored one or two.

I sent my Want-lists over Land and Sea,
Off'ring to ev'ryone religiously
Fifty Per Cent on prices Scott has set,
And bye and bye my Lists returned to me.

So have I learned, 'mid bitter woe and pain,
That no one from those Dealers can obtain
All items at one-half the Catalogue;
The Search has taught me that the Search
vain!

I think there never lived so mean a Scamp
As he who stole the twenty cent blue Stam
From off my First-day Cover from Seychell
No punishment is fitting for that Tramp.

And while I view the current Set complete
Symmetrically placed on that white sheet,
News of the issue of the Seventeen
Comes, and I must the tedious work repeat.

And when I fall beneath the subtle Spell
Of that Collection which I love so well,
I often wonder what the Dealers buy
One-half so precious as the Things they sell

MINT BRITISH COLONIAL SPECIALS

FROM THE WOODWARD ACCUMULATION

All in the very finest condition very few have ever been hinged—just as they came from their respective colonies. "Money back if you want applies to any item purchased, which does not meet with your entire approval on receipt. **Terms:—Cash with order. 5% discount on orders over 00 from this list. Order Early for 1st choice—Send your want list of your other wants, with references if unknown to us.**

's No.		Our Price
	AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH	
1913,	2sh brown	1.00
	5sh yellow & gray	2.85
1913-14,	6p lake brown	.85
	BAHAMAS	
1882,	1sh green	.85
	BARBADOS	
1892-96,	6p violet & car.	.80
	8p orange & ultra.	.55
	10p green & car.	.80
	2sh 6p slate & orange	3.00
1897,	2½p ultramarine	.55
	5p olive brown	1.25
	6p violet & car.	2.00
	8p orange & ultra.	1.15
	10p green & car.	2.85
	2sh 6p slate & orange	3.00
1899,	2p slate & orange	.60
1904-05,	2½p ultramarine	.55
	8p orange & ultra.	2.25
1905,	1sh rose & black	1.35
1907,	2½p ultra. & black	.80
1909-10,	6p violet	.85
1912,	2p gray	.85
	2½p ultramarine	.85
	6p violet	1.40
	1sh green	2.10
	BECHUANALAND	
1887,	2sh green	2.00
1892-94,	1sh green	.85
1894,	1p **Error**	4.25
1898,	4p green & brown	1.10
	6p violet, rose	.65
	BERMUDA	
1873,	1sh green	.80
1884-93,	1sh olive bistre	1.10
1904,	4p brown orange	1.10
1906,	2p orange & gray	.60
	2½p blue & brown	.75
1908-10,	½p green	.75
	2½p ultramarine	.65
1910-19,	1sh green	.65
	BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA	
1896,	1p black	.50
	2p green & black	.80
	4p brown & black	1.35
	6p ultra. & black	1.10
	1sh rose & black	2.10
	2sh 6p lilac & bl.	7.25
	3sh yellow & bl.	4.25
	5sh olive & bl.	8.50
1897,	6p green & bl.	.65
	1sh lilac & black	.70
	2sh 6p ultra. & black	3.00
	3sh green & black	9.00
	4sh rose & black	3.00
1901,	4p green & violet	.75
	6p brown & violet	1.15
1903-04,	6p brown & black	1.00
	1sh blue & black	1.30
	2sh 6p gray green	2.85
	4sh violet	4.25
1907,	6p brown & black	4.50
	BRITISH HONDURAS	
1888,	20c on 6p yellow	.65
	50c on 1sh gray	3.00
1891,	12c violet & green	.65
	24c yellow & blue	1.00
1895-98,	5c ultramarine	.65
	10c violet & green	1.60
	25c brown & green	2.25
1899,	10c lilac & green	.50
	25c brown & green	.60
	50c green & carmine	1.30
1902-04,	1c green	.75
	20c violet	1.20
1904-06,	5c black & ultra.	.50
1915,	1c green	.55
	CANADA	
1868,	15c lilac	1.15
1882,	6c red brown	1.10
	10c brown red	2.00
1892,	20c vermilion	1.10
	50c deep blue	1.25
	8c value	1.85
1897,	10c Jubilee	.75
	15c Jubilee	1.00
	20c Jubilee	1.00
	50c Jubilee	1.10
	10c Maple Leaf	.85
1898,	6c Numeral	1.10
	8c Numeral	.85
	10c Numeral	.55
	20c Numeral	1.50
	CAPE OF GOOD HOPE	
1882-83,	3p claret	1.10
1884-87,	6p violet	.65
1891-94,	4p blue	.65
1902,	3p red violet	.70
1902-04,	2½p ultramarine	.75
	1sh bistre	.65
	CYPRUS	
1882-84,	6pi olive gray	1.10
	6pi, Die B	1.65
	12pi brown orange	3.25
	12pi, Die B	4.00
1894,	9pi brown & rose	.70
	18pi slate & brown	1.65
	45pi violet & ultra.	4.25
1896,	4pi green & violet	.65
	6pi gray & green	.65
	12pi brown & black	1.10
1903,	1pi rose & ultra.	1.00
	2pi ultr. & maroon	2.00
	4pi green & violet	2.15
	12pi brown & black	1.65
1904,	4pi green & violet	.55
	6pi brown & green	1.10
	9pi brown & rose	1.10
	FALKLAND ISLANDS	
1878,	1sh bistre brown	1.10
884,	4p olive gray	.65

Scott's No.		Our Price
* 16	1892, 2½p ultramarine	.65
* 17	6p yellow	.75
* 18	9p vermilion	1.30
* 19	1sh bistre brown	.80
* 20	1898, 2sh 6p dark blue	11.00
* 25	1904-05, 2½p ultramarine	.80
* 27	1sh bistre brown	1.25
* 28	3sh gray green	3.00
* 29	5sh dull red	6.00
	FIJI ISLANDS	
* 44	1878-83, 6p bright rose	.55
* 45	1sh yellow brown	.70
* 46	5sh black & brown	1.60
* 62	1903, 2½p violet & ultra.	.70
* 65	5p violet & green	.70
	GAMBIA	
* 17	1886-87, 4p brown	.65
* 18	6p slate green	.70
* 19	1sh violet	.65
* 24	1898, 3p violet & ultra.	1.10
* 25	4p brown & ultra.	1.10
* 26	6p green & rose	1.35
* 27	1sh violet & green	2.75
* 30	1902-05, 2p orange & purple	.65
* 31	2½p ultramarine	1.10
* 32	3p violet & ultra.	.80
* 33	4p brown & ultra.	1.10
* 34	6p green & rose	.75
* 35	1sh violet & green	5.00
* 36	1sh 6p green & red	2.10
* 38	2sh 6p purple & brown	3.00
* 39	3sh red & green	3.00
* 42	1904-06, 2p orange & purple	1.25
* 43	2½p ultramarine	.65
* 44	3p violet & ultra.	1.30
* 45	4p brown & ultra	2.00
* 46	5p gray & black	1.65
* 47	6p green & rose	2.10
* 48	7½p green & red	2.10
* 49	10p bistre & red	2.65
* 50	1sh violet & green	1.25
* 52	2sh black & orange	7.00
* 58	1909, 2p gray	.65
* 59	3p violet, yellow	.55
* 60	4p black & red	.70
* 61	5p orange & violet	1.10
* 62	6p dull violet	1.20
* 63	7½p brown & ultra.	1.10
* 64	10p green & rose	1.20
* 65	1sh green	2.00
* 66	1sh 6p violet & green	2.10
* 67	2sh violet & blue	2.25
* 68	2sh 6p black & red	3.00
* 82	1912, 1sh 6p violet & green	.70
	GIBRALTAR	
* 34	1898, 4p brown & green	1.00
* 35	6p violet & rose	1.25
* 36	1sh bistre & rose	1.60
* 39	1903, 2p green & rose	.70
* 40	2½p violet & black	.55
* 42	6p violet	1.00
* 43	1sh black & rose	1.60
* 45	4sh violet & green	5.25
* 51	1904-08, 2½p violet & black	1.10
* 52	6p violet	.80
* 53	1sh black & rose	1.25
* 54	2sh green & ultra.	5.25
*205	1898, 40c orange brown	.75
*207	1p bistre & blue	.65
*208	2p black & rose	.75
	GOLD COAST	
* 18	1891, 6p orange	.70
* 19	1sh purple	.55
* 20	2sh brown	1.10
* 28	1898, 2½p lilac & ultra.	.65
* 31	1sh green & black	1.60
* 41	1902, 2½p violet & ultra.	1.15
* 42	3p violet & orange	1.10
* 43	6p violet	1.10
* 44	1sh green & black	.80
* 45	2sh green & rose	3.00
* 52	1904-07, 2½p violet & ultra.	1.65
* 53	3p violet & orange	.65
* 54	6p violet	1.25
* 62	1907 13, 1sh green	.80
* 82	1913-16, 5sh green & red	2.95
	GRENADA	
* 43	1895-99, 3p lilac & orange	.75
* 44	6p lilac & green	.85
* 45	8p lilac & black	1.10
* 50	1902, 2p violet & brown	1.00
* 51	2½p violet & ultra.	.70
* 52	3p violet & orange	.55
* 53	6p violet & green	1.10
* 54	1sh green & orange	1.65
* 62	1904-06, 3p violet & orange	.60
* 63	6p violet & green	1.00
* 64	1sh green & orange	1.15
* 65	2sh green & ultra.	3.25
* 71	1906 11, 2½p ultramarine	1.65
* 73	6p violet	2.85
* 74	1sh green	.70
* 77	1908, 1sh green	1.65
* 90	1914, 1sh green	1.10
	JAMAICA	
* 12	1871, 1sh brown	1.40
* 14	1875, 2sh red brown	.85
* 15	5sh violet	5.00
* 23	1885-90, 6p orange	.65
* 28	1897, 1sh brown	.80
* 30	5sh violet	5.00
* 39	1903-04, 5p yellow & black	2.00
* 43	1905-09, 3p green	.65
* 44	4p orange brown	4.00
* 45	5p yellow & black	3.25
* 46	6p orange yellow	2.10
* 47	1sh brown	1.00
* 53	1906 10, 3p violet	.50
* 55	6p dull violet	.60
* 56	1sh green	1.50
* 60	1911, 6p red violet	.55
* 68	1912-19, 1sh green	.50
* 73	1sh green	.65

Scott's No.		Our Price
*305a	1916, 1½p, without period	1.50
*306a	3p, without period	3.00
*307a	1917, ½p, without period	.85
*308a	1½p, without period	1.25
*309a	3p, without period	2.25
	LAGOS	
* 26	1887-91, 2p lilac & blue	.60
* 30	6p red violet	.65
* 31	1sh green & black	.75
* 36	1894, 5p lilac & green	.70
* 37	7½p lilac & rose	.80
* 38	10p lilac & yellow	.70
* 42	1904, 2p violet & ultra.	1.50
* 43	2½p violet & ultra.	.65
* 44	3p violet & brown	1.10
* 55	1904-05, 6p red violet	.70
* 56	1sh green & black	1.60
	LABUAN	
* 83	1898, 12c red & black	.65
* 84	18c bistre & black	.65
	LEEWARD ISLANDS	
* 4	1890, 4p lilac & orange	1.30
* 5	6p lilac & brown	.70
* 6	7p lilac & slate	1.30
	MALTA	
* 13	1885, 1sh violet	1.25
* 14	1886, 5sh rose	3.25
* 15	1899, 4½p black brown	.80
* 16	5p brown red	.80
* 23	1903-04, 2p gray & violet	1.00
* 24	2½p ultra. & violet	1.25
* 26	4p brown & black	1.00
* 27	1sh violet & gray	1.10
* 31	1904-06, 4p brown & black	.80
* 35	4½p black brown	.80
* 36	5p red	1.10
* 37	1sh violet & gray	1.10
* 52	1914-18, 2p gray	.70
* 62	1sh green	.80
	MAURITIUS	
* 58	1878, 2r 50c on 5sh violet	2.10
* 66	1879-80, 50c green	.55
* 67	2r 50c brown violet	3.00
* 70	1882, 25c bistre	1.00
* 89	1893, 15c blue	.55
* 94	1895-97, 18c green & ultra.	.55
* 95	1898, 36c orange & ultra.	.80
*103	1899, 15c green & orange	.80
*110	1902, 50c green	.70
*111	2r 50c brown violet	5.50
	MONTSERRAT	
* 14	1903, 2p brown & black	.70
* 15	2½p ultra. & black	.65
* 16	3p violet & orange	1.10
* 17	6p green & violet	1.25
* 18	1sh violet & green	2.00
* 19	2sh orange & green	3.00
* 20	2sh 6p black & green	3.00
* 25	1904, 2½p ultra. & black	.70
* 26	3p violet & orange	.55
* 27	6p green & violet	.70
* 36	1908-10, 6p red violet	.70
* 37	1sh green	.80
* 38	2sh blue & violet	1.65
* 39	2sh 6p car. & black	2.10
	NATAL	
* 88	1902, 5p orange & black	.55
* 89	6p maroon & green	.55
* 90	1sh blue & rose	.60
*104	1904-08, 4p brown & scarlet	.55
*111	1908-09, 1sh green	1.60
	NEWFOUNDLAND	
* 29	1866, 24c blue	.75
* 48	1887, 5c dark blue	2.10
* 49	10c black	1.25
* 51	1890, 3c slate	.75
* 52	3c gray lilac	.65
* 54	12c puce brown	1.10
* 59	1896, 3c blue	.80
* 60	3c violet brown	.70
* 71	24c Jubilee	.65
* 72	30c Jubilee	.80
* 73	35c Jubilee	1.10
* 74	60c Jubilee	1.10
* 89	1910, 3c brown olive	.70
* 90	4c dull violet	.70
* 91	5c ultramarine	.55
* 98	1911, 6c brown violet	1.15
* 99	8c bistre brown	2.85
*101	10c violet black	3.00
	NEW SOUTH WALES	
* 80	1888, 6p car. rose	1.10
* 82	1sh violet brown	1.15
* 94	1891, 12½p on 1sh red	.55
*100	1897, 2½p deep purple	.55
*100a	2½p, type I	1.10
*101	5sh red violet	2.40
*105	1898, 6p emerald green	1.50
*107	1903, 2sh 6p blue green	1.35
*108	9p brown & ultra.	.55
*115	1905, 8p magenta	.50
*117	10p violet	.50
	NEW ZEALAND	
* 63a	1882, 3p yellow	.55
* 69	1891-95, 5p olive gray	.55
* 77	1898, 5p red brown	.50
* 78	6p gray green	.75
* 79	8p dull blue	.65
* 80	9p lilac	.55
* 81	1sh dull red	.70
* 83	5sh vermillion	2.15
* 91	1899, 5p red brown	.50
* 92	6p deep green	.65
* 92a	6p yellow green	1.35
* 93a	6p carmine	.75
* 94	8p dark blue	.55
* 95	9p red lilac	.50
* 96	1sh red	.65
* 97	2sh blue green	1.10
* 96a	1sh scarlet	.80
* 98	5sh vermilion	2.00
*114a	1902-07, 5p violet brown	.60
*115	6p rose red	.55

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*116	1902-07, 8p blue	.50
*118	1sh orange red	.65
*119	2sh blue green	.80
*120	5sh vermilion	2.10
*122	1906, ½p emerald green	.55
*123	1p vermilion	.40
*124	3p blue & brown	1.15
*125	6p green & rose	2.10
*126	1907-08, 3p orange brown	.30
*127	6p car. rose	.50
*128	1sh orange red	.60
*134	1909, 4p red orange	.60
*710	1900, 1sh Postage Due	.65
	NIGER COAST	
* 46	1894, 2½p pale blue	.55
* 47	5p deep violet	.55
* 48	1sh black	1.10
* 58	1897, 2½p blue	.55
* 59	5p deep violet	.70
* 60	6p yellow brown	.65
* 61	1sh black	.60
* 62	2sh 6p olive bistre	3.00
* 63	10sh deep purple	5.25
	NIGERIA	
* 8	1914, 1sh green	.75
* 15	1sh green	.70
* 16	5sh green & red	2.50
* 17	10sh green & red	5.25
	NYASALAND PROT.	
* 1	1908, 1sh green	1.25
* 4	3p violet, yellow	.70
* 6	6p red violet	.70
	ORANGE RIVER COLONY	
* 9	1878, 4p ultramarine	1.20
* 23	1883, 2p violet	.60
* 24	3p ultramarine	1.10
* 43	1897, 1sh brown	1.10
* 51e	6p on 6p, thick V	1.00
* 52c	1sh on 1sh, thick V	1.15
* 53	5sh on 5sh green	1.00
* 59	1902, 6p on 6p ultramarine	.50
* 60	1sh on 5sh green	.75
	QUEENSLAND	
* 75	1882-85, 2sh 6p vermilion	3.25
* 76	5sh car. rose	3.10
* 80	1886, 2sh 6p vermilion	1.10
* 81	5sh car. rose	1.05
* 97	1890, 2sh red brown	1.35
* 97a	2sh, "LA" joined	2.00
*100	1895, 1sh pale violet	.60
*110	1895, 2½p rose	.65
*122	1897, 2sh turquoise blue	1.10
*125	1903, 9p brown & ultra.	.55
*125a	9p, type II	.60
*126	1906, 5sh rose	5.00
*127	£1 dark green	10.00
*135	1907, 4p bright yellow	.75
*137	6p yellow green	.55
*138	1sh violet	.60
*140	2sh 6p deep orange	2.00
*141	5sh rose	2.10
	RHODESIA	
* 7	1890-91, 1sh gray brown	1.60
* 8	2sh vermilion	1.90
* 9	2sh 6p dull lilac	1.10
* 10	5sh orange yellow	1.00
* 12	£1 dark blue	8.00
* 22	1893-94, 3sh brown & green	3.90
* 23	4sh gray & vermilion	1.25
* 24	1895, 2p green & red	.55
* 25	4p ochre & black	.55
* 30a	1896, 4p ultra. & lilac	.45
* 31a	6p violet & pink	.45
* 33	1sh green & ultra.	.50
* 34	2sh blue & green	.65
* 35	2sh 6p brown & violet	.75
* 36	3sh green & violet	1.00
* 37	4sh red & blue	1.25
* 39	10sh slate & car.	3.25
* 56	1897, 8p green & violet	.50
* 92	1909, 10p on 3sh purple	.55
* 93	1sh olive bistre	.65
* 94	2sh on 5sh orange	1.35
* 95	2sh 6p bluish gray	1.10
* 96	3sh purple	1.20
* 97	5sh orange	2.10
* 98	7sh 6p	3.50
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A cut of the new Exhibition advertising label is shown with the statue of Liberty as the dominant detail.

Mr. Charles J. Phillips reports the celebrated case, just decided in the courts, in London, of a Dutch collector, reputed to be of great wealth, who sought to recover insurance placed on his collection, from Lloyds, for about a quarter-million dollars. He alleged that his collection had been stolen from a Berlin hotel and that it was found later, stripped of its great rarities. Lloyds contested the validity of the claim and showed by experts that some of the stamps said to have been stolen could not exist in the form described by the loser, as, for instance, a strip of four, horizontally of the Mauritius post paid. This stamp was printed in sheets of twelve showing *three* horizontal and four vertical rows. Other philatelic inaccuracies were capitalized and the justice found for Lloyds, to the satisfaction of philatelic London, it seems.

Mr. Edward S. Knapp continues his Confederate researches and delves into the fascinating subject of Confederate States Express Posts; he describes the Cushing Pony Express, whose operation was suggested, probably by the real Pony Express. The labels used by Cushing to the number of four are pictured and they tell eloquently of the troublous times of the war, the text of the last one saying that the post was to be discontinued on the order of the post office department. Mr. Knapp deserves all credit for rescuing data of the kind in order that he may share the results of his application with all collectors.

Mr. Delf Norona contributes notes on the first issue of Ecuador and with the assistance of material available through the Chavez find in Peru and the co-operation of other collectors, he systematizes the study of plate arrangement, dates of issue, varieties, post offices, reprints, etc. The Ecuador imperforates are worth exploiting, as Mr. Norona says.

"Plating the 10c 1847" is continued by Mr. Elliott Perry in the usual intensive way and two plates show twenty-four positions. The stupendous task that Mr. Perry is mastering commands admiration and as a scientifice triumph is entitled to all praise.

A plate of unusual Confederate cancellations is a feature and the beautiful new club house is shown, with building plan, for which a bond issue of $60,000 has been made. A reproduction of the Lindenberg medal, awarded to Charles Lathrop Pack, is given obverse and reverse.

The discovery of the 10c Guam in type II by Mr. Herman Toaspern is announced and particulars as to both types of the 10c and one dollar are promised in the next issue. Mr. Ricketts reviews the works on stamps for the quarter ending April, 1926, and his findings authoritative, as always.

The editorials and the pages dev to club news and reports complete a n ber that about reaches the pinnacl philatelic excellence.

The bound book of 155 pages, Sta as an Investment, by R. D. MacG has just been received and will be viewed in the next issue.

FORUM

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the mule? I do not think this r question is dead yet. Maybe a Fo reader has an unknown mule in stable.

Executive, Justice, Navy and show few odd cancels, tho the Wash ton purple ink livens up the pages. riculture is a bit better; but the of the real oddities falls on War, I rior, Treasury and P. O., in order nar

French town pmks. on 3c Interiors very unusual, and there are three Forts come wholly on the War dep ments, with a couple of minor excepti Those not mentioned in Forum of 26, 1925, are Fort Davis, Texas, in b with a 10 bar grid accompanying; al beautiful blue pmk. from same Fort, obliterator being a 5 point star, point having a small opening in it. Stevenson, Dak., is not now in the P Guide, this is hit in black.

Some town pmks. are unusual. T Creek, and another Creek named lar, with the state under the tow Montana, in a straight line, the etc., coming under all. There is a road cancel, "CH. & MAIL" which I have never seen on Dept. before. Another has "St. L Stat. Mo.", and another reads "Chic Ill. Transit." The towns run from P land, Me., to San Francisco, with s from the South also.

Among the odd obliterations are with figure 3 in center; Liberty H Jack o' Lantern with eyebrows (!); "(in rectangle; flowery numerals; s and bones; "5", and "10"; POD m gram in circle; "MB" for Mystic Bri Ct.; many types of single letters in cles and without frames; dotted cir some with numerals etc., etc.; "(monogram in circle; US in many fo etc., etc.

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WE regret that we are compelled to announce the death of John T. Bottomley, M. D., 165 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. His death occurred some weeks ago and we are made acquainted with the fact by a notice coming from the estate to discontinue the sending of the WEEKLY. Dr. Bottomley was a longtime collector, and we would that we could insert a more extended notice of his philatelic activities.

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THE Keene (N. H.) Philatelic Society has sent in a subscription for the local Public Library. Robert T. Kingsbury, who is president of the Society, informs us that the meeting of April 13th was given over to a tribute to the memory of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States. Mr. Kingsbury traced the appearance of Jefferson's portrait on U. S. stamps and indicated twenty-seven major varieties bearing his picture.

WE have given considerable space to the Pasco-Elko airmail service recently instituted. E. J. Newcomer, Yakima, Wash., A. P. S. 6034, sends us a letter with description of the markings on both east-bound and west-bound mail, but much of it has already been used. We thank Mr. Newcomer for his courtesy.

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(A correspondent of the "Philatelic Magazine" engages in a literary pleasantry that we feel disposed to pass on to our readers. He gives a burlesque report of an imaginary stamp club meeting in order to illustrate the unnecessary details that are frequently found in press reports. We may be pardoned the statement that the correspondents of the British stamp clubs are more guilty of this practise than those in the U. S. The newspaper gladly welcomes interesting reports of club meetings, but they should contain matter that is of general interest.—W. O. W.)

The one hundred and seventy-seventh monthly meeting of the society was held in Room No. 13, Mulligatawny Hall, Kingsway, on Friday, 1st April, 1926, at 7 p. m., when there were present 13 members and two visitors. The somewhat inclement weather doubtless prevented a larger gathering.

Owing to the absence through indisposition of Mr. Joshua Billings, the honorary President of the Society, the chair was taken by Mr. Artemus Ward, one of the honorary vice-presidents. Mr. Ward proposed that the honorary Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Billings, expressing the sympathy of the assembled gathering with him and his dear wife and family in his present attack of measles, and the hope of all for his speedy restoration to health again. This was seconded by Mr. Samuel Slick, the honorary Treasurer of the Society, and, on being put to the meeting, it was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then further proposed the sending of a letter of condolence to Mr. Adam Tots, the honorary Auditor of the Society, on the loss he had sustained by the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gorgon Griffin. This was also seconded by Mr. Slick, and duly carried.

The honorary Secretary then read the Minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved, and duly signed by the Chairman. Mr. Ward then addressed the meeting at some length in a speech illustrated by many amusing anecdotes, after which he introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Bret Harte, and explained how he had first met him and swopped stamps with him over forty years ago, when they were both boys, and related many instances of their early efforts in stamp collecting, at the conclusion of which he called upon Mr. Harte to give to the meeting his display of the stamps of Trichinopoly.

The display was a remarkable one, and complete up to date in all issues, both unused and used, in singles, pairs, strips, blocks, and even whole sheets, together with a fine range of postmarks and a lot of Trichinopolies used abroad. The collection was beautifully arranged on loose-leaf album pages and neatly written up by the well-known expert, Mr. G. Fodden, and several of those present expressed their admiration of the beautiful caligraphy.

Both the display and speaker's explanations were much appreciated by the meeting, and, at its conclusion, it was proposed by Mr. A. MacTavish, the honorary Exchange Packet Superintendent of the Society, that a very hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr. Harte. This was ably seconded by Mr. D. Llewellyn, the honorary Curator of the Society's collection of Forgeries, and on being put to the meeting by the Chairman, it was carried with acclamation.

The honorary Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held on the 1st May, when Mr. Cluny MacPherson of Greenock would give a display of the stamps of Caledonia.

Mr. J. Barrie proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ward for his occupancy of the Chair, and this was seconded by Mr. P. Pan, and carried unanimously. After the Chairman had suitably responded, the proceedings terminated.

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Diving headforemost from a second story window at Geary and Market Streets into the midst of the homebound crowds below in the rush hour late yesterday afternoon, one of two bandit suspects made his escape from three detectives who had him cornered.

His companion, handcuffed, tried the same trick, but was caught by his clothing after he had crashed through a pane of glass, and dragged back into the office of Ross O'Shaughnessy, 16 Geary Street, veteran stamp dealer, where he was arrested.

The spectacular escape of the first man, followed an instant later by the crash and shower of broken glass as his comrade tried to follow him, threw the crowds on Geary street into a furore, and a vast throng milled about the scene for the better part of an hour after the occurrence.

It was at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that O'Shaughnessy, member of an international organization of stamp dealers, reported to the police that two suspicious men had tried to sell him a valuable stamp collection for $2,000.

He at once remembered, he said, that a robbery of a Los Angeles stamp dealer of $2,000 cash and a $7,000 collection had been reported to him through the channels of his organization only a short time ago. Suspicious, he asked the men to leave their names and addresses and to return later.

At 5.30 the men returned. In the hall outside three detectives watched them enter O'Shaughnessy's office. They were Detectives Bernard Riehl, Earl Roney and John Palmer. A moment later they followed the two suspects into the stamp collector's place and flashed their badges.

At once, one of the twain leaped across a counter, onto O'Shaughnessy's desk, and dived cleanly, head first, through the open upper half of the window that opened a story high onto Gearv street, a few feet from Market. Below were crowds of persons, waiting for street cars and hurrying in both directions along the street. Miraculously, the plunging fugitive struck no one, but landed flat on his back on the sidewalk. In an instant, witnesses reported, he picked himself up and ran limping up Geary Street and turned the corner into Grant Avenue.

In the meantime, the detectives had snapped the handcuffs on the man who gave his name as Buckley. As they started out the door in an attempt to catch the one who had leaped, Buckley tore loose from the officer, who held him, wriggled, with his hands caught behind him, across the counter, and sprang right through the double pane of glass that closed the lower half of the window. O'Shaughnessy and a detective grasped his clothing as he slipped through, and hauled him back, bleeding from cuts about the hands, arms and legs. He was rushed by auto to the hospital, where his wounds were treated.

LOOKING ROUND

The new 4d Triangular of the Union of South Africa has excited a good deal of interest. It was put on sale simultaneously at the Union offices in London and in South Africa, but I understand that no sheets were sent out to South Africa, the stamps being issued in packets of sixty already cut up. First supplies at the London office were in sheets, so that for a day or two blocks and pairs were obtainable from London dealers, but after this only the packets of singles could be bought, and before the end of January London supplies of these were also exhausted.

It is doubtful whether this unpractical stamp will be reprinted, and if it is not, blocks and pairs should be good. There will probably be enough singles to go round, though at the time of writing many dealers are reporting them "out of stock."

Another interesting stamp is the Cayman Islands War stamp, 1½d on 2½d, blue, S.G. No. 55. It was never intended to issue stamps with this type of surcharge, but a few sheets were sent out, one of which seems to have reached England among others with the normal surcharge, Type 17, where it was noted, the stamps coming on the market at about £1. After that there was a period when it was never seen, but lately it has been heard of in fair quantities, and cannot be worth anything like the S.G. Catalogue price of £6, which has now been cancelled.

Not many 8s Script Gibraltars have turned up, and as high as ten guineas has been paid for single specimens.

Attention should be paid to the Edwardian and Georgian stamps of Great Britain. Stocks are dwindling, and there is a marked scarcity of all but the normal shades in the Somerset House and Harrison printings of the Edwardians, and also in the early Georgians. In this connection it may be noted that used copies of undoubted Harrison and Somerset House Edwardians are not at all plentiful, and are worth looking for.

British collectors have been paying attention to modern French Colonials recently. Many of these have jumped rapidly in price, of late, and those who like a speculative market will find these issues of interest. Any hardening of the franc would help prices in this group, while there are still bargains to be picked up cheaply in England.

A sale of remainders in Finland will bring the prices of many of the modern items, unused, down very low. Some Russian stamps have also been included in this sale, while others are coming out through Roumania — presumably stocks captured during the war. The Finnish sale affects, among others, the 3 r 50 k, grey and black, on horizontally laid paper (S.G. 100), which will soon be offered very cheaply, while the 1 k to 1 r, 1908-12, are also likely to slump heavily. All the stamps mentioned are unused.

Irish are still in keen demand, and the shortage of several items in the biggest stocks presages further rises in the near future. A well-known specialist-dealer points out that it is hopeless to try to complete Irish at "half-catalogue," many items being, in his opinion, worth considerably over catalogue. — *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Washington Philatelic News

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Mention was made last week of the fact that the 2c Sesquicentennial stamp illustrating "Liberty Bell" would make its appearance on May 10th. I am informed that we are not to have a larger series, but this stamp alone will commemorate one of the greatest events in our history. It is unfortunate that the Philadelphia Committee having the stamps in charge should so delay in taking the matter up with Washington, that sufficient time was allowed to issue one stamp only. The Department is making up for the lack in number by distributing this stamp in large quantities. The first order will call for 300,000,000 and they will be sent to post offices throughout the country without special requisition from postmasters. I believe this to be one of the largest numbers ever ordered of any of our commemorative issues.

I am further informed that the new 7c rotary print, perforated 10, will make its appearance on or about the same time. If it is possible, the 8c and 9c will be placed on sale in Washington, around May 10th, but in the case of the latter two varieties, there may be a delay of a month or more. They will all be available from 1c to 10c inclusive before July 1st, at which time it is expected that the flat plate printings of the lower denominations will be discontinued.

Rev. Joseph Dreyer calls attention to the fact that Mr. Kelly, of Pennsylvania, has presented to the House of Representatives a resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to issue and design a special postage stamp in honor of Commodore Edward Preble, commander of the "Constitution" in the conflict with the Barbary pirates. This resolution was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Willis M. Pott advises that the following Lexington-Concord plates, which were made by the Department, have not been used, so that those endeavoring to collect the plate numbers of this issue will be unable to find these numbers:

1c—16817, 16818, 16819, 16820, 16922, 16923.
2c—16802, 16920, 16956, 17005, 17006, 16921.
5c—16918, 16919.

Postage Stamp Die List

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of U. S. postage stamp dies up to April 16, 1926. It will be recalled that every postage stamp die made by the Bureau is given a number and those which have appeared heretofore have been listed in this column.

Number.	Description	Series
726	2c Frame, Norse Am. Cent'l Comm.,	1925
727	5c " " " " "	"
728	2c Center, " " " " "	"
729	5c " " " " " "	"
730	Frame, Lexington-Concord Comm.,	"
731	1c Lex.-Concord, Vignette, Washington at Cambridge,	"
732	2c Lex.-Concord, Vign., Birth of Liberty,	"
733	5c " " Minute Man,	"
734	1½c " Harding,	"
735	15c Special Delivery,	"
736	25c Special Handling,	"
737	1½c Master Die for envs., Port., Harding,	"
738	1½c " " " " " "	"
739	1½c " " " " " "	"
740	1½c " " " " " "	"
741	15c U. S. Post., Special Delivery,	"
742	½c " " Portrait Hale,	"
743	20c " " Sp.Del.,AutoMailTruck,	"
744	½c " " Postage Due,	"
745	3c " " Postal Card #11, Portrait, McKinley,	"
746	3c " " Postal Card #12, Foreign Message,	"
747	3c " " Postal Card #12, Foreign Reply,	"
748	3c " " Postal Card #12, Foreign Message,	"
749	17c " " Port.,WoodrowWilson,	1926
750	13c " " " Benj. Harrison,	"
751	10c " " Air Mail,	"
752	10c " " "	"
753	10c " " "	"

We wish to thank Messrs. Elliott H. Wilson, William Forster, J. A. Finch, D. B. Baker, J. R. Frampton, W. S. Vidor and Charles E. Harris for notes and information of interest.

Air Mail Notes

Further covers from the first contract air mail flight from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, which took place on April 17th, have come to hand. It is noted that stations on this flight are using not only the large type air mail postmark, which was first used at Detroit, but that they are now using a smaller type similar to the large one in everything but size, as well. Those coming from Los Angeles are in magenta, those from Las Vegas in black and those from Salt Lake City in magenta and violet. In addition I have been shown covers from the air mail field at Salt Lake City showing the field postmark in addition to the postmarks just described.

Rev. T. O. Perrin sends a booklet, which has been distributed in Dallas, describing the air mail service now covering the country and the list gives a minute detailed schedule of the time saved from practically every important city in the country to every other city. Some ingenious soul must have taken weeks to work it out. Mr. Perrin writes there has been some confusion in the minds of many about the terminus of the Chicago-Dallas route. Fort Worth worked hard to have its field accepted and Arlington, which is half way between Dallas and Fort Worth, tried to impress upon the Department the importance of adopting their site. The field that Dallas offered, however, together with the rail-

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XIX Century Rarities

We offer below a few rare XIX Century items, after reading this be sure to turn to page 257, where we offer a big list of these stamps at real investment prices. We recommend a careful study of this offering by all interested and will be pleased to receive want lists on items not listed.

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Peru, Portrait design of La Mar, 15c blue .10
Uruguay Dues, 5c blue, 6c brn., 2 var. .17
Uruguay, 45c green, Rincon Airmail is unknown unused, as the stamp was not sold over the counter, but affixed by the P. O. Authorities to each letter presented 1.50
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2½c ea.: 132, 159, 191.
3c ea.: 16, 78, 79, 113, 130, 137, 147, 148, 157, 160, 176, 186, 196.
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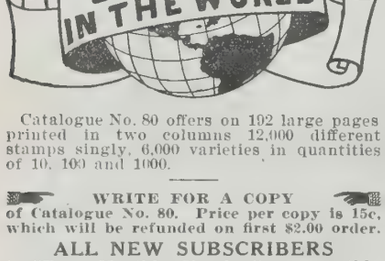

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SOME QUERIES AND SUGGESTIONS

By Robert S. Gordon.

There always has been, and probably always will be, some criticism of the Scott Catalogue after its annual appearance. Which is eminently right and proper. A catalogue cannot be perfect, being the product of humans. Each criticism, if at all warranted, may help its approach toward this end, however. In which connection I'd like to ask for enlightenment on some points which have bothered me for some time.

In such countries as Aguera, French Soudan, Wallis & Futuna, and Somaliland Protectorate, to name but a few, used and unused are for the most part priced as equally valuable. Why? It would be interesting to have some statistics regarding the relative number of French Soudan stamps sold at Paris and the number actually sold over the counter and used at post offices in French Soudan. Having no such statistics at hand, I cannot speak with any authority; but judging by the numbers of unused stamps offered for sale and the scarcity of ads of used stamps, I should say the used were from five to six times as scarce as the unused. And this condition, I maintain, should be reflected by the Standard Catalogue. Continental pricelists are in general more accurate in this respect than the lists of American dealers, but even on the continent the difference in favor of the used stamps doesn't seem to me to be in anything like the actual ratio of their scarcity.

Take, for example, Brunei, a country in which I have always been particularly interested since I learned that there were but thirty white men and women in the country. The average dealer, even one who specializes in British Colonials, has a stock of Brunei consisting of not over twenty or twenty-five unused stamps. As for used ones — "No, we haven't any. Last month, now, we had four in stock. But there's not much call for 'em, anyhow." And you are faced with the problem of getting something that apparently doesn't exist in measurable quantities.

My particular problem has been to get together a collection of Brunei on entires. So far, however, I've spent mighty little money on it, with very little to show for what I have spent. Whether the entire population of Brunei is illiterate or whether people there converse with their friends in other parts of the world by telepathy, I don't know. It seems to me that thirty people should be able to turn out quite a few letters in the course of a year's time. Perhaps they do, but I'd like the names and addresses of the recipients. And yet Gibbons, who lists such things and ought to know, prices the 1d overprinted "Malaya Borneo" at two pence, unused, with no used—genuinely used—copies to be had at any price.

And have you tried recently to obtain any used Cape Juby stamps? Well, don't. Save your time. Whether or not the population of Cape Juby consists entirely of Moorish bandits seems to be a pertinent question. The letter writers of that locality are not prolific, to put it mildly.

Of course, I realize the fact that a great many of these stamps were issued for speculative and money-making purposes, with no regard for legitimate postal needs. But if they are going to be classed as postage stamps, and valued as such, why not give them their real value, based on scarcity and demand?

There is also to be taken into consideration, of course, the fact that if used stamps are priced higher than unused, some people are going to buy the unused, put them on envelopes, and have the envelopes sent to themselves by obliging postmasters. But why not? A prominent dealer of England has been doing just that for a number of years, and no one has questioned his way of doing things. In the long run, the number of stamps so used will be but a very small fraction of the total issued. Many people may take advantage of so increasing the apparent value of their stamps, but catalogue quotations can very well take care of that, when the time comes.

One more point, in regard to British Colonials particularly. Stamps of the Union of South Africa, current issue unused, are priced at approximately forty-five cents per shilling. Well and good. The stamps, incidentally, have been current since 1913. And yet stamps of the current issue of Ascension, for example, are priced at only five cents per shilling more. And they still have to see two years of service. Why such an equal valuation? It seems there is something sadly out of proportion. If there is any place harder to reach than the island of Ascension, I have yet to hear of it. You can't take a Cook's tour to the place. You have to hire a British battleship to reach it, or so arrange matters that you can be conveniently shipwrecked in the vicinity of the island.

Scott's policy of pricing current stamps at approximately twice face value may be a very convenient base to work from, but as an absolute ratio of scarcity, it seems to leave room for improvement. Would it not be feasible to price stamps just issued at considerably more than twice face, and reduce the value each year they were in service until the price was only slightly over face? Thus when a new issue came out unheralded, the prices of the old issue would reflect approximately the true value, and there would be no necessity for "jumping" prices on a recently obsolete issue.

DEATH OF A. H. PIKE

Several of our subscribers have sent us clippings dealing with the death of A. H. Pike, which occurred at Binghamton, N. Y., Tuesday evening, April 20. This news will come as a severe blow to his many friends who had become well acquainted with him through his interest in philatelic literature and particularly in metered mail. We have published a pamphlet written by Mr. Pike dealing with this class of mail.

Some day philately will realize the foundation work that Mr. Pike has laid in the attention and time given to this branch of collecting. He was a member of the A. P. S. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and his father, all of Binghamton. The Managing Editor, who has had a long acquaintanceship with Mr. Pike, bears testimony to his deep and abiding interest in philately and our hobby has lost a staunch advocate and loyal worker.

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Some time ago correspondents were requested to register postmarks between 1870 and 1877 bearing the year date. Only a few have responded, viz.: Messrs. E. A. Young, W. S. Eager, E. F. Bodurtha, A. F. Gamber, W. E. Whitnall, H. P. Atherton, and R. F. Molitor, and the conclusion is either that there is lack of interest, or lack of material. The list is given below, and if new items are reported they will be listed. It does not seem possible that this short list can be anywhere near complete:—

1870

Mystic, Conn.; North Andover Depot, Mass.; North Manchester, Conn.; Taberg; Taunton, Mass., green.

1871

Bell's Mills, Pa.; Oakham, Mass.; Taunton, Mass.; Unionville, Mo.; Wellesley, Mass.; Wilton, Me.; West Hampton, Mass.

1872

Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Tux Chase, Phila.; Grantville, Mass.; Putney, N. Y.; Taunton, Mass.

1873

Auburndale, Mass.; Grantville, Mass.; Lincoln, Vt.; Ludlow, Vt.; Taunton, Mass.

1874

Ashley Falls, Mass.; Milford, N. H., blue; So. Framingham, Mass.; White Hall, Pa.; Taunton, Mass.

1875

Auburndale, Mass.; Bangor, Mich., purple; Bellfort, L. I. (Long Island, N. Y.); Ely, Vt.; New Saybrook, Conn.; Newton Highlands, Mass.; North Grosvenor Dale, Conn.; Taunton, Mass.; Tylerville, Conn.; Washington Depot, Conn.; West Haven, Conn.

1876

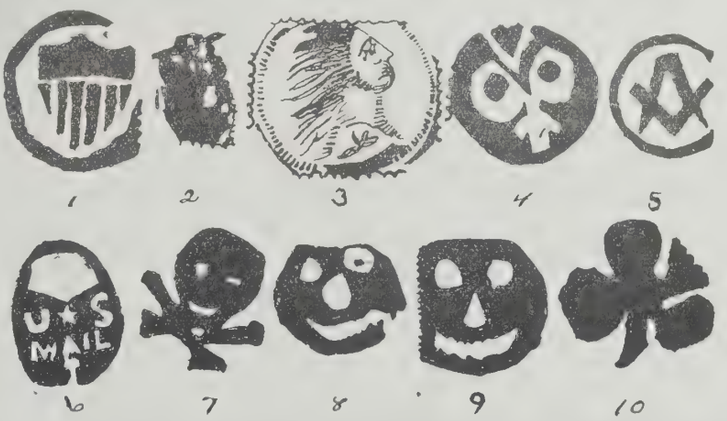
Auburndale, Mass., magenta; Boston, Mass.; Charlestown, Mass, red; Grantville Cor's, Mass.; Hill, N. H.; Jonestown, Miss.; Luana, Clayton Co., Iowa; Maple Plain, Minn., purple; Meridian, N. Y., blue; Mount Lebanon, N. Y.; Oxford, Me.; Woodland, Fla.

1877

Bath, N. Y.; Boston, Mass.; Canton, Ohio; Colchester, Conn.; Frewsburg, N. Y., blue; Hill, N. H.; Ilion, N. Y.; Lancaster, Mass.; Leverett, Mass.; Northhampton, Mass.; Northport, Suffolk Co., N. Y.; Sewanee, Tenn.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Tylerville, Conn.; Westville, Conn.

The color is black in all instances not otherwise noted.

Mr. Samuel Bennett sends an item which is exasperating. A vertical pair of 3c re-engraved which he terms "blind perf." In the space between the stamps on the right side there are four little circular marks made by the perforating machine, though not one of the little disks of paper is gone, and on the left side there are two less distinct marks. Why couldn't the pesky thing have kept off the paper entirely and so have produced a pair imperf. between? In reality that's what it is though the marks are there to show that the work was at least started, and just enough of it done to spoil a new variety, for I suppose we could hardly expect to list a pair half imperf. between and hope that it could reach the dignity of a place in the catalogue.



The cancellations on the 2c red brown of 1883 are so standardized that anything out of the ordinary is seldom seen. Dr. H. A. Robinson has sent some of these which were mentioned not long ago. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, will show you what they are, and numbers 7, 8 and 9 are some others on the same stamp sent by Mr. W. J. Michels, who also sent a skull and cross bones in green. The last must be really rare. And the

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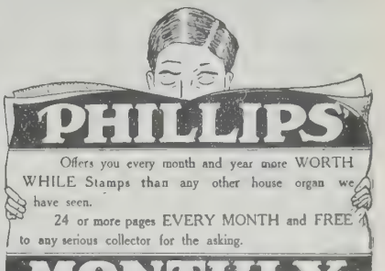

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ON THE CONTRARY

I've just finished reading Mr. MacGuffin's article on "How shall we sell Philately" and I want to vote *No* on his suggestion as strongly as I can, altho I'll try to follow his suggestion and keep "an open and receptive mind." I wish I had time to write a complete statement of the case as I see it, but I can only scribble a hasty outline. There are two main objections to his proposition. The first is—*It isn't so.* I've bought and sold stamps for about 18 years and while I've made good money on certain particular lots, taken as a whole, the amount I've made, counting in the cash value of my present collection and not placing any value on the amount of time I've used, is very little. This is the experience of many personal friends also. If I had put the money I've spent on stamps since 1908 in the savings bank, I'd be very much better off today financially—but I wouldn't have had anything like as much fun. (And I must add that if I hadn't spent it on stamps, most of it would have gone for less desirable things!) I feel sure that the only men who make any appreciable profit from stamps today are those who give a very large proportion of their time to the business of it and to whom collecting is no longer merely a hobby. The average amateur makes a lucky strike now and then, but on the whole the monetary return is insignificant. One of my acquaintances was lured into collecting by this argument of easy money and after two or three years tried to cash in. He lost hundreds of dollars and is pretty sore on stamp collecting still.

The second argument against Mr. MacGuffin's plan is that—*It won't work.* That is to say not nearly so many men of ability and character are swayed by the argument of easy money as he seems to think. Of course we all love to make a good profit and if the amount is big enough, most people respond to the financial argument. But from my experience among my personal friends, I should say that the average man doesn't care about making a little money out of his hobby or recreation. That is the one thing where the monetary return is secondary—it's the fun, the entertainment that he wants from that. So I am inclined to think Mr. MacGuffin's plan, so far as it brought any recruits to stamp-collecting, would be apt to bring those of the least desirable type.

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A NEW stamp publication is at hand. It is called *The Aero Field.* This magazine is published by Francis J. Field, Sutton Coldfield, England. A sample copy will be sent upon request.

THE Philatelic Congress for Great Britain will meet at Liverpool, June 14-18, and an excellent program has been prepared. Business sessions will be held every forenoon and we notice such interesting items upon the program as a visit to Chester, one to the Liverpool post office, a theatre party, a lantern lecture, a banquet and a visit to Port Sunlight Model Village and Art Gallery. This program is as fine a one as we have ever noted in connection with a convention of philatelists.

A CLIPPING from Francis T. Laney states that on Dominion Day Canada will return to 2c postage.

OVER thirty stamp collectors of Albany and vicinity organized the Fort Orange Stamp Club on April 23. The club will meet Tuesday evenings at the Albany Y. M. C. A. Building. Collectors over eighteen years are eligible. The club will probably become a member of the A. P. S. Chester J. Moore, Delmar, N. Y., is president; C. S. Graham, Albany, vice-president; E. A. Bauer, Menands, N. Y., treasurer; Theo. Horton, Jr., Albany, secretary and Eliot Ryder, Troy, director. For information write Mr. Moore.

N. R. HOOVER sends us a clipping from Praeger's *Postal Digest* in which attention is called to the unlawful removal of stamps from mail by postal employes. Postmaster General New says that this practise "will not be tolerated."

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MARCH 21 the "Lark", a small aeroplane, left N. Y. City with pilot, two passengers, and seventy-five letters, for Toronto and Red Lake, Ont. No official sanction for the trip was obtained from Washington, but at Toronto 134 additional letters were given the pilot the Toronto postmaster properly authticated. The 75 letters posted at N York were also given Toronto markin The pilot took flight to Red Lake, tak on letters en route at Sudbury, Lake V milion and Sioux Lookout. The mail back stamped "Red Lake, Ont., April O. W. R. Smith sends us a certified c of a document signed by the pilot, W Maxwell.

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MATCH WRAPPERS

By Christopher West.

V. R. POWELL.

Ic Black.

This design measures 28x57mm, including the single line colored border. A heavy band of color shaped like the shell for a modern rifle or cannon stands point upward with a colorless circle at the point and at each lower corner. Each of these circles contains a five-pointed star in color. The band is inscribed in colorless capitals at the upper left INTERNAL and at the upper right REVENUE, at the lower left TELEGRAPH, at the lower right MATCHES and at the bottom PROPRIETARY. In the center are two men; one standing is holding a lighted match and the other seated is lighting a cigar or pipe. In the triangular space above this charming domestic scene is a large shaded numeral I crossed by ONE CENT in shaded colorless letters, the triangle being filled out with shaded scroll work. The space below the smokers contains the following inscription in three lines of colored letters: Manufactured By—V. R. POWELL,—TROY, N. Y. The triangular area in the upper corners of the stamp outside the "shell" contains shaded scroll work on which is inscribed in color at the left "U" and at the right "S", both letters being placed diagonally.

The whole is a poor conception poorly executed and interesting chiefly for its crudeness. It was produced by the American Phototype Company of New York and occurs on two varieties of paper, one printed in the middle of a sheet of thin yellowish tissue paper measuring about 4 inches by 6. The stamp was properly a match wrapper and probably it was intended for use in this way. Many specimens, however, consist only of the printed design—the remainder of the wrapper having been cut away. It is barely possible that some of these so cut to shape were used as adhesive stamps in that condition. The other variety of paper is medium thick and white and evidence as to whether it was intended for use as a wrapper or as an adhesive stamp is lacking. Perhaps one half dozen specimens are known and all of these are cut close to the design, making it impossible for anyone to know whether they were originally intended for use as a wrapper or not.

The die proof was approved by Commissioner Lewis, May 6, 1865. The wrapper probably went out of use a few months later and the following document may explain why its life was so short.

"Assessor's Office
No. 59 State St. 14th Dist. N. Y.
City & County of Albany
Albany, Augt. 18th, 1865
Hon. William A. Dart,
Dist. Atty for——Dist. of New York.
Potsdam, N. Y.

You will please commence suit against Van R. Powell of Troy, N. Y., manufacturer of matches, in violating sec. 156 of the Act of June 1864, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1865, in not so affixing the stamp on the bunch of matches so as to effectually destroy the same. The sample enclosed indicates that it is a private stamp and is simply wrapped around the bunch of matches without any intention of having the same cancelled. I will send you a bunch of matches, or rather package, if you desire. Mr. Robert Harris is the complainant in the case. The probability is that the stamp is an unauthorized one. I have sent sample to Washington and will know the fact in a few days. See sec. 155.

Very respectfully,
Jno. G. Treadwell,
Assessor 14th Dist. N. Y."

(On reverse)
"*U. S.* v. *Van R. Powell*
Suspended by order of court."

Pinned to this document was a copy of the Powell wrapper, entire, on thin yellowish tissue paper. It was somewhat stained and creased and appeared to have been taken from a package of matches.

Then follows a break in the story.

For perhaps forty years little or nothing is heard of the Powell wrapper. But those who care to search their files of Mekeel's Weekly between 1900 and 1910 will find therein the story of how the Powell wrapper almost came to life again in a most surprising way. The gist of the story is that H. F. Colman, of Washington, learned that a room in Powell's home in Troy was papered with Powell wrappers, and departed hastily for Troy with the gleam in his eye which every stamp hunter knows so well. He arrived at the Powell home and found the story was perfectly true, but all the stamps were absolutely worthless—the room had been papered many times and although the stamps were still there, and probably are there even yet, it would be impossible to get one of them off in condition for any stamp collector to want it.

The writer regrets that he does not know the final termination of the suit against Powell but may be permitted to offer the suggestion that the suit was indefinitely suspended on condition Powell stop using them on his packages of matches; and Powell, being a thrifty soul, used them to paper a room in his home. At the present catalog price for the complete Powell wrapper, that house in Troy would certainly be a valuable residence and for its size, the room with the match-stamp-wrapper-wall-paper is possibly one of the most expensive rooms in all the world.

In 1888 Sterling priced the variety on white tissue paper at $15.00 and on buff tissue paper at $10.00. From 1894 to 1898 the Scott price on the wrapper was $50.00. In 1900-1901 $75.00 was quoted. Since 1902 the uncut wrapper has been priced $150.00 while the cut to shape price was $40.00 in 1902 to 1909, and has been $25.00 since 1910.

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See article on the Powell adhesive stamp.

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EDITORIAL.

Do not forget that the Honorable Ernest R. Ackerman has introduced a bill in Congress, amending paragraph 1671 of Schedule 15, Title II, of the Tariff Act of 1922, placing United States stamps on a parity with foreign stamps, by eliminating the duty imposed on United States stamps reimported into this country. The purpose of this bill is to remove a burdensome restriction that confronts exhibitors from abroad at the New York Exhibition. The bill for which support is solicited is to be referred to as House Bill 9159 and knowing that their cause is righteous, collectors should not hesitate to engage the interest of their senators and congressman in favor of the bill.

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From Mr. John G. Kunz, Miranda, Oriente, Cuba, the following communication has been received: "In the issue of April 5th, you ask for information regarding the lady whose picture appears on the 35c stamp of Salvador. I give you a translation of a letter received by the editor of *Adelante* (the official journal of the Club de Intercambio de Cuba), from the director-general of Posts of Salvador and published in the January, 1926, of *Adelante*. 'Republica de El Salvador, Direcion General de Correos, San Salvador, June 10, 1925. . . . In answer to your letter of May, 1925, in which you ask for information regarding the 'Salvadoreña' beauty appearing on our 35c postage stamp and on the 6c stamped envelope, which have attracted your attention, we have the pleasure to copy a letter from the Minister of the Interior, which we received today: '9038. Referring to your note No. 1618 of June 1st, in regard to the letter received from the *Revista Filatelica Adelante*, asking for information about the young lady whose picture appears on the 35c stamp and 6c envelope, Señorita Tula Serra Morazan, of high esteem in Central America, who also occupied the Presidency of this Republic: because she belongs to a distinguished family of this capitol and because she won the beauty contest held last year by the daily paper, *El Dia*. The picture of the Señorita Serra Morazan is placed between two bearing branches of coffee as a medium of propaganda in foreign countries—these last our principal agricultural product. These are the details which, if you so desire it, you can give to the editors of the mentioned magazine. Very truly yours, R. Schonemberg. (Minister of the Interior).' Hoping that the details given in the enclosed letter satisfy your desires, I remain, Yours truly, J. R. Uriarte, Director General of Posts." As Mr. Kunz says the romance of the stamp suffers by the frank admission that its portraiture is intended to serve a decidedly utilitarian purpose.

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A reader, Mr. Robert Schirmer, sends an interesting budget of news from Paris, France, and we quote his description of the present-day stamp Bourse, as the subject is perennially green, as it were: "An interesting feature of Paris stamp life is the open air Bourse, as you know. This stamp market is held on Thursdays, Sundays and all legal holidays. It lasts from about 2 P. M. until dark and is held at the corner of the Avenue Gabriel and the Avenue Marigny beneath the lovely trees, which are a part of the band of park that extends on both sides of the famous Avenue Champs-Elysées. There are from 100 to 1,000 people there in the course of an afternoon, depending on the weather. Much of the stuff sold is pure junk, but on the other hand there takes place some genuine swapping and selling of valuable things. No American visiting Paris should fail to go there. As for real bargains! If you have time and a knowledge of French, Paris is the place to buy even since the franc has been depreciating. I, myself, in two years' residence here have made a cracker-jack specialized collection of French and English colonials, both of the twentieth century only. When I say that high values, Edwards (5 sh. to 1 pound) retail at from 40 to 75% discount, merely because of the rate of dollar exchange, you will have a fair idea of what can be done if you are on the spot at the right time." Mr. Schirmer encloses in his letter, clippings from the *Figaro*, a newspaper that from any point of view is one of the most important of the French dailies. Twice a week, on Thursdays and Sundays, it publishes the department "La Philatélie" and the paper actually conducts a philatelic service which supplies the newer issues at quoted prices. Display ads are a feature of the page and from time to time dealers insert large ads just as they would in any strictly philatelic paper, thereby bringing collecting prominently to the attention of the several hundreds of thousands readers of the *Figaro*. With Mr. Fred. J. Melville doing superb work in the *Daily Telegraph*, London and the New York *Times* attending intelligently to stamp news in this country, we have a powerful trinity of newspapers that recognizes the news value of philately.

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Some weeks ago, what was referred to as a fugitive item, caught our eye and the remarks made in this column on its suggestions showed that it was dismissed with a lightness that, in view of fuller understanding, must be reconsidered. From the president of the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club, Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Frederick O. Ahlund, we have had the following correction: "Permit me to correct an erroneous impression given Mr. Vogel in the editorial on Page 178. One can readily understand the meaning conveyed by the remarks, 'how much is fact,' 'run over to the White House,' 'autograph before or after looking,' 'reverse english,' etc. The sender of the article evidently used snap judgment and the mere mention of a half million stamps called for inquiry rather than contempt. Mr. Vogel is a member of our club and the collection referred to has been exhibited in various cities and also before this Club. It is one volume of about 14 in. by 18 in. and about 2 in. in thickness. Very few stamps are entire. Each sheet is laid out in design entirely of stamps, that have been cut with scissors and pasted in with a perfection of design and color blending. The center of the page contains photos of scenes, presidents, rulers, etc. Some pages are decidedly beautiful, worked out in garlands and wreaths of flowers in natural colors, made from these stamp pieces and one has to look in vain for imperfection. It is in the making of these pages that the half million stamps were required. When it was in Washington, the President viewed the book and autographed it. Mr. Vogel does not call t book a stamp collection, but a book stamp designs." This explanation sets right and it is fair that the former o servations based on incomplete know edge be renounced and recantation made with a full realization of the i terest of the work that Mr. Vogel h done so competently.

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As a matter of record, the followir notice of the forthcoming commemor tive stamp as received from the post o fice department is given space in entirety:

"Postmaster General New today a nounced the approval of a model for special 2-cent stamp to be issued in co memoration of the Sesquicentennial E position to be held at Philadelphia, Pen sylvania, this year. The subject of t stamp will be the Liberty Bell, and w be first offered for sale on May 10, 192 at the post offices at Philadelphia, Bosto Washington, D. C., and at the Philatel Agency of the Post Office Departmer This special 2-cent stamp will be print in the regular 2-cent red color.

The new stamp is of the size of t special delivery stamp, 1 44/100x81/1 inches. The words "Sesquicentennial E position" appear across the top of t stamp in a straight line. Under the in a flat arch appear the words "Unit States Postage." This arch is support at either end by a curved scroll, growi out of circular panels at either low corner of the stamp with the numeral in each corner. A panel connects the with the words "Two Cents." Restin on the lower panel are four flat orn mental columns supporting in the midd a picture of the Liberty Bell, whi swings from their tops. In either upp corner under the words "Sesquicentenni Exposition appear the dates "1776-1926 All the other lettering on the stamp white faced Roman.

Plans have been made to authorize a issue of 300,000,000 of these stamp which will be sent to all post offices i the country as fast as production wi permit after May 10."

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E are informed by P. I. Drossos that 200,000 sets of the Egyptian exhibi- stamps were issued. A large num- of the 5m stamps are used for in- postage and this value was sold out very short time. The other four es are on sale at the post office, but nore than five sets are sold over the ter at one time. The plates have destroyed. Mr. Drossos also notes piastres King Fuad anniversary is- March 26, showing the king standing in full uniform. The color is deep t. Number issued, 15,000.

G. REICHELT, chairman of trans- portation for the A. P. S. conven- 11,310 Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park, , N. Y., urges upon prospective at- nts the securing of reduced rates to New York convention. If 250 or more ons are presented at the convention validation a return rate of one-half of lation a return rate of one-half of one-way rate will be allowed. Mr. helt suggests that these reduced rates obtainable from any point calling for inimum rate of 67c to New York. n you purchase your ticket going, for a certificate which will be vali- d at the convention. Write Mr. helt for information.

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We have a really remarkable book under notice, in "Stamps as an Investment," by R. D. MacGuffin, a cloth bound volume of 155 pages; and at the outset it is to be said that we have an admiration for the manner in which he has formulated his data and presents his case. Mr. MacGuffin does not timorously skirt along the borders of his subject, but wades right in and speaks unequivocally and with emphasis. He is modern, indeed, in his treatment of the theme and he contends that the progress of philately depends on the quality that resolves itself into the best talking point in a salesman-like presentation to the public. Here he makes his argument that the interest of outsiders is best attracted by the money-making possibilities of stamps. He dismisses the customary list of advantages of collecting as immaterial and colorless in comparison with the dominating note of financial gain through investment in stamps. He offers a strong case as an analyst and in a way, a philosopher who has studied popular reactions. Mr. MacGuffin first wishes to confirm philatelists in their belief in financial accretion through stamp investment and this done, he says that they are in a position to convince others that stamps are a money-making vehicle as well as an artistic pursuit. The writer buckles to his task after showing that compound interest is impractical and does not enter into the calculations. Basing his premises on the stand that each nationality likes its own stamps best and those of its immediate neighbors as next best, Mr. MacGuffin fortifies his position by a consideration of the angles that enter into the equation. He concludes that European stamps afford the best outlook: "European stamps have been in the past, are now, and give promise of being in the future, the best investment because of the conditions of demand, purchasing power and supply." Then, the author deals with the countries of Europe; South and Central America; North America; Asia, Colonials, 19th vs. 20th Century and New Europe, bringing to bear in favor of his words, the great percentages of increase, tabulated by comparative values, past and present.

The summary is particularly interesting and proves the merit of stamps in an investing sense; the comparisons are such as to impress even the close follower of stamps in all their aspects; and it must be said that Mr. MacGuffin extends his confidence to the reader. While he does not go explicitly into the question of marketing the stamps by the investor, he believes that the collector who is acute enough to buy stamps carefully has the necessary selling intelligence when occasion arises.

The book is most interesting as it reflects philately in the advanced way that accords with the prevailing dollar and cents idea, in which Mr. MacGuffin says that we are all concerned. It will be read with respect for the evident thought that entered into its composition and the impression conveyed is that the author is so imbued with the belief that favorable money returns will follow judicious investment in stamps that he is impelled to share his faith with all. Too, he feels that he is promoting a means that may be used to increase general interest in stamp collecting. The volume is one to read and to ponder and Mr. MacGuffin becomes the exponent of a school that must gain converts through a thoughtful examination of his copyrighted book. Price $1.50 postpaid. Publisher: R. D. MacGuffin, Narberth, Pa.

As indicating the growth of interest in the stamps of China, *The Philatelic Bulletin*, a bi-monthly, which is the official journal of the Chinese Philatelic Society, recently organized, is presenting an exhaustive study of the stamps of China, by that earnest student, Mr. M. D. Chow, who is the possessor of one of the greatest collections of Chinese issues known to philately. The illustrations accompanying Mr. Chow's are profuse and of particular value as some of them are colored. While the magazine makes a specialty of China, the contents are given in English as well as Chinese and we hail the publication because of its own solid merits and as an example of Oriental philatelic enterprise and progress, as well.

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United States.

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road connections, decided the Department to select this point as a terminus. On May 8th the air plane, "Miss Dallas," will be christened and General Patrick, Commander of the U. S. Air Service, will be on hand. On May 12th the mail service will be inaugurated and details relative to this flight have already been given in this column.

AZORES.—The 96c red and 2.40E light green, noted under Portugal, have been surcharged in the usual manner for use in this colony. Copies have been received from Whitfield King & Co.

BELGIUM.—*New series.*—We are indebted to M. Victor Gisquière for the following exclusive information. The Belgian Govt. has just installed at Malines some new machines from the U. S. A., so that they can print their own stamps. For the time being the machines are in charge of American workmen. The first stamps to be printed will be the new series, already foretold in the "P.M." of November 14th last. It is still uncertain as to the number of values which will be issued, and no particulars are yet available as to the designs, for which the king gave four sittings, although there will probably be more than one. The first value to be issued will be the 5frs, as the current stamp is sold out.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

CANADA.—*New Air Mail Service and Label.*—An interesting vignette has just appeared for use on the new Rouyn Goldfield air mail service. It is sanctioned by the Post Office Department. The inscription, printed in red on a yellow groundwork, reads: "Jack V. Elliott Air Service. First Red Lake Aerial Mail, 1926." No denomination of value is shown, but the face value is 25c. It is perforated and gummed, and was produced in panes of eight, in two horizontal rows of four.—FRANCIS J. FIELD.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following new items for this country: 15h red, perf. surcharged "30 Doplatit" and also "40 Doplatit", both in blue; 50h dark blue and 50h dull violet have both been overprinted "60 Doplatit" and the 400h purple and the 1000h violet have been surcharged "100 Doplatit". These four are imperforate. Also the 5h, 5h on 2h and 10h special delivery stamps have been surcharged "Noviny."

DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade advises that he has received the following new surcharges: 7 ore on 1 ore orange Official, No. 317; 7 ore on 3 ore grey, Official, No. 319, and 7 ore on 10 ore green, No. 326, same type as the previous surcharged Officials and all with black overprint.

EGYPT.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received a new 50 piastres stamp with the three-quarter portrait of King Fuad I. The stamp is of large size and purple on white paper. These stamps were issued on March 26th last, the birthday of King Fuad.

GERMANY.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. a copy of a new 5pf green airpost stamp. In the centre is shown a large bird with outstretched wings. In each corner is a small rosette while at the top and bottom is the denomination of value and on the left side "Deutsche" and on the right "Luftpost". Our correspondent also adds that the following other values of the same design are on sale: 10pf red, 20pf blue, 50pf orange-brown, 1 mark black and pink, 2 marks black and blue and 3 marks black and olive green.

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to the latest service provisionals. This time the 6a King Edward "On H.M.S." stamp has been overprinted "One Anna" in black. Mr. Roberts further informs us that these were issued to meet the demand for the one anna service stamp pending the new issue of stamps being printed by the Indian Government. It is anticipated that other surplus stock may be used up in this way.

IRISH FREE STATE.—*Delivery Fee Stamps.*—In turning up back issues of the philatelic press I cannot find mention of the Irish Special Delivery Fee Label, writes Mr. W. Ward, which has evidently been missed, although it is undoubtedly a postage stamp as it represents a Delivery Fee collectible on parcels. At first a 6d postage due stamp had to be fixed but that was done away with and the label alone represented 6d. They are now obsolete and appear to be scarce. The design is very similar to many of the British Railway Letter stamps with the description in English and Erse.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—Whitfield King & Co. write that they have received the following Italian Parcel Post Stamps with the overprint "Somalia Italiana": red, 5c brown, 10c blue, 20c black, red, 50c orange, 1 lira mauve, 2 lira green, 3 lira yellow, 4 lira grey; black surcharge, 10 lira grey, 12 lira red brown, 15 lira olive and 20 lira lilac.

JUGOSLAVIA.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* chronicle a 50pa in brown, type similar to the 1924 issue but with the print toward the right.

LUXEMBURG.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5c lilac in the type of Scott's A9 and also the stamp has been surcharged "Official" in the usual manner.

MALTA.—Mr. R. Roberts and the Metropolitan Stamp Co. send for chronicle the new issue of stamps recently placed on sale in this colony. The pence denominations are small format King's head type, of a new design. The perfs are 14½x14. The shilling denominations are of larger size pictorial designs, engraved and perf. 12½. All are printed by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., of London. The colors and values are ½p brown, 4p red, 4½p yellow buff and violet, 1sh black, Malta harbor; 1sh6p green and black, Publius design; 2sh purple and black, Notabile design; 2sh6p red and black, Gozo Boat design; 3sh green and black, Statue design. We have also been shown by the same correspondent the ¼p brown, ½p green, 1p violet, 1½p brown orange, 2p turquoise and bright 2½p ultramarine, 3p black and yellow, 4p blue and yellow, 6p olive and violet, 9p indigo and sepia, 2sh brown and blue, 2sh6p purple and black, 5sh orange and blue and 10sh slate grey and brown on the 1922 issue overprinted "Postage" in serif capitals.

Mr. R. Roberts sends us the latest printings of several denominations of stamps of this colony that are quite different in color than previous printings. They are the ½p deep brown, 1p deep purple, 1½p bright orange, and 2½p bright ultramarine and deep orange, unsurcharged.

MONACO.—M. Victor Gisquière informs us that the stock of a one franc stamp which was to have been issued shortly has been returned to Paris to be surcharged 1.25 fcs.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

RUSSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. write ing under date of April 7th last ad that they have received 1 rouble bro 2r dark purple, 3r dark green, all w the portrait of Lenin and similar in and design to the 5 and 10 roubles sta issued last year.

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By MARQUETTE

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alking of Portugal, the promoters of Trans-Atlantic air flight issue, having d to dispose of the remainders in ugal, are now trying to sell them in il, where the flight terminated. I not think they will have very much ess.

ie current issue of Malta should be pleted early, as the new issue will be before long. Greece and Turkey new issues in preparation, and the ent issue of the latter with its various ings will well repay a little study.

ie early issues of Guatemala down to t 1901 are becoming harder and er to get and should prove a sound stment. The lithographed "quetzal" of 1886 is particularly good.

awaii is another country which is oving, as there is a keen American and. Well-centered copies or fine in the middle issues are worth hav-. There is also a steady enquiry for ti, and now that this once prolific try has mended its ways (it has only d five new stamps since 1920) its erous provisionals will doubtless rise alue. Some of them are far rarer catalogue quotations indicate.

ts of the more modern Ecuador Offi- have been freely offered lately. Ap-ntly remainders of these and a few he postage stamps and postal fiscals come on the market.—*Stanley Gib-Monthly Journal.*

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Sound craftsmanship rather than originality is the distinguishing feature of British work, and among the issues of Great Britain and the Empire the Wembley Exhibition stamps alone show to any considerable extent the influence of a new spirit in design. Despite their rather lukewarm reception by collectors, possibly accounted for by doubts of their genuine need, these stamps have a boldness and effectiveness hitherto sadly lacking in our issues. One has but to compare the current 1½d with its big Wembley brother — what a poor weak thing it looks beside it—to realise the advance made.

Our stamp designers on the whole have displayed a characteristically English preference for slow progress as opposed to fundamental change, and it is in Central Europe that the modern spirit has shown its greatest vitality and has produced its finest work. Boldness of conception and originality of design are its keynotes, and beauty too of its kind. Among the issues of Austria, Fiume, Germany, Holland, Poland, Russia, and Sweden, the working of the new leaven is very noticeable, and their productions may be taken as representative of their class.

Austria has not been too successful in her efforts at modernism. The 1925 issue is perhaps the most novel and striking; but Fiume's stamp artists have consistently produced beautiful and original work, and one can but regret that the taint of speculation hangs round so much of it. Germany struck a new note in its 1921-22 Labour series, which have much to commend them, and the same can be said of Bavaria's final issue, the high mark values with their graceful rhythmic pattern being especially fine. In recent years Holland has been indefatigable in trying out new ideas. Some of its productions are bizarre in the extreme, but it has to its credit one of the finest modern designs yet seen. The Queen's Head type of the Jubilee series is a masterpiece of the new school and compensates for many a "Lion in a Basket." Poland in its early days produced some highly original stamps, of which the mark values of the 1919 issue are probably the best, whilst the Constitution Commemoratives are certainly the most striking; latterly, however, she has been content with more orthodox designs.

From the ruthless manner in which the Soviet authorities scrapped the lumber, or otherwise, of the past one would expect to find the most daring and advanced ideas represented on the postage stamps of the U. S. S. R., but on examination one's expectations are only partially fulfilled. Yet good work there is, and typical of the best are the capitalist-dragon slayer of 1921, the Agricultural Exhibition stamps of 1923, and the Lenin Mausoleum type of 1925.

Sweden since 1920 has whole-heartedly adopted "new-art" ideas for its stamps, and has evolved a distinctive Scandinavian school. If the öre values of the U. P. U. Congress and Anniversary Commemoratives are almost childishly crude, yet who can deny a certain naive charm all their own?

In both North and South America the influence of what one may term the American Bank-note Co. school, with its weakness for unlovely scrollwork, is very noticeable, and few designs of a modern tendency have been produced. What few there are, of which the Sarandi and Olympic "Victory" issue are typical examples, are obviously of European inspiration, and no distinctively modern American designs exist unless one excepts the startlingly novel stamps just issued by Bolivia.

Air-post stamps form a little group of their own, and here designers with no traditions behind them have much good and original work to show. The bold angular drawing of the 1923 Swiss issue makes it among the most distinctive in this field, and in sharpest contrast is the "Winged Woman" type, beautiful alike in conception and execution. Also worthy of mention among others are the "Crane and 'Plane" type of Austria's new issue, the 1921 Danzig stamps and the recent Danish issue—most pleasing these latter. On the other hand, the current "Flugpost" stamps of Germany are disappointingly dull.

The readiness with which the less happy productions of the new school are ridiculed prompts one to ask whether collectors are sufficiently appreciative of the tireless search of Continental stamp designers after new ideas—new motifs. These artists refuse to be hampered by traditional ideas of stamp design and are unwearied in devising new means of expression. Who shall say that our albums have not gained greatly in interest and diversity by these new ventures in design? It is neither fair nor expedient to judge a craftsman by his poorest work, and if we point the finger of scorn at the weird and bizarre efforts of certain nations, they can effectively retort with a reference to the uninspired mediocrity of the current low value Georgians with which we are presumably satisfied.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Michels would like a name for er 9. Who can tell us what it is? nly thing that I can think of that anywhere near it is a pair of great-dads candle snuffers, and that's not near at that because they didn't the little prongs on the sides. No. as used at Warsaw, Ky., and is by Mr. R. L. Hustis.

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In there is a U. S. monogram in , and another U. S. in the same a pointing black hand much like those Mr. Atherton showed you rt time ago. And one with the STAGE, which is no doubt part of GE DUE since the s is not a capital If it were! Well, why dream? ides these there were some others you shall see a little later on.

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By IVAN NEWTON.

Matthew Bennett believed he was hot on the trail of a big "find." Visions of bundles of letters, yellow with age, hidden in musty hair-covered trunks, flashed through his mind as he climbed out of his car in front of the old colonial Calhoun home.

During the past year he had added many choice items to his collection as the result of a combination of opportunity and resourcefulness. Business had kept him in a section of the South that is still graced with homes of the earlier families, and Matthew made it a point to become acquainted with this aristocracy with the idea of gaining, sooner or later, full access to alluring attics. The Calhoun home was one of the oldest in that part of the state. Generation after generation had lived there.

Matthew had met the Calhouns the week before, and he learned at that time that they were all leaving for the seashore on the following day except Gwinnett Calhoun. Experience had taught Matthew that the privilege of ransacking an attic is more easily secured from a man than from a woman. So he had chosen this particular afternoon for his quest.

Gwinnett Calhoun was sixty—or was it eighty? One could not easily tell. Erect. Snow-white hair. Granite-gray mustache and goatee set in a ruddy—almost red, complexion. He was sitting on the veranda in his favorite wicker chair in front of the massive white doorway when Matthew drove up. A little black boy bearing a tray in outstretched arms disappeared around the side veranda. Calhoun arose and with alert step advanced to greet his visitor.

"Mighty glad to see you, Mr. Bennett, but the folks are all away. Take that chair over there. I believe it is cooler out here than in the house."

Matthew seated himself comfortably.

"Do you expect to join Mrs. Calhoun at the seashore this summer?"

"Yes indeed. Just as soon as I can get away. It's lonesome here, but I've been busy with my roses. Sort of a hobby, you know." Then smilingly, "My wife says I think more of my roses than I do of her. Have you a hobby Mr. Bennett?"

What an opportunity for Matthew!

"Yes, Mr. Calhoun, I have a hobby, too. My hobby is collecting postage stamps, especially old stamps such as may be found on old letters in almost any attic. No doubt you have here, somewhere, a lot of forgotten correspondence that—"

"Speaking of old stamps" interrupted Calhoun, "reminds me that we ran across a package of old stamps that had never been used, while cleaning out the attic not long ago, and finding those stamps brought back to my mind an incident in my grandfather's life, and a story that I often heard him relate when I was a young man. Would you like to hear the story, Mr. Bennett?"

"I certainly would," answered Matthew eagerly. "Stories of significant incidents in the lives of the old Southern families have always held a special attraction for me."

Calhoun shifted his position to the other side of the big chair and began—

"It happened while grandfather Calhoun was postmaster at Jonesboro. I don't know exactly when it was, but it must have been long before the war between the States. The post office was a small frame building located about where Tuggle's Shoe Store now stands. One Saturday afternoon grandfather received a supply of postage stamps from Washington. The post was late that day due to heavy rains that made the roads well-nigh impassable. The few letters that came on the mail were quickly handed out to awaiting patrons and the supply of stamps locked up in the small iron safe. Grandfather then closed the office and went to supper, taking with him the post office scissors which needed sharpening—"

"Scissors?" inquired Matthew.

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the tips of his fingers on the arms of his chair.

Calhoun continued, "It seems that there had been a distressing shortage of stamps at the post office for some time. After supper that night grandfather went back to town and made it known in the principal stores, where the news would spread, that on Monday morning stamps could again be secured at the post office. But Jonesboro was still to be without stamps, for, when the post office was opened Monday morning the door of the safe was wide open and the stamps gone. Searching parties were quickly formed and the country scoured for miles around, but no trace of the robbers could be found. . . . This is not boring you is it Mr. Bennett?"

By this time Matthew was hanging on the arms of his chair as for dear life. Relaxing, he settled back naturally once more and urged Calhoun to go ahead.

"Well, as I said before, no trace of the stolen stamps could be found. About a year after the robbery occurred grandfather was forced to give up his appointment as postmaster in order that his entire attention could be given to some new development on the plantation. The years rolled by and the robbery was forgotten, until, strange as it may seem, the stamps were found, but I don't think grandfather ever told anyone outside of the family about finding them."

Here Calhoun paused as if undecided whether to complete the details of his story or bring it to an end, but Matthew's eager face prompted him to continue.

"It was during the latter part of the war when the stamps were found. Grandfather was inspecting a vacant negro cabin in the servants' row back of the house when he noticed an accumulation of left-behind articles on some boards that had been placed across the rafters at one end of the lone room. The stuff had no business there, so he dislodged one end of the boards with his cane and the whole thing came down with a crash. There was an old spinning wheel, a broken chair and a box which fell to pieces on its impact with the floor. It had contained mostly old rags. Grandfather was raking through this rubbish with his cane when he found the stolen stamps. How the package got there is a mystery to this day. It had never been opened although the heavy wrapper had come apart around the edges. He did not take the trouble to return the stamps to the postoffice for the reason that federal postage stamps were not valid for postage in the South at that time. But he kept them and they came to light a few weeks ago when we were cleaning out an old desk that had been stored away in the attic for years. . . . That is all of the story Mr. Bennett. To me, the most interesting part of it is the accidental recovery of the stamps in the old negro cabin so long after they were stolen."

Matthew was dazed. "Here" he thought, "is the greatest find in the annals of philately. A block of four of any stamp that 'had to be cut apart with scissors' was a happy find, but a whole sheet—whew! Possibly a hundred sheets—Good Lord!

"And you found those same stamps?" he asked excitedly, unable to hold his restraint any longer. "What did they look like? Where are the stamps? Let me see them!"

"I will show you," answered Calhoun, taking a black leather pocket-book from an inside pocket and fishing from its contants a folded bit of paper that was brown-spotted with years. "This is a corner torn from one of the sheets of stamps," he explained as he handed it to Matthew.

Matthew unfolded the paper tenderly. It showed the corner stamp and part of three surrounding five-cent 1847's!

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Dr. Chase went to France soon after the outbreak of the war and was one of the few Americans, who became a commissioned officer in the regular French army. He kept this commission until March, 1919, and was given the decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French Government for his war services.

He became interested in stamps at an early age as a general collector in a very modest way. A little later became interested more particularly in U. S. stamps, but did no serious work with them until 1908, at which time he began a specialized collection of the 3c U. S. 1851-57 issue. Within the next few years he increased the scope of his collection to include all of the 1847, 1851 and 1857 issues. Within the past few years he has disposed of all of his stamps excepting the 3c value of the 1851-57 issue. Of these he has a collection probably unique as to size and scope. He has paid particular attention to plating having completed twelve of the thirteen imperforate plates and having made much progress with the 13th. This is one of the greatest (and possibly the greatest) plating problems ever solved and this collection will be shown at the coming Exhibition.

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By G. V. Stewart.

Scarcely a year has elapsed since the advent of the sensational type set postage dues, and now comes an entirely new set of provisionals, viz., the current P. & R. stamps (1922 design) overprinted with the word POSTAGE in small serifed capitals. These were authorised by a Government Notice (No. 99) dated 27th March, and were put into circulation April 1st. The 4d and 5s values were sold out one hour after issue, and during the day other values became exhausted.

If the supplies on hand were completely used up, a number of these Postage overprints will be very scarce stamps, although it must be remembered that a large portion of the issue was taken up by dealers and speculators, and may be kept off the market as a means of inflating prices. The 2½d blue and 3d black on yellow were included among the stamps overprinted, and as these were issued only last February, unoverprinted copies may show a rapid appreciation. The new pictorials were issued as soon as the overprinted stamps were sold out. It is rumoured that a further printing is to be made of the £1 (current type), as this duty will not be included in the new set.

A special series of stamps for revenue purposes only has also been authorized, but to date no further information re. this issue is at hand. There is the possibility that a supply of the P. & R. stamps has been utilized for this purpose, which is not at all improbable, as I have seen at least one value (the 1d, if I remember rightly) of the old K. E. series overprinted with the word Revenue.

BOSTON-NEW YORK AIR MAIL JULY 1

Washington, May 1—The air mail between Boston and New York by the Colonial Airways will open about July 1, according to an informal prediction by Postmaster General New following receipt today of a telegram from officers of that company. Unexpected obstacles have prevented an earlier date start. One was the difficulty in completing arrangements for the handling of the express business. The other is the lack of a satisfactory landing field in New York. To use the terminus of the Government air mail in New Jersey, the Boston planes would have to travel over Manhattan. Efforts are now being made to get a landing place north or east of Manhattan, and it is believed one will be found in the next few weeks.

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OUR EYE:—

Our readers will recall that the Iron City Stamp Co. has been an advertiser with us in recent years. B. J. Dattner, who was connected with that firm, is now advertising with us again and will be found regularly in our columns in the future.

We are indebted to George C. Ladd, editor and business manager of the *Evening Journal*, Vineland, N. J., for a subscription to the Weekly for the Vineland Public Library.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the advertisement of Arthur Barger & Co. We are glad to announce that Mr. Barger is able to be about once more, and evidently he proposes to go right after business again. He was in the hospital for several weeks with an attack of pneumonia.

Willard J. Reed had an interesting article in a recent issue of the Pittsburgh *Press*. It deals with the commemorative issues of the U. S. from the Columbians of 1893, down to the Norse-Americans.

On March 11-12-13, a New Zealand Congress and Philatelic Exhibition was held at Dunedin, N. Z. Wilcox, Smith & Co. advise us that it was a huge success in every way. There were over 7,000 visitors. The committee of arrangements, headed by J. McAra, president of the Dunedin Society, made adequate provisions for this most successful exhibition.

Over forty years in Nassau St., is the record of Burger & Co., the veteran New York City dealer. The advertisement elsewhere in this issue tells the story. The Managing Editor made a rush trip to New York on a recent Saturday, and found the two members of the firm on duty at 90 Nassau St., full of pep and optimism.

Hereafter the Cortlandt Stamp Co. will be located at 337 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. H. C. Meyer is the enterprising proprietor of this firm.

If any of our subscribers know the address of W. H. Scott or the U. S. Stamp & Coin Co., formerly at New Brunswick, N. J., will they please communicate with C. C. Corbett, 730 Clayton St., Lansing, Mich.? According to Mr. Corbett, Scott has been located in Boston since he was in New Brunswick, but communications are now returned marked "Left City. No forwarding address." The Weekly will be glad to publish any information available concerning this party in order to protect the trade.

The P. O. Department advises us that a new 5c commemorative stamp will be issued around June 1 in connection with the unveiling at Washington, D. C., of the memorial erected in honor of John Ericcson, inventor and builder of the "Monitor." We are also informed that the 7, 8 and 9c of the current series will appear from the rotary press, perforated 10x10.

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No.	Design.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	Star in Circle	2c 1863	?	Black	H. P. A.
2.	8 Point Star	3c 1869	?	Crimson	P. H. Rice
3.	Star and Crescent	2c 1863	?	Black	E. Perry
4.	Star in Circle	3c Amer.	?	"	F. Meine
5.	Star in a Star	3c 1861	?	Purple	E. Perry
6.	Ball and Crescent	2c 1883	?	Black	M. C. Howe
7.	Star in Frames	2c 1883	?	Purple	H. P. A.
8.	Star in Circle	3c 1861	Union Mills, Pa.	Black	E. Perry
9.	Star in Circle	3c 1861	?	Red	S. C. Rogers
10.	Star and Crescent	6c Cont'l	Jacksonville, Ill.	Black	E. Perry

This group is composed of stars, with various frames and accompanying satellites. They range from the '61's down to the Columbians. There are a few on the 3c '51's; but they must be rather scarce on '47's as none have come in to date. The '57's have some very pretty ones, some solid, others with letters between the points, and the shape of the star in outline only. As but ten are shown, it hardly gives a start of what we have in the star shapes.

No. 2 is very beautiful, in fact one of the neatest cancels that I ever saw. No. 5 also is neat and cleanly hit. No. 7 is found on many stamps along in the '80's, and no doubt some reader will write in the name of this town, or several towns more likely.

There are many types of the Star and Crescent, No. 3 shows one with a variety, the star having an open center, which is rather unusual. No. 6 is found with a double crescent.

Rev. H. J. Koester has sent in a very beautiful cover bearing a 3c 1851 in the rich mulberry shade in use around 1857. The pmk. is bright blue—the odd part being that inside this pmk. is a double date being very clear, "APR 30," and "MAY 1." Two pmks. of different dates, one being for correction, are nothing very unusual; but when the date alone is changed in the one pmk. it is quite unusual.

Mr. Wm. H. Semsrott sends an Express Mail cancel on a pre-stamp cover with large block above pmk., and apparently this block was affixed to the pmk., as both are in the same red color. Perhaps only one town had a pmk. that showed this big block above the pmk., and the letter has been removed from this cover, so the town must be guessed at, it being some smaller town most likely, on the regular mail route.

A 3c 1857 shows at left a column of printing boxed in by a thin wavy line. The heading reads "NATIONAL TEMPERANCE ENVELOPE", below which we have "What ardent spirits have done in ten years in the U. S." As this is quite an early set of statistics, the date of pmk. being 1859, will quote a bit therefrom:

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This printed cover is undoubtedly another of the Evils of Intemperance campaign covers, the other having the drawing, which occupies the entire face of the cover. Both are on similar color of paper, a brownish shade not unlike Kraft paper of today. They are unusual.

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GRENADA, 1922

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At the 7th Congress of the Universal Postal Union, formally opened on the 1st October, 1920, in the Senate House, at Madrid, Spain, radical changes were approved relating to the interchange of mails between members of the Union. Maximum rates for postage on international mail were fixed, and providing these were not exceeded, each country was permitted to set its own rates. The revised conditions and agreements approved November 30, 1920, were effective as from Jan. 1, 1922.

Britain's penny postage with the Colonies, instituted on Christmas Day, 1898, was abandoned on June 1, 1918, for a 1½d rate. Two years later, on June 1, 1920, this gave way to a rate of 2d for the first ounce, and 1d for subsequent ounces, only to suffer a further change on June 13, 1921, when the rate for "subsequent ounces" was made 1½d. Post cards, inland, Empire and foreign, were then raised to 1½d, and the foreign letter rate from 2½d to 3d for the first ounce, and 1½d for each succeeding ounce. (The 2½d rate was restored May 14, 1923.)

These rates were followed by the most part by Grenada in the Regulations, made by the Governor in Council on November 28, 1921, "to come into force on the 1st day of December, 1921".

"GRENADA.
Post Office Ordinance
(Chapter 29.)

REGULATIONS with respect to rates of postage, advice of delivery of registered articles, and insurance of letters.

Under the authority of Section twenty-one of the Post Office Ordinance, the following regulations are hereby made by the Governor in Council:—

1.—Postage on Correspondence to Foreign Countries.

The postage to be prepaid on correspondence posted in Grenada for places beyond the limits of the Colony, except to the United Kingdom and British Possessions generally, shall be as follows:—

(1) On letters—3d for the first ounce, and 1½d for each succeeding ounce or fraction thereof; Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the United States of America.

(2) On post cards—1½d each.

(3) On printed papers and books—½d for 2 ounces, Literature for the blind, ½d per pound.

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1856, Diligencia, 80c green, 22 unused.
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1859, thin figures. This is an exceedingly fine lot of singles, pairs and strips, used and unused, 197 copies in all.
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Of the scarce 5c ultramarine, there are about 30 copies with all the errors and several unused.
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Made by the Governor in Council twenty-eighth day of November, 1921.

Sgd. G. B. HADDON-SMITH, *Governor.*

The Postal Surtax Ordinance of 1 imposing a 1d war tax on British E pire letters, as from June 1, 1916, repealed, with effect from June 30, 1 by Law 11 of 1919, Postal Surtax peal) Ordinance 1919, passed by Legislative Council June 5, 1919, assented to by H. E. the Governor J 12, 1919. Coincidently, reciprocal pe letter postage was entered into with U. S. A.

The rates on correspondence to British Empire and the U. S. A., w changed by Regulations of the Gover in Council, made December 21, 1921, effective Jan. 1, 1922.

"GRENADA.
Post Office Ordinance
(Chapter 29).

REGULATIONS with respect to rates postage to the British Dominions, and United States of America.

Under the authority of Section twe one of the Post Office Ordinance the lowing regulations are hereby made the Governor in Council:—

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The new rates necessitated a revision of the color scheme, and the first of these changes, the 3d blue (instead of purple on yellow) appeared in January, 1922. The Postage & Revenue series not containing a stamp of 1½d value, this was requisitioned, and printed in red, the color prescribed by the Universal Postal Union, for the stamp denoting the foreign post card rate. The 1d was then changed from red to brown, and gray introduced for the 2½d. These three varieties, i.e., dull brown, 1½d red, and 2½d gray, were issued at St. George's, June 27, 1922.

The new rates on correspondence and parcels making stamps of additional denominations necessary, 5d, 9d and 3s stamps were requisitioned, received in November, and issued December 27, 1922. The stamps were printed from the D. L. R. 1912, Postage & Revenue keyplate, in sheets of 120 stamps, 2 panes of 60, side by side, separated by a narrow gutter with a marginal line (double for the 1½d and single for other values) surrounding each pane. Plate number 3 appears twice in the lower margin only under the 2nd and 5th stamps of the left and right panes, respectively, the upper margin being devoid of plate number marking. Script CA watermarked paper was used for all values, the higher values (5d and above) being chalk surfaced, and the perforation is comb 14. The sheets of 120 were cut into panes of 60 before dispatch to the Colony.

The D. L. R. 1912—Postage & Revenue design consists of a large head of King George V, on a horizontally lined ground, within a pearled oval, surmounted by a Crown. At the sides of the oval is conventional foliate ornamentation, and at the foot on either side, in small horizontal labels, in colorless lettering, is "Postage" and "Revenue". Duty plates add the denomination (in colored numerals and letters in the upper corners), and GRENADA (in colored block caps on a straight colorless label) at the bottom.

The 5d value was very useful, representing as it did the combined letter and registration rate to the British Empire and the U. S. A. The choice of colors (gray violet and olive green) was not very wise, differing from the 6d (violet and red violet) only in the color of the numerals of value in the upper corners and the Colony's name at the foot.

1922.—King George V. (DLR-1912, Postage & Revenue keyplate). Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perf. comb 14. Plate 3.

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1d brown,	June 27, 1922
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Allusions have been made recently in this column to an impending commemorative issue that was receiving no preliminary notice and concerning which no announcements had been made; and now we are in a position to divulge information that we were not allowed to release heretofore. The stamp that will be issued to celebrate the unveiling of the memorial erected in honor of John Ericcson, inventor and builder of the "Monitor" will be of large size and of the denomination of five cents. The dedication of the memorial is set for May 29th. Credit for the decision to issue a stamp in honor of Ericcson must be given to Congressman Carl R. Chindblom, of the tenth Illinois district as his representations impressed the department so favorably that the stamp will soon be available. However, the originator of the idea of a stamp issue in this connection is a collector who is on or working with the committee that has in charge preparations for fitting ceremonies to mark the tribute to Ericcson.

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In the circular distributed by the Philatelic Agency at Washington, dated May 1, 1926, the Philadelphia stamp and the Ericcson issue are described as being in sheets of fifty stamps each. These stamps will not be issued imperforate and this remark applies to the new rotary press, 7, 8 and 9 cent stamps, perforated 10, which are now ready and will be ranged 100 stamps to the sheet, as usual. A special order form is to be used in specifying these five new stamps.

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We are glad that it was only recently that we took a plebiscite on the question of special issues with the result that no decided bias could be determined against them, when they were weighed in the light of their virtues. At the same time, objections were made by substantial philatelic citizens that almost counteracted the arguments of the proponents of the commemorative issue. We shall not be under the necessity of reviving any discussion on the question of the propriety of special issues from the philatelic point of view and we make this remark here in consequence of the receipt of a number of letters voicing different opinions on the subject of commemorative stamps. However such is the moderation of the authorities in the range of denominations of such issues that even the most indignant of protestants does not accuse the department of exploiting collectors in the name of philately.

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It is not too early in the year to speak of the convention of the American Philatelic Society at New York in October, 1926. The International Exhibition and the convention are two great attractions that are offered for the price of one as the ballyhoo man would have it. New York, as the philatelic capital of America, is a lodestar for collectors under ordinary conditions and when several features are added to the regular bill, the attendance should be such as to show the world that in numbers alone, philatelists are a force to be reckoned with. The New York committee on arrangements is working hard to provide diversions of a character in keeping with the general idea of enjoyment and plans are being laid on a broad basis. It would be ironical, indeed, if the attendance at the convention were not such as to meet the expectations of those in charge of preparations. The opportunity presented at New York is one of a philatelic lifetime and we believe that the members of the American Philatelic Society will descend on the city in full philatelic panoply.

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From Mr. Anoir Mariam Khan, Baghdad, Iraq, we have received the following particulars of the new Persian issues: "I am enclosing a block of four of the new Persian stamps. They are surcharged with the lion and words, 'Regne de Pahlavi, 1925' and the Persian date, '25 ATHR 1304' or 5 December, 1925. Although the stamps were surcharged on December 5, 1925, they were not placed on sale until March 1, 1926; and they will continue in use through April 29, 1926. On the 30th of April, 1926, the coronation stamps will be on sale at the post offices only for that day, as on May 1, 1926, a new issue will be out with the portrait of the new Shah. The set of six stamps, revenues, surcharged, 'Post. Persian Govt. Pahlavi,' or Temporary Government in gilt letters was limited to two thousand sets and half of these was distributed as souvenirs to Persian officials. I hope to have all the particulars of the new stamps for your readers soon." The surcharge enclosed by our correspondent was on the 3 ch. of the 1924 set with portrait of Ahmad Shah.

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There are several editorial writers on important daily newspapers in this country who are animated with true philatelic spirit, judging from examples of their work that reach us through the courtesy of correspondents. Mr. Ben Delovage has sent in an editorial that graced the columns of the Portland *Oregonian* of April 28th, "Folk Lore on Stamps" that is about as striking a combination of philosophy and philately as we have ever seen. On a former occasion, we have had reason to congratulate probably this same writer on the good old *Oregonian* for his intelligent grasp on a subject that is somewhat baffling to the minds of the ablest non-philatelic writers; and now, we again make our devoirs to one whose witching pen weaves the spell of philately so completely. Readers will agree that "Folk Lore on Stamps" is the philatelic essay at its best; and elsewhere, room should be made for it.

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According to an Associated Press despatch from London, the British home office is advocating hobbies for children with wayward tendencies on the theory that boys and girls who have a recreation of the kind rarely stray from the paths of rectitude. Here is trained testimony to bear on the rationality of collecting and parents should be impressed by it. Collecting makes a home body of its follower for a good part of the time and men as well as boys are improved, in all probability, by any interest that makes them stick to their own firesides. However, as Mr. MacGuffin has said, collectors should stifle any tendency to recognize an inferiority complex; rather, instead of being apologetic for being a collector, one should expect the outsider to give explanations why he is not one.

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Our friend, M. T. Dome, otherwise R. L. Hustis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been so busy attending to his duties on the Recruiting Committee of the American Philatelic Society that he has been compelled to give our readers the cold shoulder, but we predict that he will soon join our circus again. He says: "I thought that you might like to look at the enclosed block of twelve unused Great Britain, No. 5, two pence blue that turned up a day or two ago in an old desk of a friend of mine. It was brought to the United States in 1848, when his father came from Ireland, near Dublin, and w tucked away with his old letters. Not bad a find, what?" Here is the block big as life, with its original gum, i horizontal rows of six, the first row w corner letters, GA to GF, inclusive a the next row, HA to HF, inclusi This is a pick-up that is worth makin to speak mildly; and a block of the k is a pretty thing, especially in the e of the specialist. The dead loss that w sustained by the one who brought t stamps has materialized into a hands profit for "M.T."

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By Frank L. Applegate, Medford, Ore.

Some auction prices on current high values:—Fine copies of the $30.00 unsurcharged according to auction records have declined from $8.00 in 1922 (B. L. D., Aug.), to $2.00. (Rotnem April, 1926), which is but natural considering the steady use during intervening years. The $60.00 has held up better recorded prices ranging from $7.25 to $9.25 during the past five years. Sales prices for the $100.00 have ranged from $4.30 to $8.50, but have no real late quotations. The $500 started with Wolsieffer in Feb., 1922, at $56.00 and got down to $21.00 at Seebohm's sale in May, '23, and back to $25.00 at Mozian's sale in October of the same year, since which I have no more recent quotations. The highest price brought by the $1,000 as far as my records go is one of $46.50 brought at Drew's sale in March, 1922; and the lowest price I have recorded was at B. L. Voorhees' sale in Jan., 1923, when it brought but $13.75. Perhaps this was due to the season of the year for in Nov., 1924, one brought $22.00 at a sale of Bartels.

If 50% more of the Stock Transfer stamps are used as the unsurcharged documentary as seems to be the case, it we may judge from the Bureau report, then we would expect them to sell for rather less than the documentaries, which supposition is hardly borne out by the records. I have no late dope on sales of the $30.00 and $60.00, but a fine copy of the $50.00 of which evidently there are none unsurcharged brought $29.00 at Wolsieffer's last sale. While the $100.00 has gone as low as $2.60 (V. M., Oct., 1923.) The $500.00 I have no record of less than $28.00 nor of the $1,000.00 less than $21.50.

On the other hand as the Future Delivery provisionals being printed total up to only about six per cent of the documentaries we would expect them to bring much more than the corresponding denominations of the unsurcharged stamps, which assumption does not tally with auction records either. While the $30.00 has gone as low as $8.80 (B. L. D. July, '23), one sold in Wolsieffer's sale this month for $21.00. The $50.00 evidently the commonest one in the set has ranged more than once lower than seven dollars while the $60.00 has ranged from $10.25 to $24.00. The $500 started with Drew's Aug., '22, sale at $131.00 and at Wolsieffer's last sale a fine copy brought but $18.00, and a copy of the $1,000.00 only fifty cents more. This is about the average price for the latter value, but $28.00 was the lowest previous price I had recorded on the $500.00. The prices quoted above are all on stamps described as uncut.

Other Denominations of Revenue Stamps Used in the United States.—In my notes of April 19, I accounted for 90 different denominations of U. S. Revenue stamps. I will now consider other denominations, those of the State revenue stamps. State revenue stamps as I have previously noted are of three general classes: Documentary, Excise and Inspection. Taking as a basis for the State Documentaries those of California, the state most conspicuous in this connection, and which was the pioneer in this field, we find forty-four values as follows:—3¾, 4, 5, 7½, 8, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80c, $1.00, 1.25, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 28, 30, 38, 40, 45, 56, 90, 100, 175, 200, and 400.

Nevada was the first state to add anything to this list which she did in 1865, when she issued a 2c stamp with others making 45. Although as stated before eleven states have issued documentary stamps it was not until 1911 that another addition was made to this list, when New York issued her set of 14 denominations of "Secured Debt" stamps adding six new ones, the 1c, the 75c, the $3.75, the $7.50, the $25.00 and the $50.00, thus making fifty-one denominations of documentary state revenues, thirteen of which are not included in our list of 90 denominations of U. S. revenue stamps These are:—$1.40, 3.75, 7, 8, 14, 19, 28, 38, 45, 56, 90, 175, 400.

Now the Excise tax list is even more complicated, and is full of surprising new fractionals. Outside of an excise stamp tax placed on liquors in New York state in 1903 (10c) and a similar tax requiring a 50c and $1 stamp in 1920, the Excise stamp tax is a new departure in state taxation for all the rest have been issued during the past five years. Iowa gave us the first cigarette tax in 1921 calling for but five low denominations, which are all duplicated in value by the set of "Business License" stamps issued May 1, 1923, by South Carolina. This set ran to 30 values as follows:—21/64c, 24/64c, 27/64c, 30/64c, ½c, 36/64c, 39/64c, 42/64c, 48/64c, 54/64c, 60/64c, 1c, 1¼c, 1½c, 1 7/32c, 1¾c, 2c, 2¾c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c to which since has been added a 40c making thirty-one, or with the 50c and $1 New York liquor thirty-three. No other state made any addition to this list until Aug. 1, 1924, when Arkansas gave us in her set of cigarette and cigar stamps a 4⅓c, an 18¾c and a 37½c making 36. Last year Tennessee put out her complicated set of tobacco stamps giving us the new values 2/10c, 6/10c, 8/10c, 1 7/10c, 2 2/10c, and 2 5/10c and North Dakota the further unique denominations of 1⅜c, 1⅝c, and 2¼c, making a total of forty-five denominations of Excise stamps, thirty-one being new to our state revenue list, making 82, and 22, the 2/10, 21/64, 27/64, 30/64, 36/64, 6/10, 39/64, 42/64, 8/10, 54/64, 60/64, 1⅛, 1⅓, 1 7/32, 1⅜, 1 7/10, 1⅝, 2 2/10, 2¼, 2⅜, and 4⅓ being new to our U. S. list, making 125. In my next paper I will consider the State Inspection stamps which add even more odd denominations.

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United States

Ericcson Memorial Stamp

In a circular sent out by the Department under date of May 1st, announcement is made of the fact that they contemplate issuing a 5c postage stamp in honor of John Ericcson, the inventor and builder of the famous "Monitor" of Civil War fame. This stamp will be the size of the current Special Delivery variety, but will be in an upright position, that is, with the longer dimension vertically. It is to be printed in blue—possibly the shade of the 14c rather than the 5c and while the die proof has not as yet been approved, sketches have been considered and it is announced that the stamp will make its appearance on May 29th. It will be first placed on sale in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Washington, as well as at the Philatelic Agency, where stamp collectors will be supplied. No doubt supplies will be sent to the other larger offices, especially to the districts strongly populated with those of Swedish descent.

A statue of Ericcson is to be unveiled in Washington on May 29th, at a location near the Lincoln Memorial. This statue showing Ericcson seated, with female figures in the background, is used as the subject of the stamp. The statue is the work of the famous sculptor, J. E. Fraser, who is the artist responsible for the famous "End of the Trail", as well as "Alexander Hamilton", first Secretary of the Treasury, now reposing in front of the Treasury Department.

The stamp will be surrounded by a white border with the American shield in the upper left corner and the shield of Sweden in the upper right. These shields are connected by a panel in which we find in white Gothic letters, "U. S. Postage." The statue reposes on a base upon which Ericcson's name appears, as well as the dates of his birth and death, 1803-1889. The value of the stamp appears at the bottom.

Fifteen million of these stamps have been ordered from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The variety will be printed in sheets of two hundred, which in turn will be perforated and cut into post office panes of fifty stamps each. As is the case with the other emissions of the current series, the stamp will be perforated 11 and printed upon unwatermarked paper.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Caskey Settle kindly sends a clipping relative to delivery of rural mail in Memphis via airplane. While the clipping is not dated, I assume that it was early in April that mail was delivered on route No. 2 by Wayne Wagner. Recent snows had so blocked the roads that rural carriers were unable to traverse all of their routes. With the permission of H. H. Jones, postmaster, Mr. Wagner secured the service of L. R. Briggs and his airplane and delivered his mail in this manner.

The mail was tied in packages, three or four families being taken care of by each package, and these were dropped near the residence of someone who lived convenient to all. As the patrons were notified in advance by telephone, they were out awaiting the arrival of the plane. Only papers and letters were taken and no parcel post was delivered in this manner due to the possibility of damage.

Mr. Ben Delovage sends clippings from the Portland, Ore., papers relative to the city leasing certain ground for airplane landings. They are exceedingly anxious for this city to be a stopping point on the Seattle-Los Angeles route, and they seem to be much agitated as to whether the city will be selected or not.

The subject is of such interest that it is given a first page position with the heading across the full top of the page.

In the Postal Bulletin for May 1st, the Department outlines all of the air mail services now in effect and gives the proposed schedule of those that they hope to put into effect in short order. The same bulletin illustrates a map of the country showing the territory covered by the different routes.

Sesquicentennial Stamp

The Philatelic Agency announces that they contemplate holding up orders for the 2c Sesquicentennial stamp until such a time as the Ericcson variety is available, in order to prevent duplication of work. Patrons are requested to order the new stamps about to appear, separately, rather than in combination with other varieties.

We wish to thank Messrs. Ronald Tiedemann, S. Hyman and Charles Metz for information of interest.

ALBANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have submitted for note four values of a new Postage Due set. At the top is "Republika" and at the bottom "Shqiptare" with the figures of value in the centre within a circle. The background is the usual double eagle. Beneath the figures of value is "Qind. Ar" in red. The colors and values are 10q blue, 20q green, 30q red brown and 50q brown.

BULGARIA.—Regarding the 50s reported last week the Metropolitan Stamp Co. adds that the central picture is that of the St. Nedelia Cathedral, which was stroyed by the communists on Apri 1925. Under the ruins of this cathe were dug up about 200 victims, women and children.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The Econo Stamp Co. have sent a copy of th green, provisional stamp, same desig we noted for the 4c in our issue No.

DENMARK.—We have received Mr. A. E. Pade, Whitfield King & and the Economist Stamp Co. copie the 8ö grey, No. 150, with the figure surcharged in blue over the former fi of value. Mr. Pade also adds that 5ö Official, No. 321, has been surcha for use as 7ö and also the 20ö Official, 324, has been overprinted with the value. There is still a rumor that possibly may be a 20ö on 25ö, No. The numbers of the 7 on 5ö are a 60,000 while the 7 on 20ö are 110,00

LIECHTENSTEIN.—Whitfield King & report a 20rp in brown red type of Sc A28.

MALTA.—Regarding the proposa overprint the current stamps "Gozo" G. V. Stewart writes that he is infor that this has been abandoned. The manent new set will be issued as as the present overprinted stamps finished.

MONACO.—Mr. Newell Tune inform that the new 85c is expected very sh and that the 30c light blue postage stamp has been issued.

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WITZERLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. shown us two new values in the ent postage due series. They are 15c and 40c, colors same as before.

OUTH WEST AFRICA. — Mr. Roberts shown us some new types in the Post-Due stamps of this country. The 2p on unwatermarked paper and the ith West" measures 16½mm in th and 9½mm between "South West" "Africa". The 3p is now appearing the watermarked Union of South ca. The 5p on the Transvaal stamp the "South West" 16mm in length 12mm between the two lines of harge.

RUGUAY.—Another value of Air Post ps has been issued, the 25c mauve, design and size as the set of three d a few weeks since. Whitfield & Co. send a copy for chronicle.

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THE color of the 4c China postage stamp has been changed from gray to bronze green. The new stamp will not be put on sale until the stock of the gray has been exhausted.

OWING to a sudden illness in the family of G. F. Rapkin, Mr. Rapkin was unable to make his advertised business trip to the United States. His son, G. Cameron Rapkin, took his place a week later, but was unable to include Chicago and the western cities in his itinerary.

THE annual convention of the United Stamp Societies will be held at Hackensack, N. J., on Monday, May 31. The Waldorf will be the hotel headquarters, and the convention will be called to order at 10.30 A. M., at the State Street School. We are indebted to Elmer L. Clark for convention program and anyone at all interested should address Mr. Clark at Lynn, Mass. Information as to train service, New York hotels, etc., will be furnished by Dr. H. E. Crocker, 356 Park St., Hackensack, N. J., chairman of the convention committee.

IT is impossible for us to chronicle all the varieties of cancellations that may be found upon air mail covers. The Elko-Pasco flight was particularly productive of cancellations. We thank the several readers who have sent us additional particulars, which we are unable to chronicle for lack of space.

"I BEG to advise you of the death of Johnson G. Bingham, which occurred at his home near McGraw, N. Y., April 28, 1926. Mr. Bingham's age was 80 years. He was prominent as a collector and dealer in postage stamps a generation, or it might be more nearly accurate to say two generations, ago. He was also interested in coins and old newspapers."—WALTER S. BULL.

PITTSBURGH has a very active stamp club with Justus M. Stahn as a leading booster. On June 1 the club will have a banquet at the Hotel Henry with added entertainment attractions. We thank Willard J. Reed for this information.

W. A. SEAGER of the Nanking Philatelic Society calls our attention to a change being made in the paper and gum of Chinese stamps. The newer issue is printed on heavy paper, the gum is white, and the shade in the 1c of which samples are submitted is slightly darker. The 4c and 50c have also appeared on the new paper, and as the color of the 4c is about to be changed, copies of that value on the new paper should prove of value.

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We think enough of the book to reprint an article which bears the caption that we have given this review:—

"The approach of summer seems to be the signal for a certain number of near-sighted stamp dealers to cancel their advertising, cease buying and crawl indolently within their shells, with an exawait the return of the fall and winter seasons. New business is not sought, nor old trade properly taken care of. Collectors who have the misfortune to patronize this type of dealer are effectually discouraged from pursuing the hobby during the warm months because of lack of attention of the dealer and his inability (because of curtailed buying) to submit fresh stock on approval.

In direct contrast to the practice of this well meaning, though misguided, element pression of resigned melancholia, to of the trade, we are issuing—right in the face of the summer season—the largest and most expensive *Journal* in our history. Furthermore, large stocks of desirable stamps, when available, are being promptly bought up, while many hundreds of dollars have been appropriated for an aggressive summer advertising campaign in the various philatelic publications.

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Stamp collecting is a hobby and a recreation. Now, the fall and winter are seasons of great activity in the commercial world; it is most decidedly not a period of much recreation for the average man, whose attention is invariably taken up with business matters to such an extent that he has very little time left for indulgence in philatelic pleasures.

With the coming of the warm months, general business begins to slow up. Summer, for the tired business man, is distinctly the season for relaxation and pleasure. The purest form of recreation to the true collector, young or old, is the time he spends with his stamps. And having this leisure at his disposal, he most assuredly will—if properly encouraged and treated by his favorite dealer—devote a goodly part of it to philatelic pursuits. This applies not only to the older collector, but also to the irrepressible junior, who is out of school for three whole months, with plenty of time on his hands and an extra amount of spending money in his pockets.

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5sh, **New Value** 1.60
10sh, **New Value** 3.20
GRENADA 2d gray, **New Color** ..... .06
3d on yellow, **New Color** ..... .08
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KEDAH EASY TO COMPLETE

By R. F. HEALY.

To complete a country has always been the wish of most collectors. The ultra-scientific philatelist will insist that the postal issues of a country, with their almost endless list of varieties and shades, are never complete, but here we are referring to the collector who is satisfied with the standard types to tell the postal story of the land of his choice.

There was a time when the solitary example of Poland's brief career as a stamp issuing State and the quaint label of Wadhwan were recommended to the enthusiast who was eager to show a country "complete," but the Polish stamp of 1860 was not to be had for the mere asking, and the other lonely emission was but a local and its acquisition carried but little weight. The collector of today has a wider field to choose from, and there are quite a number of foreign countries and British Colonies which it is comparatively easy to complete.

Countries which come under this heading might be described as small countries, and the ideal small country is the one which lends itself to expansion. A good example of a British Colony is Kedah, and the issues of this independent Malay State have the additional advantage of being amongst the most picturesque stamps in use. Since entering the field as a stamp issuing State in 1912, Kedah has issued three permanent series of stamps and a provisional emission of two values, and to complete these is not by any means a great undertaking. Should the collector desire to expand the collection, this can be done without troubling about any of those minor varieties which are none too popular with the average collector.

Although a stamp issuing country for only 14 years, the postal story of Kedah goes back for a considerable period prior to the appearance of the first issue, and there is much of interest about this portion of Malaya generally of which the collector has heard but little.

Kedah, Keddah, or Quedah—Muang-Sai in Siamese—made its bow to the philatelic world in 1909, the State having been transferred to the British Crown on July 15th of that year, and from which date the stamps of the Federated Malay States were placed in circulation. As a tributary State of the Kingdom of Siam, the stamps of that country had been used in Kedah, and these may be identified by the cancellations. This is briefly the postal story of Kedah prior to the introduction of the permanent series in 1912.

It is interesting to recall that Kedah was the first Malay State to have associations with Great Britain. This was through the medium of an East Indian firm of merchants, and at a time when the East India Company was looking for a new settlement in the Peninsula. The Company might have had the State in 1771, when Danish and Dutch influence was gaining ground, but again nothing was done, and the opportunity slipped by. The island of Pulo Penang was leased to the H. E. I. Co. in 1786, and this was apparently their choice of a trading post in these regions.

The country itself lies on the West Coast of the Malay Peninsula, separated from Perak by the Krian River, and includes the island of Langkawi and others of minor importance, the largest being Pulau Tuba. The island of Terutan, just north of Langkawi, was once a part of Kedah, but was ceded to Siam in 1909. The mainland is 105 miles long and 65 miles in breadth, the total area being some 3,648 square miles. North Kedah is divided into five districts—Kota Star, the Langkawi Islands, Kubang Pasu, Padang Trap and Yen. The four districts comprising South Kedah are Kula Muda, Baling, Kulim, and Bandar Bahru. Alor Star, the capital, is situated seven miles up the Kedah River, and has a population of 1,200—Malays, Chinese, Siamese and Indians.

Perlis is really a separate State, under an independent Raj., the present ruler being the great grandson of Said Husin, the first Raj. Kangar is the capital, and although the State still remains much apart from Kedah proper there has no definite intention on the part of powers that be to effect a complete s ration. Perlis was included in the Tr of 1909, but from time to time there rumours that there is to be a dis issue of stamps for this State.

The Siamese first occupied Kedal 1821, and divided it into four pa Setul, Kubang Pasu, Perlis and Ke Prior to this Kedah had never been erned by Siam, the State being somet tributary, sometimes not. The East dia Company offered no opposition t laying waste and subsequent occup of the country in 1821, and by 1826 Siamese were a power in the Penin Twelve years later, under the leade of the ex-Raj of Kedah, the State wrested from Siam, an enterprise w the H.E.I.Co. chose to describe a piratical expedition. There may been some pirates amongst the ex-R followers, but it would appear to be wrong to describe the affair as a p raid. The ex-Raj returned again in and assumed the rule of the fourth pa Kedah. An expensive court at Alor brought affairs to a crisis in 1904, a large loan was granted by Siam. really meant that Kedah was a Stat pawn, the pledge being redeemed Great Britain on 10th March, 1909 H. 1328 in the Muhammadan Calend

This very brief account of Kedah fore the name became included in Catalogue may prove of assistance w arranging the stamps of this little S It will readily be seen that although issues are not by any means numer a collection of the stamps of Kedah be easily expanded to include the sta of Siam and the Federated Malay S which were in daily use before the r lar issue made its appearance. For reason Kedah is an ideal country for collector to experiment with, and c into actual practice the principles of structive philately.—*The World's Philatelist.*

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(*Continued from page 263*)

Dr. R. W. Payne has shown me a 3c reddish brown normal shade of the 3c 1861 adhesive with a vertical line extending smack down thru the center or nearly the center, of the stamp. This has the appearance of a cracked plate. I have hunted thru many thousands of this stamp for plate varieties, the best that turned up being a few minor shifts, for that "THREB" affair is not much to rave over. Now here is a real bona-fide variety, that is, if someone can produce its duplicate. It looks as tho there should be others.

On a red Liberty Post Card is a very neatly cut Shield from Girard, Kansas. It is of a generous size, and attached to the pmk. apparently. The top of this shield is solid, while the bottom is outlined, with six vertical bars inside the frame.

A very fine Patriotic cover has just arrived, the device being that barefoot young lady with the sheaf of wheat in her right arm, left extended northeast, and balancing on left foot on a globe, her patriotic dress being blue with stars, and red bands. It is a beautiful cover, and is sent from "San Francisco Cal Jul 13, 1861" to Boston, the stamp being a fine 10c '57 Type II. The colors of the dress, and the green (instead of dull red) of the stamp, are decidedly pretty as a combination, on a pure white envelope.

Another Patriotic shows a colored man applying the brush to one of a pair of high boots,—turning slightly from the mahogany bureau on which he has the boot (!), he says "By golly Massa Butler, I like dis better dan workin' in de field for old Sesesh massa." Have never seen that one before. It's a dandy drawing; but the bureau is out of luck, for I don't think they wore O'Sullivans in those days.

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Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, writes from Auckland, New Zealand, to say that he is enjoying his stay in that colony to the utmost.

Major Henry of Philadelphia was billed to show his British West Indies, twentieth century, at the Collectors Club, New York, on May 5th; and at the final meeting and exhibition in the old home, Congressman Ackerman will have a section of his early Great Britain on original covers, as well as examples of British used abroad.

Mr. Joseph Vavra, the dahlia grower of Huntington Beach, California, has sent an envelope from Sassenheim, Holland, and says of the cancellation on the stamps: "You will note that our familiar slogan, 'Say It With Flowers' has been adopted by our Dutch friends in a rather effective advertising campaign."

We are pleased to learn from the latest number of the *Stamp Hunter* that our fellow invalid, Mr. W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, is out of the woods, after a seven weeks' siege.

Recently, Mr. Henry Lacks, secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society, was a welcome visitor to Chicago in the wake of Mr. Diamant.

James Mantzoros is a young Chicagoan who is untiring in his efforts to encourage the interest of the juniors in stamp collecting, and he is succeeding in obtaining no little publicity for his cause in the various newspapers that have pages for the younger folks. Mr. Mantzoros is trying to secure a meeting-place in the down-town district for meetings on Sunday afternoons, in order that a central point may meet the convenience of young collectors from the different sections of the city.

Mr. H. R. Jansen, Topeka, Kansas, sends a two cent of 1890 on the envelope, with a perforation that is not like that of any of its mates, as he says. It appears to be a cross between a roulette and a perforation.

The Fox News Reel recently showed an interesting picture of the Paris Stamp Bourse in action.

A beautiful lot of rarities is pictured in a section of the pretentious auction catalogue of a sale to be held by N. V. Hekker's Postzegelhandel, Amsterdam, Holland, on June 1 and 2, 1926. This sale will be an event of importance and included in it are some U. S. that catch the eye.

On May 10, 1926, the postmaster general announced that bids would be opened for furnishing approximately 200,000,000 envelopes for the use of the departments and establishments of the government. On April 23rd, bids were opened for supplying 140,000,000 envelopes for the use of the postal service alone.

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Precancel collecting has been reduced to a system of specialization, a fact which is not startling when we consider the multitudinous varieties, which confront the beginner. It is most interesting to consider those special lines, which have appealed to various individuals. The dealer is able to view the hobby in all its various aspects, by his attention to the wants and desires of his clientele, far better than the mere collector even though the latter has a wide correspondence. The striking points, as noticed by the dealer, should be a matter for consideration by the precancel fraternity as they indicate accurately the tendencies toward which the hobby is moving. A review of this character will serve to post the collector on the best lines for pleasure and profit. There has been too much darkness surrounding the true facts, and I personally feel the collector entitled to every consideration.

General Collecting

The past two years has seen the passing of this form. The utter impossibility of keeping up with the new issues led Dr. Mitchell to break up his wonderful collection, which embraced the important precancel collections formed during the early days of the hobby, e.g., the collections of F. L. Smith, C. F. Eagle, S. M. Schoemann, J. B. Solomon, Chester Myers, and others. First the hand-stamped precancels were sold, and soon the balance will be dispersed, including the Parcel Posts, which are practically complete. The W. H. Field collection is now first in importance as a general accumulation, but maintaining it has proven too difficult a task for its owner, who is at present specializing along certain lines. We have other large general collections and their owners are constantly adding to them, but not as zealously as before. One prominent collector sold all, but his regular issues from 1917 to date, and centers his attention upon these alone. This I deem a very sensible procedure.

1898 and 1902 Series

There continues to be a brisk demand for these stamps, which are the "classics". The dated issues will always be popular and sell without difficulty. There are plenty of some stamps from such cities as Danbury, Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Boston, Lynn, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Philadelphia and Milwaukee on the market at low prices, but nearly all are of the 1 cent denomination. Anything, outside of Chicago, above this value is worthwhile.

1908-10 Series

I always liked the 8c, 10c, 15c, and of course the 13c, 50c and $1 of this issue for nearly all are scarce. A special collection of these varieties is to be recommended as an investment and source of pleasure. However no one with limited means should attempt their collection as the stamps, after the first dozen or so, are expensive.

1912 Series, Perf. 12

These I consider better property than the perf. 10's, but they have little appeal, when the only difference is in the perforation. After all the precancel collector is principally interested in cancellations, not perforations, and I think too much stress has been laid on the latter.

1914 Series, Perf. 10

I believe these stamps to be priced out of proportion to their demand. Perhaps the relative scarcity is indicated by the catalog figures, but most collectors do not care for them.

1917 Series, Perf. 11

There is not the attractiveness to be found here, that is shown in the current set, but the better varieties sell quickly. Many are still current and in the case where a city has recently precancelled with a new plate, the old series stamps are bound to be good. The Minneapolis new type was used for the old 11, 12, 13, 15 and 30 cent stamps. All are obsolete except the first two. The 30c is probably the scarcest, with the 15c following. The Offset Printings on the 1c, 2c and 3c, as a specialized group, are collected by a few. The 1c gray green is especially recommended for consideration. The Rotary Press Printings on the 1 cent are unpopular and it would be folly to declare that they are desirable varieties, which merit special attention.

1923 Series, Perf. 11

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Ask Mr. Albert Jones of Wabash, Ind., about this as a special group for collection, and you will find that he will highly recommend it. When casting about for a specialty, he decided to go in for precancelled coils, and has not regretted it. For a field that has not been worked to death, we present it for attention. Mr. Walter Plant, 36 "R" Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., has a large stock and collection, and possesses expert knowledge of all the various issues.

Commemoratives

If we had no precancelled commemorative stamps, I think the hobby would be better off. The really rare stamps are spoiled by the unnecessary issues, but still they will always be in great demand because of their special interest and, as a rule, beauty. I wish to except the 3c Victory and Harding from the latter attribution. I shall review the commemoratives, from the Columbian issue to date, in order to clearly outline the general standing and relative importance of each in relation to the precancel hobby.

(1.) *Columbian, 1893*—Chicago in the handstamped type are to be had. Some were legitimately used and some made to order. The 4c with the New York staggered roller type, was reprinted in 1925, but the genuine stamp catalogued at $6.00 can be told by the cancellation. This should be submitted for expert opinion, as well as the Alaska-Yukon 2c which was also reprinted for sale to collectors. The 1c Paris, Ill., is the rarest of Columbian Issue precancels and a most worthy item. There are some Columbians with "bar" precancellations and these are good property, if the city of origin is definitely established. The 1c, 2c and 4c Milwaukee are of this class and easily identified. All Techny, Ill., on the 1c and 2c were made for collectors.

(2.) *Trans-Mississippi*—Very little to fear in precancels of this series. The Minneapolis 1c in Type I is one of the best precancels in existence. Chicago handstamps, when verified, are also good.

(3.) *Pan-American, 1901*—Minneapolis, St. Paul, Aurora, Ill., and others are to be had, but are very scarce. The Plymouth, N. H., varieties are authentic, even though precancelled twenty years after date of issue. It seems that this was stock that had remained for years in some of the N. E. post offices, which was called in by the Plymouth office and a portion precancelled, during 1922.

(4.) *Louisiana Purchase, 1904*—The few cities commonly met with on this issue are Akron, Cincinnati, Danbury, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia. It is a good series for collection, but difficult of completion. There are few "weedy" varieties, notably the Oak Lane, Pa., fakes, and some Philadelphia and Westgrove monstrosities, in the form of cancellations from the two cities on the same stamp.

(5.) *Alaska-Yukon, Lincoln Memorial, and Hudson-Fulton, 1909*—We have quite a bad lot here, that are overpriced and of speculative status. Little can be said in favor of the Benton Harbor, Mich., varieties, those from Bayonne, N. J., and certain New England towns in Vermont and New Hampshire.

(6.) *Panama-Pacific, 1914*—San Francisco used a vast number, and the market value of the 1c and 2c is still low. The 5c and 10c are becoming appreciated, and the 10c yellow is a very good item. In time these shall become of some value. The total number of cities which precancelled this issue is not large, but quite a number of varieties are to be gotten together, and form an interesting collection.

(7.) *Victory, 1919*—I consider them a poor investment at present prices.

(8.) *Pilgrim, 1920*—An unattractive series, but half catalog should be a safe price to pay for most of the varieties.

(9.) *Hugenot-Walloon, Lexington-Concord, 1924-25*—We have never boosted these and cannot do so now.

(10.) *Norse-American, 1925*—Two pretty and popular stamps, but there are few really legitimate precancellations thereon. A list of those we believe best would only excite controversy. The cheapest set of all is Duluth as a great number of these were used and salvaged.

(11.) *Future Commemorative Issues*—Collectors should insist on stamps that can be given a clean bill of health, and strive to suppress unnecessary emissions.

Parcel Post, 1912

During the short life of this issue, there was a great amount of precancelling and a large collection can be formed of these varieties. It is my opinion that these issues are a sterling investment.

Special Deliveries, 1908-25

Some one ought to step to the front and announce himself as a specialist in these stamps. There is no important collection of them, as far as I have been able to ascertain, and there are enough varieties to form an interesting array. The Registry stamp of 1911 could be included in it, and also the Special Handling.

Postage Dues, 1879-1926

I do not hestitate in stating that this is a class of precancels in little demand. True, the ½c has shown a bit of action, but the others are dead as far as salability is concerned. They are not pleasing to the eye, as there is a dead monotony of color, and I can see no future for them.

Blocks and Pairs

Blocks of four are in little demand, although special items of such values as the ½c, 1½c, 13c, etc., sell well. Any collection built on generous lines will look better with blocks scattered throughout.

There is no call for pairs, except when they show an error in spelling or printing, or a "tete beche" effect in relation to the overprint.

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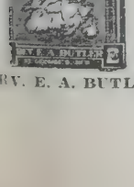

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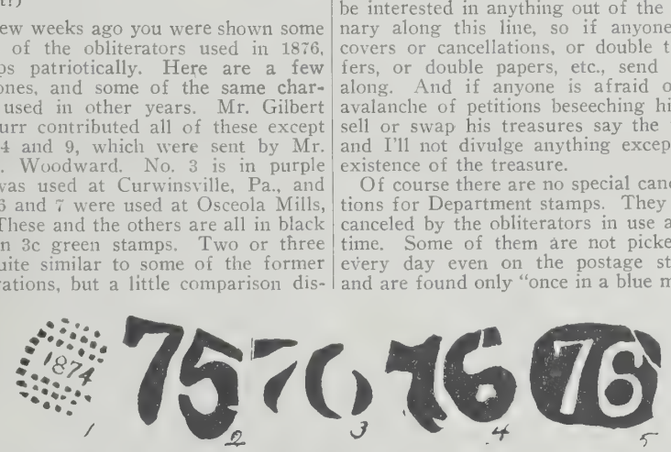
A few weeks ago you were shown some forms of the obliterators used in 1876, perhaps patriotically. Here are a few new ones, and some of the same character used in other years. Mr. Gilbert M. Burr contributed all of these except Nos. 4 and 9, which were sent by Mr. K. N. Woodward. No. 3 is in purple and was used at Curwinsville, Pa., and Nos. 6 and 7 were used at Osceola Mills, Pa. These and the others are all in black and on 3c green stamps. Two or three are quite similar to some of the former illustrations, but a little comparison dis-



closes differences. How much more interesting they would all be if the place of their use were known! If any one can tell us, from duplicates, where any of them were used, the information will be most welcome.

Mr. H. M. Konwiser sends what seems to be an unusual combination. It is a 6c War Dept. on soft paper and a 10c War on hard paper. It is addressed to Nebraska City, Neb., forwarded to Salt Lake City, Utah, reforwarded to Omaha, Neb., and then returned to writer as evidenced by about 15 pointing hands so labelled. It was registered and the stamps are pen-cancelled, as was quite the regular thing on registered letters in that period. The only postmark is that of Nebraska City, July 7, 1880. The rate is unusual, 16 cents, and must indicate that the letter was a double one, with the registration fee of ten cents added. Who has other covers, Dept. or otherwise, showing this rate?

Department stamps were used in one period and I'm sure many of us would be interested in anything out of the ordinary along this line, so if anyone has covers or cancellations, or double transfers, or double papers, etc., send them along. And if anyone is afraid of an avalanche of petitions beseeching him to sell or swap his treasures say the word and I'll not divulge anything except the existence of the treasure.

Of course there are no special cancellations for Department stamps. They were canceled by the obliterators in use at the time. Some of them are not picked up every day even on the postage stamps and are found only "once in a blue moon" on Departments. So let us in on the "blue moon" things.

Mr. Konwiser also sent a current Treasury Department envelope registered with "Return Receipt Requested" written upon it, and a 3c stamp to pay for the return receipt, just as you and I have to pay for ours. I'm quite surprised at that, for I had been of the opinion that all official mail went free, with all the frills included at the same rate.

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"Commissioner's Office.
Grand Turk, 16th December, 1880.

It is hereby notified for public information that these Islands have been admitted into the Postal Union, and that such entry will take effect on the 1st of January next; and that from that date the rates of postage on correspondence from these Islands to places within the Postal Union (with the exception of that for Union countries in the East beyond Suez, upon which a small additional rate is charged) are as follows:—

Letters—4d per ½ ounce.
Newspapers—1d per 4 oz.
Printed papers and patterns—1d per 2 oz.

Signed, W. J. Anderson,
Acting Commissioner."

As stamps of only three denominations, 1d, 6d and 1s had been issued, it became necessary to provide immediately additional values, ½d, 2½d and 4d by means of surcharge. Instead of making ½d stamps out of 1d, 2½d out of 6d, and 4d out of 1s stamps, a quantity of each was surcharged ½d, 2½d and 4d. The Acting Commissioner's Notice of 16th December, 1880, does not explain the need for ½d and 2½d stamps, but a Post Office Notice of July 25, 1881, gives the new rates in greater detail.

"Post Office Notice.

The Turks & Caicos Islands joined the Postal Union on the first of January, 1881, and the following rates of postage are published for general information:

Letters—4d per ½ ounce.
Post Cards—1½d each.
Reply ditto—3d each.
Newspapers—1d each if under 4 oz.
Books and other printed matter (except newspapers)—1d per 2 oz.
Commercial papers — the same as for printed papers, but a minimum charge of 2½d.

Signed, J. C. Crisson,
Postmaster.

Post Office, Turks Islands.
25th July, 1881."

Post cards being necessary, a 1½d card was received and issued about July, 1881, but reply cards, not until almost four years later. This was the first postal stationery issued by these Islands. This card, 1½d light brown, on medium light buff card, measures 121x87mm. The stamp in the upper right corner is of the conventional keyplate type then being used for other Colonies,—a diademed profile of Queen Victoria to the left on a ground of horizontal lines, within an octagon, with straight labels at the top and bottom, inscribed "Turks Islands" and "Penny Halfpenny" respectively. At the sides is a vertical row of small colorless lozenges, and in the spandrels are colorless floriate ornaments. To the left of the stamp are four lines of letter press — "Union Postale Universelle— Turks Islands (Iles de Turc)—POST (Royal Arms) CARD—The address only to be written on this side."

The reply cards are larger in size, 139x88mm, but with the stamp and letter press the same, except that in the lower left corner of the message card there are four lines reading "The annexed card is intended—for the answer. —(La carte ci-jointe est destinee—a la reponse)." The reply card has the word "Reply" in Roman caps beneath the line "The address", etc.

On July 1, 1892, further reductions in postage rates took place, the post card rate being lowered from 1½d to 1d. Both the 1d single and reply cards were surcharged locally in black with a large "1d" and three horizontal lines cancelling the old value.

"Government Notice.

Reduction in Postal Rates from Turks Islands to all outside destinations.

Notice is hereby given that on and after the 1st of July, ensuing, the rates of postage from Turks Islands to all places will be as under:—

For letters—2½d per ½ ounce.
For post cards—1d each.
For reply post cards—2d each.
For newspapers, books, printed papers, commercial papers, patterns and samples—½d per 2 oz. with the Postal Union proviso of a minimum payment of 2½d for a packet of commercial papers, and of 1d for a packet of patterns or samples.
Fee for registration of any of the above named articles, 2d.
Fee for an acknowledgment of the livery of a registered article, 2½d.

By Order,
Signed, J. C. Crisson,
Postmaste

Grand Turk, June 6, 1892."

In the following year permanent carmine, single and double cards, 1 88mm, were issued. The letter p is the same as before, but the stamp diademed head of Queen Victoria to left upon a ground of solid color, closed within a circle. Labels at the and bottom are inscribed "Turks LANDS," and the value, "One Penn respectively, in colorless block letters.

Profile of Queen Victoria, within octag
1½d light brown, 121x87mm. (J 1881).
1½dx1½d reply card, 139x88r (1885).
1d in black on 1½d light brown. (J 1892).
1d/1½dx1d/1½d reply card. (J 1892).

Profile of Queen Victoria, within cir
1d carmine, 139x88mm. (1893).
1dx1d reply card. (1893).

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Mr. Curtis has always been fascinated with the study of stamps that could be plated and all these I have now purchased are plated and every stamp numbered showing its true position.

The collection was contained in five large volumes which I have now broken up into a number of my approval books which I can send to serious collectors on demand. The following are a few of the more interesting items contained in it.

1856, Diligencia, 60c blue, 9 unused, 2 on covers, and one of the very rare second type.
1856, Diligencia, 80c green, 22 unused.
1856, Diligencia, 1r vermilion, 33 unused.
1858, 120c blue, 7 copies.
1858, 180c green, 16 copies.
1858, 240c vermilion, 31 copies.
1859, thin figures. This is an exceedingly fine lot of singles, pairs and strips, used and unused, 197 copies in all.
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In the 1868 issue, there are two reconstructed sheets of the 5c blue, all unused, mostly built up from large blocks and strips. Also one reconstructed sheet of used.
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In the 10c green, imperf., Pane of 50, reconstructed unused and used. Several other panes partly reconstructed.
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The big event of the day was auctioning of about 150 lots of star at the Kimball in the afternoon. auctioneer was Ernest A. Witt, dep sheriff and licensed auctioneer. The lections auctioned off brought grea interest owing to the care with wh the stamps had been selected.

Individual collectors showing spe exhibits of unusual interest were: W. B. Bowers of Bridgeport, who show stamps from Natal, St. Helena, Brit Columbia and Danish West Indi Ziegler Sargent of New Haven, Uni States stamps; E. A. Young of N Haven, United States cancellatio Robert C. Munroe of Longmead Hongkong stamps; J. W. Provost, Fre stamps; Brewer Corcoran, Nova Sc covers.

Mr. Monroe presided at the banq served in the Hotel Kimball ballroom 6.30. Short talks were made by H. Perkins of Trinity College, M. R. S born, librarian of Yale college; Schwarzenberg of Bridgeport, G. F. F gerald of Holyoke and Dr. J. Br

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addition to above we are informed H. A. Perkins of Hartford won first rs in a contest with an artistic dis- of stamps with the Coats of Arms ne different nations. Franz C. Miller, stamps showing the different mem- countries of the League of Nations, second, and third was W. C. Stone stamps showing the development of rica. All these were beautifully nted and arranged, and were selected thirty or more exhibits, which were ed in the contest.

FOLK LORE ON STAMPS

ne announcement that the Austrian rnment will issue a series of postage ps engraved with characters and es from the Teutonic epic poem, the elungenlied," must be of keen in- t to all philatelists. This being true issue should prove most profitable, a considerable proportion of the in- printings undoubtedly will be sold ollectors, who will be intrigued by novelty of the themes and the artistic romantic merits of a series that cele- es not the present, nor any historical acter or allegorical depiction, but the ns and fables of a people.

postage stamp may be beautiful and essed of strong esthetic appeal, but in country and many others it usually orms to the conventional in subject design, and departs therefrom only special occasion. Certain of the h American countries employ historic ies in the decoration of their postage, the philatelist knows well the con- with which he looks upon those imens, that are not yet rare, but are ously beautiful.

ne poetic cycle, the "Nibelungenlied," all but lost to the Germanic peoples, in whose modern art it has been splendidly effective, as in the operas of Wagner. But for the fine sense of values of the Swiss scholar, Professor Bodmer, who discovered the manuscript in a monastic library, in 1757, the noble collection of myth and legend might have been lost forever. For three centuries it had been forgotten, as of little worth, and the opinion of its monkish custodians was that it comprised a series of valueless tales for children. Nevertheless, it was a rich mine of sublime tragedy, and it has yielded freely to the enrichment of modern art and literature.

The poetic version in English, entitled, "Sigurd the Volsung," is the translation by William Morris, who would seem to have caught the spirit of the original, for certainly the lines have a song and sweep comparable in simplicity and effectiveness to the Norse sagas.

Afar o'er the heath men see it, but no man draweth nigher,
For the garth that goeth about it is naught but the roaring fire,
A white wall waving aloft; and no window nor wicket is there,
Whereby the shielded earl folk or the sons of merchants may fare;
But few things from me are hidden, and I know in that hall of gold
Sits Brynhild, white as a wild swan where the foamless seas are rolled.

So unconsidered a trifle as the postage stamp offers a medium whereby history and legend, those indispensables of patriotism, may be brought home to a people. Defeat and partition, the whittling down of an empire, have not availed to stifle the poetic spirit of the Austrian people, as the Nibelungenlied postage issue will attest. There may be the matter of thrift, as well, for the stamps, as has been said, will be much sought by philatelists. But thrift alone cannot account for the concept, and thrift alone would be but a sorry explanation of an admirable project.—Portland *Oregonian*, Editorial.

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WE are indebted to Cecil F. Blogg for two clippings. One is from the *Classmate* for May and the article is entitled "Romance in our Mail Service". It is a good article and well illustrated.

THE Beaver Stamp Society of Portland, Oregon, is actively engaged in philatelic endeavor. The president of this society is Dr. Ed. Hirstel and meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month in the Oregon Building. A. H. Lomax is in charge of the publicity. Nearby collectors should consult either of the above parties.

WE have received a card from A. O. Tittman dated Avignon, France. He is doing Europe pretty thoroughly.

THE Ridgewood Stamp Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently celebrated its first anniversary. 150 members and friends were present. The president of the organization is M. Rosenblatt, and the secretary is Henry W. Boede. The club quarters are at 657 Fairview Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE Exposition at Philadelphia has been fortunate in securing an advertising cancellation. It reads in five lines: — "Sesqui-Centennial Exposition— Philadelphia, June 1—Dec. 1, 1926".

WE have received a subscription from the Staten Island Museum, St. George, S. I., N. Y. We thank John M. Sheridan for the same.

IF any of our subscribers know the address of Ernest Buchan please card a line to Robert E. B. Roe, 612 W. 112 St., N. Y. City. Mr. Roe will appreciate the courtesy.

THERE appeared in a recent number of the *Christian Science Monitor* an article on the new triangular stamps for the Union of South Africa which occupied nearly a column of this well known newspaper. Thanks to Stanley Hosmer for the clipping.

SEVERAL stamp clubs will soon be on the map in California, thanks to Roy A. Hohberger of Burlingame. He has Redwood City with twenty-five members to his credit and San Mateo and Burlingame are also good prospects. He would appreciate correspondence with those who are interested in promoting stamp club projects.

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The two cent sesquicentennial issue was issued, according to schedule, on May 10th; and we thank Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., Philadelphia, and Mr. Luis B. Garcia, publisher of the *Latin American Exchange,* for copies of the new stamp. The historical significance of this commemorative issue is fully expressed by the design of the stamp, which shows the Liberty Bell to the life. A specimen of this kind is meaningful, indeed, and its legend should inculcate a feeling of patriotism in the breast of the beholder. Philadelphia, the home of the first commemorative issue, as the Centennial envelopes may be termed, deserves the glory carried by the specimen now under notice and collectors will welcome it, irrespective of any feeling that they may have on the subject of special issues, ordinarily. The details of the workmanship of the stamp are handled fittingly so as to produce a whole that carries a message that stirs the American heart.

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The story of the origin of the new five cent Ericsson stamp is one of interest and shows that in this instance a broad foundation was laid before the fact was accomplished. Over ten years ago, a committee started work on the proposal to honor John Ericsson and in August, 1916, congress appropriated the sum of $35,000 to apply on the erection of a monument or memorial to Captain John Ericsson, whose name is perpetuated by his invention of the "Monitor." This amount was not sufficient to satisfy the ambitions of the projectors of the plan and so the committee on the Washington Memorial to Captain John Ericsson raised an additional sum of $35,000, making a total of $60,000. The post office department has embodied a description of the monument, which is to be the central design of the stamp, in a recent circular announcing the issue of the stamp. As supplementing this information, the following explanation of the design, as furnished by the committee that has been mentioned, is given: "The monument proper is composed from the assumption that an inventor's greatness comes through a compelling combination of metal attributes. In the case of Ericsson—Vision, Adventure and Labor are used as symbols of his mentality. The figure of vision is that of an inspired woman. Adventure is the Viking. Labor is represented by an Iron-Molder. All the ornament connected with the monument is Scandinavian. The group is placed on a pavement composed from the Mariner's compass, to be made of colored granite. The figure of Ericsson is in the foreground and is smaller than the symbolic figures. The symbolic figures have been placed against the Norse tree of life, 'Ygdrasil.' The lettering forms a decorative border around the top of the pedestal. The pedestal is unique in construction, being formed of solid blocks of granite. The whole monument is to be done in a warm tone of fine grained granite, except possibly the figure of Ericsson, which may be cast in bronze. It is necessary to make rather a large monument, for the reason that the circle to be filled is 150 feet across. The full height of the monument will be approximately 20 feet."

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Last summer, Mr. K. A. Wallquist, a Chicago collector, suggested to the Committee on the Ericsson Memorial that it would be appropriate to mark the ceremonies of unveiling by a special stamp issue. The interest of Congressman Chindblom of the Tenth Illinois district was enlisted and through his intelligent prosecution of the idea, the issue of the stamp resulted. It is possible that there will be a consequence of this action of our post office department that will be manifested in an unusual and graceful manner; and on this phase, we soon hope to be able to say something definite.

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The announcement of the death of Arche N. Pike, Binghamton, New York, made in this paper two weeks ago, was read with feelings of sorrow by many a philatelist, as Mr. Pike, indefatigable as a correspondent, was in touch by letter with many collectors, even other than those interested in the kindred lines to which Mr. Pike devoted so much attention. Pondering over the philatelic circumstances of his life, a realization comes that he labored with a conviction born of the greatest faith to place certain side-lines of philately in what to him was their proper perspective. His zealous determination to bring into the sunshine the literature of philately and the postal markings employed on mail matter gained him the respect and in some instances, the co-operation of those who were somewhat dubious of the fulfilment of the ambitious plans of Mr. Pike. It is a source of gratification that almost at any given time there are workers in our cause whose unselfishness is such as to cause the more material-minded of us to blush; and even though they may be too forward-looking, the sincerity of their beliefs evokes our praise. The many hours that Mr. Pike spent in indexing and in otherwise promoting the studies in which he was so deeply interested will never be known, but he has enshrined himself in the memory of many through his dedication of self to his pursuit. Mrs. Pike informs us that Mr. Pike passed away about 9.30 P. M., after working late at his office and says that the coroner thinks that neuritis, from which Mr. Pike suffered for years, finally reached his heart. To Mrs. Pike our condolences are offered; and she may know that her husband's name will remain long on the tablets of philately.

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Mr. G. E. Hale, Buckley, Illinois, bent on providing a suitable album for his needs as a collector of U. S. stamps is arranging to publish a loose-leaf album, which will provide places for first trip covers as well as adhesives. He will furnish a service that will place sheets for the newcomers in stamps in the hands of collectors with little delay, according to his plans. Pages are to be issued weekly and additional pages as occasion demands. A single stamp will have a page and a feature will be made of official and historical information based on the stamp; and this is a particular that must be viewed with commendation. At first, the idea is to cultivate the field from 1900 to date, but later, the earlier issues are booked for notice.

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The death of Milton L. Strauss, Chicago, through a fall from a window of a high story in his residential hotel caused regret among those collectors who had come in contact with him while he was active in the pursuit of stamps. Mr. Strauss was much attached to U. S. stamps some time ago, and gave them the deep attention that he devoted to any subject in which he became interested. At different times, he was on the eve of developing into a collector of importance and negotiated for large properties, but his health was such that he was forced to relinquish his philatelic ambitions. His death was untimely and he will be remembered for the enthusiasm that he brought to bear on his collection when he could indulge his urge to stamps. Mr. Strauss was a man of means who had retired from business.

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Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, announces that inasmuch as his work on Curac was so well received, he will undertal to give the same treatment to the issu of Surinam. He wishes to repeat th he is truly grateful for the kindness shown him in New York on the occasi of his exhibition at the Collectors Clu

DEATH OF THEODORE HORTON, JR.

It is with sincere regret that we a nounce the death of a very promisi philatelist in the person of Theodo Horton, Jr., of Albany, N. Y. Chest J. Moore, president of the Fort Oran Stamp Club of that city sends us an a preciative notice of Mr. Horton's a tivities, with a clipping from t *Knickerbocker Press.*

Mr. Horton had since 1922 formed fine specialized collection of U. S. stam and had come to be recognized as authority on its major varieties. La fall he entered his specialized collecti of the 3c 1851 imperf. in the Montre Exhibition and was awarded first pri for the same.

It had been Mr. Horton's intention enter his collection of U. S. coil stam at the coming International Exhibiti He had a nearly complete collection a intended later to have printed in pamphl form his study of these interesting issu

Mr. Horton was only twenty-two yea of age, was a careful and discriminati collector, and a collector with the tr instinct. Philately in general and A bany in particular has suffered a gre loss in his passing. April 23 he w elected secretary of the Fort Oran Stamp Club, which had been organiz largely through his efforts.

The following is a part of a lengt notice which appeared in the *Press:*—

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was recording the events when
ken.

few minutes before, he gave his eye-
ses to another scout, then lay down
one of the benches. Dr. William
sch, Jr., a judge at the meet, was
d and attended the youth, who was
oved to a side room of the armory,
the drill shed floor. Horton died
an hour later in the armory. Dr.
sch said death was due to natural
es. Dr. O. A. Brenenstuhl, coroner's
ician, also examined the body.

he youth had been under care of Dr.
sch for some time. He had been in
health and susceptible to heart at-
s for years. That, last night, was
ght on by excitement, the physician

e was born at Montclair, N. J., but
e to Albany when two years old. He
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The philatelic library is likewise of moment to the student, and as a side-line it is to be encouraged. The collector can find added pleasure in the study of his stamps when he is further enlightened through reference to the handbook or to the occasional paper dealing with his favorite country. If a paper, it can be extracted from the magazine whose columns it has enriched, and attached to an album-leaf near the stamps it illumines.

My collecting days date back a half-century. Both stamps and coins interested me then, and they interest me now. Recently, through the columns of the WEEKLY, I sought to get in touch with collectors of the cents of the United States, 1793 to 1857. The responses were not numerous, but it was disclosed that readers of the WEEKLY were interested in the subject. With some it was a side-line. Two or three wished to dispose of their coins in order to devote all their attention to stamps. Others displayed lasting interest, and declared they wished neither to sell nor to trade.

Altogether, the spirit appealed. My interest increased. I acquired a set of the cents, together with many varieties, but, alas! the rare dates,—1793, 1799, 1804—are lacking. But what of that? Some day, when the gods are good, they will repose amongst my treasures. Meantime, there is opportunity for study and for recreation. Uncatalogued varieties have disclosed themselves. It is fascinating indeed to discover new things to reward one's search. Minor varieties in profusion, all unnoted in catalogues, come back from memory's store-house. Here is the cracked die,—there the faint "strike" which made its particular variety—how the years sweep away!

I would not have every philatelist a numismatist as well. I would ask the older generation to renew allegiance,—the younger to respond to the call if it is urgent, but not otherwise.

One each of the types of coinage should suffice, perhaps. Our regular United States issues of postage stamps were put forth in 1847. The large cent of that date is not rare,—not even scarce. Then followed issues of stamps in 1851, and 1857. Cents of these dates are easily acquired.

The civil war "tokens" and "store-cards," which passed current in lieu of cents, may be used as adjunct to cancellations, 1861-1867. Hundreds of varieties were minted, many of them symbolic,—square-and-compass, three-links, etc. These, or others with firm names and town, would add interest to any collection of covers of the '60's.

There is scarcely a stamp-issuing country whose coins are not accessible in some form. British North America, next to the United States, is a favorite with the majority of collectors in the States. A coin representative of each Province—where coins were issued—has more than passing interest.

Do not let us lose interest in the old gods. Wherever there are things to be collected, there will be collectors. He who is designated "general collector" is passing. His successor, the specialist, is already with us. The excessive output of stamps is wholly responsible for this condition of affairs.

"I find amongst my acquaintance few of the old-school 'general' collectors," said a well-known philatelist to me recently. "I know only one man who collects everything," he added.

"I also know him, and one other," I said. "Both are of an earlier generation. We general collectors, alas! are of those who are passing." He acquiesced, regretfully. We parted. Then the genesis of the foregoing paper-suggestive came as solace. Perhaps some other "general collector" may decide to follow the numismatic, philatelic, and bibliographic suggestions outlined. That will be the reward the writer desires above all rewards.

The issue of 1869 would be illuminated with the small cent,—and so on up to date. A single dollar would cover the expense of all this. If one cared to show the coinage, both silver and copper, the expense would be increased. But for the average collector of average stamps in average condition with a purse below the adjective, copper would suffice.

I have no wish to be dictatorial. My thought is mainly suggestive. Each to his liking. I would have the collector, seeking new worlds, to dream this suggestion into reality.

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United States

2c Sesquicentennial Exposition Commemorative

The 2c red issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence" was placed on sale in accordance with schedule on Monday, May 10th, in Philadelphia, Boston and Washington. The same has been previously described in detail and I might state is of pleasing appearance. The Liberty Bell properly supported is the main feature of the design and I believe this shows the large replica of the original bell, which will appear at the Sesquicentennial Exposition, rather than the actual bell itself. There was a very extensive sale of this variety in Philadelphia, and several business houses took advantage of the first day to send out numerous circular letters in which the attention of their clients was called to the new stamp. Forty plates in all have been made up to the time of the issuing of the stamps, bearing numbers 18540 to 18547 inclusive and numbers 18552 to 18583 inclusive. The finished stamps that have come to my attention are all from the first eight plates although by the time these notes appear in print, copies from the other plates will without doubt be available.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer kindly remembered me by sending one of the Centennial envelopes of 1876 posted with an additional 2c Liberty Bell, giving us the stamps of the 100th and 150th anniversary on the same cover.

Lieut. Com. W. A. Corley mails a cover from the "U. S. S. Concord," which is now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This is the first first day cover that has come to my attention with a battleship cancellation.

Mr. G. F. Schell sends copies of this stamp posted on the first day from Braintree, and South Braintree, suburbs of Boston.

The Postal Bulletin of May 8th makes announcement of the fact that there will be a special post office at the Sesquicentennial Exposition, which opens in Philadelphia on June 1st next. The First Assistant Postmaster General, John H. Bartlett, makes the announcement in the following order:

"The Post Office Department will have a model post office at the Sesquicentennial International Exposition, which is to be held at Philadelphia, Pa., June 1 to December 1, 1926. The office will be furnished with standard post office equipment, and mechanical conveyors and labor-saving devices will be in operation to show modern methods of handling mail in the larger post offices.

There will be a visitors' gallery ove looking the workroom, where the vario mailing operations and devices in u will be explained by attendants. Lette may be mailed direct from this galle and their handling observed.

Mail will be delivered over the exp sition grounds by letter carriers, a all the usual postal facilities will be pr vided for the accommodation of visito and those connected with the expositi There will be windows for general d livery, the sale of stamps, registry, post savings, and money order business, a for the mailing and delivery of parc post. A number of lock boxes will installed and available for renting.

This post office will be operated as station of the Philadelphia post offi and will be known officially as t 'Model Post Office, Sesquicentennial I ternational Exposition, Philadelphia, P

Postmasters are requested to give pu licity through news items in their loc papers to the provision being made f general delivery service at the model po office for the accommodation of visito at the exposition.

Persons attending the exposition shou have their mail addressed in care their hotel or lodging house, or in ca of general delivery, Model Post Offi Philadelphia, Pa."

New Stamp Plates

Through the courtesy of Mr. John Deviny, Acting Director of the Bure of Engraving and Printing, I am enabl to bring our list of postage stamp plat up to and including those made to M 12, 1926. In the list it will be not that two more plates of 360 subje have been made for the booklets that a to be produced by the rotary pr method. The Department has made announcement of the issuing of this n booklet, but it will no doubt appear wit out much advance notice. The list al contains the first of the Sesquicentenn Exposition Commemorative plates.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	Su
18498-18500	10c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	1
18501-18512	2c	" Book	"	3
18513-18516	½c	" Cvd.	1925	1
18517-18520	2c	" "	1922	4
18521-18524	2c	" Book	"	3
18525-18531	2c	" Cvd.	"	4
18532-18533	10c	" "	"	4
18534-18537	2c	" "	"	4
18538-18539	10c	" "	"	4
18540-18547	2c	Sesqui-centennial Expo. Com. Ord.	1926	2
18548-18549	2c	" Cvd.	1922	4
18550-18551	2c	" Bk-Cvd.	"	3
18552-18583	2c	Expo. Com. Ord.	1926	2
18584-18591	2c	" Cvd.	1922	4

Air Mail Notes

The Second Assistant Postmaster Ge eral announces that effective May 15 the over-night air mail service betwe New York and Chicago, which no operates on a frequency approximati five times a week, will be changed so to operate each night in both directio

Inasmuch as this service has been operation, although with the old fr quency, for approximately ten montl it is not intended to use any speci postal markings when the frequency the service is extended on the 15th.

The Postal Bulletin of May 1st mak further mention of the air mail servi from London to continental Europe a gives a list of charges and sailings f

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nouncement is made from Washing-nder date of May 10th that a ma-report filed with the Senate on day by the Special Joint Sub-Com-e of Congress on postal rates makes mendations for a number of com-ively minor changes in postal rates. chief of these changes as recom-ed are that the rates on private l cards be reduced to 1c, that a e reply or C. O. D. postal card n be established, that rates on tran-second-class matter be reduced that a modification of the special ing charges on parcel post matter be . All of these changes seem to be cordance with the recommendation Postmaster General, which we out-in this column some weeks back. report of this committee leaves for leration in the next session of ress the most important of the l rate problems which confront it. es not attempt to deal fully with rd-class, third-class and fourth-class It is expected that the question general revision of these rates will er until the 70th Congress, which in 1927. The committee claims hey do not have sufficient data on at the present time to warrant their g further recommendations.

ORES.—Mr. Roberts has shown us vo new colors of Portugal noted in 1843 with the surcharge "Acores" se in this colony; the 96c rose and green.

LAND.—Whitfield King & Co. ad-hat they have received a 1½ marks and red lilac, watermarked ika.

ILY.—Mr. Roberts reports the ap-nce of two new colors in the current ii. They are 75c carmine and 1L25 Both watermarked Crown.

ROCCO AGENCIES.—We have received Mr. R. Roberts the 3 peseta on , Bradbury Wilkinson printed, marked old script cipher GVR.

U.—Whitfield King & Co. have us three values of stamps bearing nscription "Pro Plebiscito Tasna ca 1925". They are of different de-n and size and the values and colors s follows: 5c rose red (River n); 10c brown (Soldiers bearing , and 50c green (Statue).

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TUNIS.—Whitfield King & Co. have sent for chronicle a 10c rose and 30c lilac in the design of the 1922 issue.

ZANZIBAR.—*Stamp Collecting* states that an entirely new series is now on order with the Crown Agents for the Colonies. The denominations will comprise 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 20, 25, 50 and 75c, and 2r. The last named, printed in purple from the engraved plate, has already been dispatched to Zanzibar.

DR. EVANS—U. S. 1870-1900

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postage on that letter, though it's not at all likely that they realized it. Has some one a similar piece, or is this unique?

Here is another 7c on a front of a cover postmarked Orange, Tex., and addressed to Beaumont, Tex. That's a rate which I am unable to fathom. The stamp is a National printing. The only reason I can think of for its use is that it was a double letter on which the postage was 6c, and the Postmaster got hold of the wrong denomination by mistake and so shortchanged himself a copper. That's probably the wrong reason, but it will be a good excuse for some one to come forward with a better one.

Seven cent stamps on covers are not exactly common, and about all that have come my way were on foreign mail. The above is the only instance I recall of one by itself on a domestic cover. It could have been used in combination with other values to make up a higher rate on heavy letters, but its use alone is puzzling, unless it was done by mistake. If some one has an explanation it will be cordially welcomed.

Combinations of 7c stamps with others, or their use in any unusual way would be most interesting to all of us. The same is true of other values of these issues, such as the 12c, 15c, and the higher values. Combinations of these with earlier or later issues are always of interest. Who will give us a description of some of these combinations — with the 1869 issue?

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Oregon—Newcomer; Johnson, A. A.
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Connecticut	New Mexico.
Florida	New York
Maryland	Oklahoma
Massachusetts	Rhode Island
Mississippi	Utah
New Hampshire	Vermont

From this it will be seen that there still an opportunity to choose a state has not been exhaustively worked.

SPECIALIZED CITY COLLECTIONS

I am prone to believe that here lies base for some important collections of future. Already there are several n ble collections formed of a single c issues, as follows:

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Cincinnati	Rochester
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SINGLE DENOMINATION COLLECTIO

Personally the sameness of a st would tend to make my interest w but thank heaven we are not all alik our fancies. There are no doubt m large collections of the ½c and 1½c know of specialized collections of 8c, 10c, 11c, 12c, 20c, 25c, 30c and do stamps. Also of the 1c current is Notable collections have been formed the 13c apple green, the leading one ing the famous collection formed Haller and purchased by Engel. Albert Appel of Sanderson, Texas, has a fine collection of this stamp. A Gamber is far and above any collecto the 14c as he has scoured the country this stamp since it was first issued. also has one of the largest collection the 2c Harding. The Mees collectio admitted to be about the finest t along this line. There are many h two cent Harding collections bes these, and especially deserving of m tion are those owned by the follow Holly, Engel, Kunderd, Stillings, Saunders. F. E. Gellerman, of Cloq Minn., possesses the largest and t complete representation of the 30 current issue precancels, extant.

ODDITIES AND ERRORS

This group could be formed int specialized showing which would st out uniquely as a precancel collect Doubles ought to be included, forge and freaks. I hope some reader take a tip and start something along line.

CONCLUSION

I feel that this article has pretty covered the main aspects of the preca hobby and hope it has been of some v to the reader. I wish to impress u all precancel collectors that my serv are at their command. If I can hel any way you have only to write me sonally. Identification of precancel something I offer free of charge everyone, as well as an unbiased opi on any precancelled stamp.

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ACCORDING to the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* of Monday, May 10, one million of the Sesqui stamps were sold by noon-time, and a further order for five million has been made on Washington. The newspaper especially mentions a cover which passed through the mail with postage paid by the Sesqui, a 2c Lincoln, a 1c Trans-Mississippi, 2c Pan-American and 5c 1893 Columbian envelope. This was one mailed the WEEKLY by P. M. Wolsieffer.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the advertisement of James H. Baxter in which he offers the Sesqui first day cover from Chester, Pa. Upon the envelope is printed a fine illustration of the Liberty Bell with supplementary reading matter, making a cover of beauty.

COLLECTORS who are interested in cancellations will be pleased to know about the colored transparent celluloids recently advertised by E. J. S. Halvorsen, of Salem, Mass. These celluloids are rectangular pieces 2x3 inches, in green, olive green, dark blue, brown, dark brown, carmine and wine red. To a marked degree they obliterate the color of the stamp upon which the cancellation occurs, so that the latter is easily discernible. Where there has been a good deal of guesswork and eye-strain, these celluloids show postmarks, cancellations, etc., without a doubt.

"SO far as I can ascertain there are only two persons on U. S. stamps who are pictured in uniform. These are Taylor and Sherman. Other countries are rich in gilt lace as compared with the United States."—A. M. LAZIER.

WE have received from Sigmund Weiser a specimen of a new 4c Colombian stamp. It is of the same design of the 10c picture of Santander, but the shade of color is a darker blue. Mr. Weiser suggests that this regular issue will be welcome in putting an end to the provisional 4c stamps used during the last few months.

THE Allentown, Pa., Philatelic Club held its third annual banquet on May 8, at the Hotel Allen. Rev. John B. Stout gave a history of the Liberty Bell and the signing of the Declaration of Independence in connection with the new 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp. Capt. A. E. Carpenter of Philadelphia displayed a collection of British and French Colonials. W. W. MacLaren of the Cleveland *Press* exhibited two volumes of covers. Werner O. Staeb, Rutherford, N. J., and E. T. Parker of Bethlehem, Pa., were present as guests. The officers of the Club are:—W. I. Schwarz, president; Charles A. Reber, vice-president; Elmer Forsblom, secretary; and H. J. Fister, treasurer. The Club is Branch No. 50 of the A. P. S.

A. F. MERELL advises us that his stamp talks over the radio in San Francisco are going strongly. Recently Prof. Koch of Galileo High School, L. J. Muller and W. F. Benedict, Sec. to Mayor Ross, have been on the program with him. Mr. Merell is probably doing the finest publicity work that the year has produced.

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The following reference to the Mozambique Company, that all-powerful but somewhat mysterious corporation, judging from the little information available concerning it, is taken from an interview in the New York *Times:*

"A corporation named the Mozambique Company has a fifty year lease, granted in 1891, for about 60,000 square miles of land. The Mozambique holdings include the port of Beira, where great docks are being built as proof of the growing importance of the territory. The corporation has complete and dictatorial powers. It may draft native labor. Its official employees become local magistrates and judges. It maintains prisons and disciplinary barracks. Natives charged with evasion of the labor laws go before its administration to be judged. There is no court of appeal. In 1924 the Mozambique Company collected $750,000 in taxes from the natives."

Kansas City, Mo., was properly agog with interest in the Chicago-Dallas first flight and a newspaper says that air postmarks are a great lure for collectors. The following account will interest readers:

"Stamp collectors, professionally known as philatelists, are busy these days buying air mail stamps. They are getting ready to collect cancellation imprints when the first air mail leaves here May 12.

And to make the imprints more valuable, William E. Morton, postmaster, has suggested a change in the design.

The imprint as it now is approved by the postal department consists of two circles. The legends say:

> First Flight Inaugurating Contract Air Mail, Kansas City, Mo., (hour) May 12, 1926. Chicago-Dallas route.

Mr. Morton has suggested to the Chamber of Commerce the use of a heart of America insignia. The post office department already has supplied cancelling stamps with the other design and will not pay for a change, but Mr. Morton said it probably would be permitted if paid for elsewhere. A request mailed today or tomorrow to Washington could be approved by telegram Monday, allowing plenty of time to make new cancellation stamps for use on Kansas City's first air mail May 12.

If this is done, it will give Kansas City air mail a doubly unique value. Stamp collectors already are arranging to get hundreds of the stamps for the sake of the one distinction of a first-day air mail imprint.

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In looking through a batch of air mail envelopes just returned to me from the coast, I have come upon two of particular interest, and a few others of less importance. The two, however, are probably unique.

From time to time, getting odd Canadian stamps more interesting upon an air mail cover than as mint, I have had envelopes mailed in Windsor, Ontario, with U. S. air stamps in the left corner, marked for air transmission from Detroit to Los Angeles. Two of these were mailed on the evening of March 7th last. They went on to Detroit next day, and bear backstamp and face stamp of March 8th; beyond the rubber-stamp marking "Via Air Mail" they bear no other stamp than the Windsor cancellation, Los Angeles not having applied any receiving mark. As they reached the addressee promptly and were returned to me by the end of March—how could the Windsor cancellation bear the date of "11 P.M. APR 7"?

Knowing nothing of cancelling machines—this bears a "slogan" flag as well as the date circle—I cannot tell whether they are susceptible of errors. These two envelopes, however, were mailed on March 7th, as I can, if necessary, prove on oath; I can also obtain sworn statements that they were received in Los Angeles and returned to me before the end of March. This, to dispel any idea that they were doubly mailed, although it would be shown by the cancellations. Plainly, the Windsor machine had the right church but the wrong pew — the right date, but the wrong month! It would be interesting to know whether anyone else has made the same discovery.

Obviously, the long 10c air stamp created much confusion among postal employees. A number of envelopes mailed in Detroit, to go from Chicago to Los Angeles by air, part way, were taken for special deliveries and stamped "Fee claimed, etc.," although the Los Angeles backstamp here shows that they went by air. Again, covers mailed in China, with U. S. stamps to pay for air service from San Francisco east, got the air service as the back stamp shows—but the air mail stamps remained uncancelled!

Most interesting of all these lesser freaks, perhaps, are a number of covers sent from England, to go by air from New York to Chicago. To the British employees, "air mail" meant only British air mail. So, if a cover had less than sixpence in English stamps, despite the U. S. Air Mail stamps and markings opposite, it was labeled "Insufficiently Paid For Transmission By Air Mail," and a postage due put on, and the U. S. stamps promptly cancelled to boot. The receiving authorities in New York, probably used to the British opinion of Americans, very kindly sent on the letters by Night Air Mail, and said so. Again, one envelope bearing a 3d Victoria of 1873, had absolutely befuddled clerks. One clerk made penciled markings around the stamp and applied a postage due, then somebody told him that a British stamp was always good for postage, so he scratched out the postage due, cancelled the American air stamps, and let it go at that. And the 3d came through uncanceled, the U. S. stamps bore both London and New York cancellations, and the Chicago backstamp showed it was a flown cover!

FAR AND NEAR:—

THE Washington (Pa.) *Reporter* of May 11 contained a first page article on the new Sesqui stamp. It was written by Charles L. Hall. He says: — "Tell your readers how easy this is done. I merely called at the office of the newspaper with a new cover and a few minutes with the City Editor did the trick. We have grand opportunities for press notices, and how few make use of them."

DOWN in El Paso there has been organized the J. Delano Bartlett Branch of the A. P. S. Mr. Bartlett is president, H. T. Anderson, vice-president, and A. P. Myers, secretary. The club has fourteen members. El Paso has about fifty adult collectors and is very much alive in philately.

WE have previously noted the Ohlman auction to be held August 10 at the S. P. A. Cincinnati convention. The finest item will be a 30c 1869, inverted flags, cat. $2,000. There is also a block of four 90c 1861 and many other choice items, including a genuine Hawker flown cover. One of latter recently brought $350 in a Harmer London sale.

DURING the past week the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland held its second annual junior stamp contest and exhibition in the Cleveland Public Library, and it will continue until June 5. There will be some fine exhibits by members of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. President Langdon is positive that the interest this year will be much greater than last year, when the attendance was 2500. This item of news was submitted by P. A. Finlayson of the publicity committee. We regret that an extended notice submitted was not received in time for our issue of May 24.

A SUBSCRIBER writes us as follows: —"It would be a great convenience if you carried an alphabetical list of advertisers. Then if a person wanted to get a Liberian stamp he could turn to the index and know what dealer to write." Such an index would not be practicable. If we had only Liberia to cover we could no doubt get by, but the field is altogether too large for us to attempt the kind of index suggested. We hardly feel that an index of advertisers is really necessary.

IN our account of the organizing of a new stamp club in Albany, N. Y., we neglected to mention the fact that Mrs. Robert L. Banks was elected Honorary President. Mrs. Banks is one of our old subscribers, having been a collector for over forty years. Many of her finest stamps were purchased from Howard K. Sanderson, who will be remembered as one of the leading dealers twenty years ago.

WE have received from Herman W. Boers a copy of the 1926 Year Book of the Michigan Stamp Club. It is a handy little book. It includes the membership list, constitution and by-laws, a history of the club, list of officers since organization, rules of the auction department and other matter of interest.

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Devoted to United States postage stamps, 1847-1870 only. Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.

GEOMETRICAL DESIGNS

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	7c Cont'l	?	Black	H. P. A.
2.	3c 1869	Westerly, R. I.	"	H. P. A.
3.	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
4.	3c Amer.	?	Magenta	Dr. Wm. Evans
5.	6c Cont'l	N. Y. (?)	Black	D. F. Kelleher
6.	3c '57, T. II	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	"	H. P. A.
7.	15c Nat'l	?	"	A. Bode
8.	3c Amer.	?	"	C. J. Hohenstein
9.	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
10.	15c Amer.	?	"	H. V. Swallow

You must have some of these cancellations or some almost like them. Numbers 1 and 5 are outbound Foreign Mail cancels applied in N. Y. City P. O., and there are many of these circular forms on the Bank Note issues going abroad. Some are applied in *red,* and give fine color effects on the beautiful printings of these issues, the stamps being large, and the cancels even larger, a pair cleanly hit will give you something that is extremely beautiful, tho hard to find when centered all round as to stamps and cancel.

No. 3, a five-sided figure, makes a fine cancel. There are many similar forms, one in blue having a colorless letter in each point, reading "Union" is very neat. Some of these five-sided affairs come from Mittineague, Mass., a town noted for its high grade paper.

Nos. 7 and 10 look rather ordinary here, tho they are very effective on these 15c yellow and orange stamps, as the cleanly struck little thin black lines are a startling change from the regulation smudgy effects one usually finds on a 15c B. N. stamp. No. 8 is clean cut too, and looks just about right on a 3c green.

No. 6 occurs "Under Two Flags" so to say, for after serving on the U. S. 1857's, it ran over onto the 5c green lithos of the Confederate States, and this permits a collector to mount these two stamps side by side in amity if he is fortunate enough to find both of them. You who collect both U. S. and C. S. stamps, why not make a page in your album showing a stamp of each country with the same obliteration? It will not be a very crowded page, let's see. Tuscaloosa, Raleigh, N. C., with its 7 bar grid, and Canton, Mi., are the principal ones you will find as far as the obliterators go; but many used the same postmarking smacker, and you can fill up your page with these. Most of the C. S. A. stamps were hit by postmarks rather than by obliterators.

From Mr. F. L. White comes a remarkable cancellation, it being a face looking east on a 1c 1869. It was used in Waterbury, Ct., and while it resembles no picture celebrities of my recollection, it might be called nevertheless a "striking" likeness.

Here is a celebrity tho, on a cover bearing a 3c 1851, used in 1856 to judge by its appearances. This cover bears two "stamps", at left is the regulation 3c stamp pmkd. "Mt. Vernon, O.", while at the top right where the stamp normally comes, is a black "stamp", of the same general size as the 3c stamp, bearing the head of John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate for President. The sender's sentiment is shown by three small drawings: at top left is a playing card with five pips (am calling them pips as I've forgotten if they are clubs, spades, or what they are), at lower left the playing card shows three pips, at lower right is a deuce, and reading up we find at top right the ace—Fremont. 'Tis a nicely conceived campaign cover, even if this ace did lose the trick.

On a large lot of 3c 1861's the following unusual cancels were seen: Ultramarine PAID inside a circle with stars above and rays below, with similar cancels in black; FREE in large blue letters; 5 point star with open center in green; cut cork octagon in green; 5 point star with small 5 point star in center in blue; similar star with two ring target in center; "Stockbridge, Mass" in orange; and a shield showing in the bottom the word Falls.

The above are some of the less common cancels in this lot. There were many others, and the best of these are now traced and filed in the archives to be reproduced at my leisure, whatever that means.

Cancellations are still coming my way, sometimes it will be a few, or only one;

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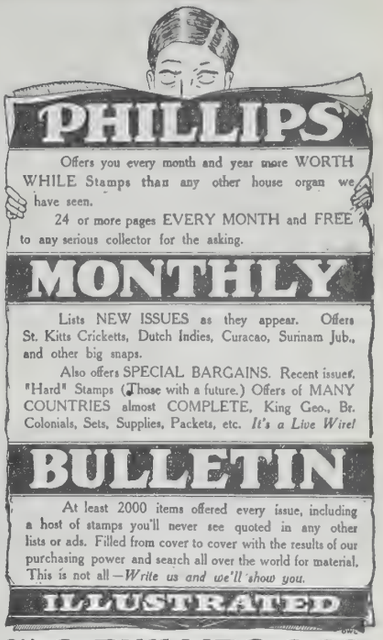

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The last regular meeting of the Springfield (Mass.) Stamp Club was made particularly interesting by the Exhibition of the remarkable collection of the stamps of N.S.W. shown by Mr. Theodore E. Steinway. When a single copy of the first issue of this country is annexed to some local collection there is a general rush to see what it actually looks like; but the cancellation is generally so opaque that the color of the stamp may be guessed as either the "blue one" or the "red one."

As the soft copper plates showed wear in their early stages of use, they were soon recut, some plates having two recuttings. Among the varieties were mentioned "Pick and Shovel omitted," also "Whip omitted."

The Queen Laureated was shown in all shades and colors, and then right on down through the whole 19th Century range, though one could tell that the owner's interest centered mostly on the early issues, rather than the watermarks and multi-punched perfs that abound in that country, as well as in all Australians.

The exhibit was varied by covers, blocks, strips and pairs. Then just to show how these plates were made up, platings were shown of many of the values in their entirety, and some nearly completed, oftentimes in two or three shades.

One item (Scott No. 31), the 1 shilling in mint block of four showed the Queen's heads on this beautiful pale red background, standing out like cameos. One of the most beautiful platings was the Red and Blue Registry stamp, the uniformity of coloring being such that it looked like a mint sheet just from the Post Office, though each stamp had seen postal duty.

Mr. Toaspern showed his collection of Heligoland. He said a few words about the various phases of these stamps, and his collection was much appreciated.

This meeting was graced by five members of the Hot Stove League, the other three members being Elliott Perry, Harry Konwiser and E. P. Radford, who sponsored the party. All in all it was an unusual gathering—full of pep and comedy, with of course a solid background of philately in her highest moments — a theme carrying solidly throughout the entire evening.

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ANTHONY TROLLOPE'S STAMP STORY

By FRANK E. ROBBINS

I am always interested to find references to philatelic subjects in things I read casually, so that when happening upon Anthony Trollope's novel, "John Caldigate," recently, I found it bristling with matters concerning stamps and their use, and postal customs, it seemed quite an event. In fact, the episode to which I refer is one of the central ones of the novel.

It may be recalled that Trollope was from 1841 to 1867 in the British postal service, so that he should know whereof he speaks. His duties were in the nature of a traveling inspectorship of rural deliveries in Ireland, Wales, and England, and he was sent on official errands to other countries on one or two occasions. Some of the best of his novels were written before he left the post office. It is rather strange, therefore, to find that in "John Caldigate" he makes several errors in details on which almost any general collector could correct him.

The novel was written in 1879, and Trollope had visited Australia in 1871, publishing a book about his travels in 1873. The hero, John Caldigate, having accumulated a few debts at Cambridge and being decidedly in his father's bad graces, seeks his fortune in the gold fields of New South Wales. On the voyage out he makes the acquaintance of an adventuress, Mrs. Euphemia Smith, and later, in the frontier life of the mining camps, he becomes decidedly entangled with the lady. He returns to England, however, with a fortune, wins back his father's confidence, marries the girl he had always loved, and settles down as a country squire. Very soon, however, he receives a letter from Mrs. Smith, who is associated with an old mining partner of his, named Crinkett, demanding that he return to them a portion of the money which they had paid him for his share in a mine, which had formerly been profitable but had very soon petered out. As an alternative she threatens him with a suit for bigamy, alleging that they were married in Australia. The story goes on to tell how Mrs. Smith and Crinkett appear in England, the trial takes place, and Caldigate is at first convicted and then on further evidence pardoned.

The philatelic part of the story comes in the account of the trial and the subsequent investigations. An important part of the evidence offered is a letter produced by Mrs. Smith "addressed in John Caldigate's handwriting to "Mrs. Caldigate, Ahalala, Nobble', which letter had been dated inside from Sydney, and which envelope bore the Sydney post mark." It was claimed that this constituted an admission of the marriage; but Caldigate, though he admitted writing both address and letter, said that the letter had not been sent in the envelope, and that the address had been a mere piece of pleasantry.

The defense called in two postal employees from the London office as expert witnesses, Bagwax and Curlydo At the trial they pointed out, first, the receiving mark of the Nobble office was absent, and, second, that Sydney post mark was too clear cut have been produced in the ordinary tine and shuffled about with other let which would inevitably have blurred They could not deny, however, that up-country postmaster might have lessly omitted the receiving stamp, or by extraordinary good luck the might have escaped smudging. He the testimony did not convince the ju

Bagwax, however, was an enthusi His specialty was post marks, and a the trial he continued the study or case with all the enthusiasm of a devo convinced that fraud existed and tha could be shown. He assembled a la number of Sydney covers of all dates compare with the one which figured the trial, which was dated May 10, t He finds one dated May 7 and anot May 13, and in all 18 with various d in May (one would think, by the w that in a lot of this number, all from month, there would have been a few m covers between the 6th and the 13t Examination with a glass will not sh a single one of these that is exactly the cancellation of the Caldigate let and though he is forced to admit the Sydney office may have emplo more than one canceller he becomes c vinced that the post mark in question fraudulently affixed after the t claimed, and, moreover, he manages infect Sir John Joram, the barrister, the defense, with some of his own thusiasm. He shows Sir John that e in the clearest of the genuine post ma there is a little smudging. "If yo follow with your eye," he says, "the cular line which makes up the round the post mark, you'll find a dent on outside bar." (Was the post mark, th a double circle?) Further, though t were all intended to be of the same tern, the circle has gradually beco smaller: "the Caldigate impression i little, very little—ever so little—sma than any of the May, '73." In spite all this evidence, Sir John thinks B wax should go to Sydney to investig and especially to examine the book at post office in which they keep daily pressions of all cancellations used.

But Bagwax gets another idea, wh makes the trip unnecessary. He expla it thus to his friend Curlydown: "Y see that postage stamp? Does it not you anything particular? Look agai

"I see that they obliterate out th with a kind of star."

"That has nothing to do with it."

"The bunch of hair at the back of head isn't quite like our bunch of hair

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"The little holes for dividing stamps are bigger."

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All of these covers give proof of airmail service with the exception of the Dallas to Chicago, which does not have the regulation large airmail cancellation.

Charles W. Jones sends us a Chicago-Dallas cover postmarked Kansas City, May 12, 1.45 P. M., and on the reverse side a New York receiving mark of May 13, 10.30 A. M. J. E. Guest sends us a Dallas-Chicago First Flight showing airmail departure 7 A. M., May 12, but minus Chicago receiving date.

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the New South Wales issues had no letters in the corners, and it is rather general information that the letters in the corners of the English stamps had nothing to do with the year of manufacture. The head of Queen Victoria, to be sure, was much alike on both types, though the frames are very different.

If the good Homer nods I suppose an ex-postal inspector (and a very good novelist) may be allowed to make a mistake about stamps. But I didn't expect to find Anthony Trollope writing that New South Wales used a stamp of Great Britain in 1873.

FROM THE RUBAIYAT OF OMAR THE PHILATELIST

(By C. E. R.)

As the brief Winter twilight faded clear
To close the opening Day of this New Year,
I sat before my desk, surrounded by
The Bits of Paper that I hold so dear.

And as I dreamed of Happiness to be
When I should own some precious Rarity,
I heard the Stamps within the Book converse
In many Tones, like mere Humanity.

Said one: "Although I bear an honored Face,
"And Service gave, by sticking in one Place,
"Behold how careless Man rewarded me,
"With black Obliteration's harsh Disgrace!"

Another said: "Methinks our Lot is blest,
"That we by one who loves are possessed,
"Who have our obvious Destiny fulfilled,
"Our Duty done, and now in Honor rest."

A Seebeck spake: "My lot is most unkind,
"Who suffer Scorn because by Fraud designed;
"Yet mine the Lure that draws Beginners on
"To fill the gaps, and keep the Ranks aligned."

And then a One Cent Stamp said earnestly,
"A Place within the Scheme of Things have we,
"As well as that Five Dollar haughty one,
"Without our help no Set complete can be."

"Aye, Brother," spake an Invert. "Even so
"My Place, like Thine, was erst among the Low
"Until the Error that has made my Worth
"Was found, and I up to the Heights did go."

"O loved of Fortune!" bitterly then spake
A Sixty Filler Stamp of Soviet make;
"Men sneer because my Forehead is askew.
"What! Did the Hand of the Engraver shake?"

"Have Hope, O Friend," another said. "I stand
"The lone Survivor of a numerous Band;
"And Thou, as I, may'st yet become so Rare
"That Men shall honor Thee throughout the Land!"

And as I woke, and drew from out a Nook
Some new Approvals over which to look,
Methought they murmured happily, "O Brothers,
"Here come more Friends to join us in the Book!"

STRAY ITEMS:—

ACCORDING to the *Dallas News*, J. E. Guest received 579 letters on the first airplane carrying mail into Dallas. These were sent him by members of the A. P. S. for the most part, in order to obtain first day covers.

WE have received from the Inter Exchange Club of Cuba a copy of the new "A B C of Stamp Collecting." It is a Spanish translation of the well known book by Fred J. Melville, president of the Junior Philatelic Society of London. The Spanish text is by J. D. Sague. This is a handsome book of 170 pages, freely illustrated, and may be obtained for $1 by addressing Mrs. Juana Diaz, Cristo, Oriente, Cuba. The book is a marked bit of enterprise and we earnestly urge all of our readers who are acquainted with Spanish to secure a copy of the book.

M. J. FENSTER, the well known New York City dealer, is leaving for a trip abroad which will include Egypt and Palestine. Communications sent to his address, 706 Riverside Drive, N. Y. City, will be forwarded.

IT is with a sad heart that I inform you that our beloved associate and fellow-collector, August Von Voecklin, passed away on Saturday, May 8. He was a great exponent of stamp specializing and British Colonials, U. S. and Canada, with a few other countries, were his favorites. He was a member of the Tacoma Philatelic Society. His death comes as a great blow and he leaves a large gap in the Society. His son, August Von Voecklin, Jr., is also a member of the Tacoma Society." — MARSHALL MILLER, Tacoma, Wash.

THE Utica Stamp Club, Branch 66 A. P. S., held its sixth annual banquet on Monday, May 10. There were two classes of exhibits. The first prize in the first group, $12.50, was won by Floyd Harrington with a specialized collection of Austria first issue. The first prize in the second group was won by H. R. Hunt and the second by Carlton B. Jones, prizes in both instances being subscriptions to stamp papers. The president of the Utica Club is Floyd Harrington and the secretary-treasurer is W. J. B. Williams. The club meets in the Arcade Bldg. the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

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Some weeks ago, we read in the editorial column of the *Pathfinder* of Washington, a reference to "Auntie Leadbetter" of Alexandria, Virginia, who found an Alexandria provisional which she sold for eight thousand dollars; and the editor 'finished his paragraph with the injunction: "But now we don't want you to hunt up a lot of old postage stamps and write to us to ask how much they are worth and where you can sell them. There is no market for old stamps such as there is for oil or potatoes; valuable ones are very rare and it is a big job to find a purchaser." This somewhat unconventional treatment of the subject did not have a tendency to make one feel that the story was unassailable but now further particulars have come through the newspaper press. The New York *Herald and Tribune* of May 14th, confirms the discovery of another Alexandria, which was acquired from the finder by Mr. Percy W. Fuller of Baltimore, who made the sale of the stamp for $8,000. Here is the story as succinctly told by the newspaper: "The letter which was folded and sealed but had no envelope, was mailed to Edward S. Leadbeater, then seven years old, while he was visiting friends at Parkin's Mill, near Winchester, Va. He kept it and took it home with him to Alexandria. It had no value beyond the fact that it was one of the first letters that he ever received but for life it was preserved, along with other papers of material and sentimental value. This spring his widow went through all the old papers, determined to throw away the more worthless among them. Reading the letter, she saw mentioned the name of a friend of her husband's who is still alive. Thinking that the eighty-year-old message would have some interest for this friend, she showed it to him and he told her the stamp might be worth a few dollars to a collector. Mrs. Leadbeater hardly believed that it would have any value to anybody but allowed friends to get in touch with Mr. Fuller." The stamp was canceled at Alexandria on August 25, 1846, and "Mr. Fuller has unstamped letters which were mailed at Alexandria both a few days before and a few days after the one bearing the now highly valuable stamp, indicating that the issue was short-lived." While it is said in the newspaper account that this is the third copy known, we believe that it is the fourth; and though it is known that the tenure of use of the stamp was limited, it would be surprising if it were used for only a few days. As collectors know, the stamp was typeset and is known on both buff and bluish papers.

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That collectors are not all of one mind on the question of stamp investment is indicated by the receipt of several letters of dissent to the proposition that stamps will bring many happy returns. The experienced correspondent, Mr. Benedict Prieth, Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey, says: "I fully agree with the views of Mr. Hubert Lyman Clark as set forth in your issue of May 10th. I have been an importer of Bermuda stamps these many years but 'nary' a penny of profit have my activities netted me. The Bermudians look to me to buy their used stamps and I do not wish to disappoint them. Why? Well, it's a long story which some day, when I am in the mood, I'll tell you all about. Buying and selling Bermuda stamps is my hobby. It keeps me busy and I am ever in hopes that one of the rare old postmaster's provisionals will bob up. Maybe it will some day. *Quien sabe?*"

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The New York "Times" says that both Byrd and Amundsen carried batches of mail on their polar flights. We infer from the account that a package of one hundred letters was carried by each commander; and each letter in Byrd's machine was stamped with the 24c airplane, U. S., while the Norge's letters each bore a special stamp issued by Norway, that was sold in blocks of five for the equivalent of 72 cents. "The Norwegian stamp is of particular interest to collectors. It is vividly colored, showing a polar bear on an ice floe, gazing up at an airplane." Mention is made that "an East Orange stamp collector" made the arrangements for the carriage of letters several months ago and that the "100 letters on the Norge were dispatched by post from Svallard, Norway, to King's Bay and at that point turned over to Lincoln Ellsworth." The paper makes the justifiable statement that these souvenir letters will be in much demand by stamp collectors and others.

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The Norsk Luftseiladsforenings, Oslo, Norway, says that Norway celebrated the Amundsen-Ellsworth pole flight in 1925 by the issue of seven stamps which are catalogued by Senf, and others, the project having been under the auspices of the Norwegian Aero Club. The following circular has now been received: "As you will remember, the Norwegian post office occasioned by Roald Amundsen's North Pole expedition issued on April 1st, 1925, a set of postal stamps comprising seven different values. These stamps, commonly known as the North Pole Stamps, were printed in very small issues, of which 60,000 sets were placed on sale at the Post Offices in Norway at their face values, while we bought the remainder. The Post Offices were completely sold out the first day. It is now our desire to sell the stamps in our possession, of which we beg to give a list below . . . Our fixed price is Norwegian kr. 1.60 per set for unused mint stamps, and the stamps will be sold by us to dealers only." Further references are made and the stamps are said to have the same value used or unused. The number of stamps of each denomination issued ranges from 202,700 to 569,700 stamps and on an average about one-third of the stamps have been sold by the post office and the present holders of the stamps. It will be remembered that when news of this issue was given last year there was no little criticism of the manner in which the stamps were handled and it is evident that the stamps now offered will not be received with enthusiasm by many collectors. Here we have the polar bear looking at the airplane and the stamps of this set and our catalog says that these stamps are not needed in the postal service.

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(Shaughnessy recovered the collection April 12, when two men appeared at Geary street offices and sought to sell the stamps. He notified the police, h captured one man. The other es d by leaping from a second story ndow.—*San Francisco Examiner.*

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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS, 1925

By Harry E. Huber.

On April 1, 1922, by a Post Office Notice of March 24, 1922, the international post card rate was raised from 1d to 1½d, and although the Crown type stamps were then being prepared (issued November 20, 1922), this denomination was not included in the series. Post cards have not been stocked at Grand Turk for many years.

In June, 1925, a 1½d stamp was ordered from the Crown Agents, with a further supply of 3d, 4d and 2s. These were received at Grand Turk by the Clyde-Santo Domingo steamer "Iroquois", October 22nd, and issued on November 24th (1½d and 2s), and December 10, 1925 (3d and 4d) respectively.

The 3d blue differs only slightly in shade from the original printing, and the 4d is red on lemon instead of on pale yellow. The 2s originally, red on green Roman CA watermarked, perforated 14 single line, is now on script CA green, and comb perforated 14. Green script CA was first used for the 10s of St. Kitts-Nevis Tercentenary series issued Jan. 2, 1923.

The 1½d red was printed in sheets of 120, undivided, on script CA watermarked paper, with the name of the printers, "Thomas De La Rue & Company, Limited, London", in minute caps, in the lower margin, under the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th stamps. The plates of the other denominations of the series were not so marked. The design is identical with the other denominations of the series, i.e., head of King George V. (Cayman Islands type) within an arched band (at the bases of which are Turks head cacti) lettered "Turks & Caicos Islands." Placed horizontally in each of the upper corners is the Imperial Crown, and in the two lower corners, the denomination is expressed in colored figures and letters on a plain ground. At the foot is "Postage" with a six pointed star either side, and below this "Three Half Pence" in thin colorless caps.

The stamp design while more pleasing than that of the 1913 series, is not nearly so effective as that of the Cayman Islands, owing to the duplication of so many details. There are two Crowns, the value appears in words once and figures twice, and the Turks head cacti is duplicated. Had the name of the Islands been placed in two horizontal lines at the top, and the King's head in an oval with crown, off center to the right, the other necessary details could have been worked into the design without overcrowding.

1925.—King George (Cayman Islands type). Line engraved and recess printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perforated comb 14.

1½d red. (Nov. 24, 1925.)
4d red on lemon. (Dec. 10, 1925.)
2s red on emerald green. (Nov. 24, 1925.)

PHILADELPHIA LUNCHEON CLUB

Usual Attendants: Dengler, Klein, McCollum, Steinmetz, Wolsieffer and out of town guests.

Time: 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, May 12.

Stamp investments were mentioned which naturally led to a discussion of various recent publications on the subject, such as R. D. MacGuffin's new book entitled "Stamps as an Investment." The book has undoubtedly created interest and considerable comment. It is full of valuable statistics and good humor. At the very beginning of the book we read of the little boy whose answer in every adversity is sweetness and light.

It would appear that all do not coincide with Mr. MacGuffin's views, and it is not at all surprising that we find the first critic to be a specialist who buys enthusiastically and without any regard to investment. A specialist's purchase after all is for the gratification of the purchaser with the full knowledge of the fact that when he sells, his market is limited to specialists in a particular line. One of the diners mentioned an actual experience of a well known collector who is plating Sydney Views. When he had the plate nearly completed, lacking possibly a dozen stamps, his anxiety to complete the plate was so great that he would pay any price or accept any kind of a specimen regardless of condition so it would fill the space. Later when this collection was sold at auction he certainly could not figure it an investment.

The consensus of opinion is that the book is worth reading.

Considerable excitement about the Malta "Postage" provisionals. Four of the diners clubbed together to order them direct from Malta, where speculation runs highest. Quotations by various dealers are being compared and the discrepancy found appalling. Quotations for the commoner varieties ranged from 5% over face to 50 cents a shilling. The 4d, 1s, 2s and 2s6d are apparently the good ones. Nobody knows how good. Figures at present are lacking.

Discussion to be continued 12 o'clock Wednesday, May 19.

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227	" " 2c carmine	.40	.25
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229	" " 4c brown	4.00	3.00
229a	" " 4c orange brown	5.00	3.75
231	" " 6c brownish lake	3.00	2.25
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United States

Dallas-Chicago Air Mail Service Established

In accordance with previous announcement in this column, the air mail service between Dallas and Chicago was established on May 12th. The amount of mail to be carried was so large that it was necessary to have two planes go forward from each point. Considerable attention was given the inauguration at both cities and the Rev. T. O. Perrin, who kindly sends a first day cover, also sends a clipping from the Dallas *Morning News* in which first page notice is given to the subject.

Dallas used the normal first type of contract air mail postmark and in addition an outline of the State of Texas, showing Dallas located by means of a star, the postmark reading, "Dallas—The City of the Hour." All of the markings that I have seen are in a dark green, the same color being used both for the outline State postmark as well as the air mail contract route marking.

Mr. J. E. Guest and Mr. Erwin Strasser kindly favor us with letters from Dallas.

Fort Worth, the second town covered by the service coming north, used a purple ink in applying the air mail postmark and Mr. Claude W. Parker favors us with a cover from this point. Rev. Joseph Dreyer, S. N., sends a cover which escaped the air mail postmark but is most interesting as the town cancellation shows that it left Fort Worth on May 12th at 7.00 A. M. and is backstamped in New York May 13—11.30 A. M., showing that it came via air.

The third landing field from Dallas is Oklahoma City, and we wish to thank Messrs. Thomas P. Martin and J. William Harmon for covers from here. Oklahoma City used a magenta ink in cancelling their letters and one peculiarity about the communication sent us by Mr. Harmon is that it not only has the New York backstamp found on most of the mail coming east, but in addition is backstamped from Cleveland. Evidently this was put into the wrong bag through error. Mr. Martin uses an ingenious envelope wherein we are fully informed by a notation on the back as to the postage from Oklahoma City to several of the larger centers and advises as to the time communications should be mailed. There is in addition a purple marking, which may have been applied at the post office or may have been privately applied, reading within a double line square, "Make Your Letters Fly." Kansas City made use of the regular large type contract air mail postmark printed in black. This they applied to the envelope and canceled the stamp by means of the regular canceler. Moline used a similar postmark with magenta ink for canceling both the stamp and marking the envelope. Wichita, Kansas, made similar use of their postmark but used violet ink. All of the covers that I have seen from this trip are backstamped by the receiving office.

Mr. Maurice Caraway kindly sends clippings with Chicago, Kansas City and Dallas headings, relative to this initial flight.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of May 12th, the Postmaster General announced that service on contract air mail route No. 9 from Chicago, Ill., by way of Milwaukee and La Crosse, Wisconsin, to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., will be inaugurated on June 7th. When this route is in operation we are told it will afford a fourteen-hour service by air mail between New York and the "Twin Cities." This schedule will connect with the over-night service between New York and Chicago. Mail leaving New York at 8.00 P. M. will reach St. Paul and Minneapolis before noon of the second day.

It is now contemplated that in time the Department will turn over the transcontinental air mail service to some private concern and have all air mail carried under contract, just the same as the railroads handle the mail today. At the present time, I understand it is a losing proposition for the contractors but they contemplate making their money on express deliveries. At least one of the larger firms is now working out a plan with one of the larger express companies to co-operate with them in this respect.

Regular Stamps Used for Collecting Postage Due

Mention has been previously made in this column as to the use of regular postage stamps in connection with the collection of postage due. It has been found that in the case of smaller cities, such procedure is not uncommon. Rev. Joseph Dreyer, S. N., has just submitted a cover showing postage due in amount of 6c collected by means of a 5c Roosevelt and a 1c Franklin at Union, La. The stamps are tied to the cover by means of the usual postmark and the cover in addition is marked, "For return to sender, postage due 6c."

Post Office Seal Oddity

Mr. Howard C. Buttermore has submitted for inspection one of the type set blue post office seals reading, "U. S. Post Office Official Seal—Opened By Mistake by—," wherein we find a direct impression on the back as well as on the front.

It is suggested that collectors examine their stamps carefully, for during the last few months three new varieties printed on the back have come to our attention, one being a Revenue, one a Newspaper stamp and in this case, a Post Office se

We wish to thank Dr. Jason Sam Parker, Messrs. J. C. Harrigan, C. Hohenstein and R. H. Langdon for formation of interest.

New Revenue Stamp

I have just learned from a responsi source that the 80c carmine rose, Doc mentary stamp, overprinted "Future D livery" in two lines has been located, which the surcharge is 2mm. apart, sim lar to the 1c variety, Scott's No. 4289.

DENMARK.—A correspondent sends a copy of the *Politiken,* a newspaper pu lished in Copenhagen, containing so interesting particulars concerning t provisional 7 öre stamps which were sued on April 1st to meet an alterati in the rate of postage on postcards. T new 7 öre stamps not being ready, stoc of obsolete stamps remaining on ha were surcharged. The ordinary stam so overprinted were the 8 öre grey a 27 öre red and grey, and in addition these, the 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 official stamps of 1915 were surcharg "Danmark Postfrim 7 öre." The 7 on 7 on 4 and 7 on 15 öre appear to be fai plentiful, but the others are scarce, esp cially the 7 on 5 öre, which are selling Copenhagen at the equivalent of abo 5sh each. In addition to these a furth provisional has appeared, 12 on 15 ordinary stamps. The newspaper abo referred to states that complete sets the nine stamps of 7 öre could only obtained at the Stamp Exhibition he held at the Central Post Office at t price of Kr.1.25 including eight pictor postcards. Only 300 sets were sold ea day, and only one set allowed to ea visitor. A photograph is shown of t queue of several hundred people outsi the Post Office round three sides of t square in front of the building.—*Whi field King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts sends chronicle a new 50p purple stamp w the following description:

Three-quarter length portrait of Ki Fuad, military uniform, in ornamen frame. Label "Royaume d'Egypte" the top in French, and a label at the b tom containing the figure of value English and in Arabic, an Arabic inscri tion in the centre.

These appear to have been perpetrat by some photogravure process, althou of a flashy appearance the work does n improve on close examination, the wh stamp having rather the appearance a cigarette card.

It is a very large type 29mmx53mm.

This printing can hardly be reco mended for security. The wmk. is th crescent and star multiple, but they a in clusters of three with spacing betwe so that there are on an average alw four complete clusters and a few o ones falling on each stamp.

FRANCE.—Mr. R. Roberts reports t appearance of the 2fr Taxe, in brig violet, in the usual Postage Due type.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—We have r ceived from Mr. R. Roberts new issu for this colony as listed below:

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rcel Post stamps:—5c gry brn, 10c 20c grey, 25c rose, 50c orange, 1L t, 2L grn., 3L yel., 4L grey, 10L t, 12L brn., 15L olive, 20L purple. ese are overprinted on the Italian el Post and are in two sections, the and part being stuck on the parcel he right hand part on the receipt.

ALIAN COLONIES. — The St. Francis memorative stamps of Italy have overprinted for each of the five ies. — *Whitfield King & Co.'s tin.*

ONACO.—We have received from Mr. y Hooreman copies of the 1fr blue, A13, with the surcharge "1 25" in . Parallel bars obliterate the former es of value. Mr. Hooreman also a 60c grey, type D1 and 1c yellow type D3 in the postage due series.

TRE GIUBA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises the following have been issued in the type: 5c orange brown, 20c green, brown. 40c carmine, 60c lilac, 1L and 2L slate grey.

RSIA.—We have now received copies 1e 1, 2 and 3 shahi stamps with por- of the deposed Shah, overprinted the Arms of Persia and the words NE DE PAHLAVI 1925" in black and ubt other values will follow.—*Whit- King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

RAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. R. Roberts ms us that a 4c green, Postage Due has appeared on script water- ed paper.

IVE YEAR HONOR CLUB

S. Rogerson, Cleveland, Ohio.
G. Souder, Huntington Park, Cal.

e received two applications for mem- ip in our Honor Club in one day, from P. S. Rogerson, 1840 Union Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, and the from O. G. Souder, 540 S. Rita St., ington Park, Cal. Both were sent lut comment and we welcome them r Club.

take pleasure in acknowledging a ntance of $5 from Leonard Brand, dewood, N. W. London, Eng. This not admit Mr. Brand to our Honor but we feel compelled to recognize earty endorsement of the WEEKLY.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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COLLECTING IN THE TROPICS

By C. L. HARTE-LOVELACE.

I have many years' experience of collecting stamps in the Malay Peninsula, where the most humid atmosphere possible prevails, together with a heat in the shade of from 75° to 85° Fahr.

Unused mint stamps present the greatest difficulty; these should be kept in an air-tight steel trunk and only taken out between sunrise and sunset.

I used the ordinary japanned steel uniform cases, and kept mint sheets packed on top of each other without interleaving paper for several years without a trace of sticking. The receptacle itself must not be opened at night.

For temporary use have ordinary tins with closefitting lids; biscuit tins will do, and more especially if the stamps are put in a smaller tin, which is itself enclosed in a larger. I found this scheme as good as the uniform cases.

If mint stamps have stuck, try heating them back and front before a radiant heat like an oil lamp, taking care, of course, not to scorch. When the stamp and attached paper begin to warp, lay them on a flat surface and try to insert a flat metal surface, such as the point of a spade-ended pair of tweezers, between the stamp and the paper at some point; it can generally be done, at any rate, at the top of the stamp close to the hinge, or even under the hinge itself, I mean separating the hinge from the paper, not from the stamp. Then work the tweezer about gently, the important thing being to keep the stamp flat with the finger, while the paper takes the necessary curve, for two plane surfaces cannot enclose the tweezer point. It is really easier to have the stamp face downwards, but you then run a great risk of rubbing the mint surface. This will almost always detach the two in the case of British Colonials; if still obstinate, and especially if the gum is of the variety used on United States stamps, old Portuguese Colonials, etc., then you must detach with moisture. Wet a piece of blotting-paper, put it in a small flat tin, put the stamp and attached paper on it, face upwards, of course, close the tin, and in from a minute to a quarter of an hour you can detach the stamp with the loss of practically no gum. The time varies with the porosity and thickness of the attached paper. Lay the stamp on its face for the gum to dry hard (this will only happen in the daytime), and then, if desired, you can burnish the gummed surface to its pristine beauty by rubbing carefully with the flat polished surface of the tweezers, but mind they are not rusty!

Mint stamps must never be handled except with tweezers or almost certainly mildew spots will develop and no air-tight trunks will prevent this. It is necessary also to mount them on unhandled paper of good quality. Poor paper rots away very quickly and imparts a brownish tinge to the stamp which some specialists call "toned paper."

It is, of course, impossible not to touch stamps with the fingers in practice, so before you take them out, wash your fingers and dry them, rubbing the tips well with the towel. Although the tips look clean, they will almost certainly have collected imperceptible dust, including mildew spores.

In the case of used stamps not so much care is necessary as few of them have the brilliant surface of mint stamps, unless they have been postmarked to order.

To remove used stamps from paper, use a saturated solution of alum, and float the stamps face upwards on top; experience only will tell you when they are ready, but if the stamps are in fugitive colours you must not wait too long, in spite of the alum. Have a dry towel by you and repeatedly clean your fingers from all traces of gum and moisture, as it is best when detaching to hold the paper with the tweezers and the stamp between the finger and thumb.

If you have large quantities of stamps to separate, engraved stamps may be safely soaked in quantities, stirring them about; plunge your hands in when they are ready, and slide them off the paper, taking the paper away and leaving the stamps in the water. When all have been cleaned, change the water and leave the stamps in for another five minutes. If the water is not then discoloured the stamps can be taken out and dried *en masse;* they will separate themselves when dry unless the gum has decomposed and consequently not dissolved in the water.

It is best to separate the red stamps, however, as most red inks are fugitive to some extent, and if a red stamp is dried against another some colour will almost certainly be transferred.

Whatever you do, never use salt in your soaking water, as I have seen recommended; your stamps will never dry, and the colour, if the least fugitive, will be ruined. Alum is absolutely safe, and with it a chance spot of water on fugitive green can be wiped off immediately without harm to the stamp, though it is quite otherwise if you only use plain water.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Questions to the S. C. M. from readers, lovelorn or otherwise, will occasionally be answered by Dr. Shadman, the celebrated authority, President of the United League for Careless Advice.

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Is it true that you oppose military training in colleges to fit young men for the Officers' Reserve Corps, and that no one is allowed to differ from your opinion?

There should not be such a thing. To train men for war means more wars. More wars mean more stamps. I am still short quite a lot of those issued up to now, and they should wait with the next war and the subsequent inevitable partition of countries and many new stamp issues, till I catch up.

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My mother-in-law does not like my stamp collecting. Although my wife never says anything, the old woman gives me fits every time I sit down at the table after supper with the old album and approval sheets. Is there any way to ease her off me a bit?

Be a man and assert yourself and your authority. Go buy twenty pounds of mission mixture, preferably one that has plenty of foreign cigar bands and so forth, in it; take the stuff home with you and after supper just walk up and dump it all on the table. If the mother-in-law objects, sweep an armful onto the floor and ask her what the deuce she is going to do about it.

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I found a very rare stamp, priced at only a few cents, in a society circuit book the other day. I feel sure that someone must have substituted it. However, I bought it, and my conscience is troubling me ever since. Should I return it to the Sales Supt.?

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The enterprise of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer takes a clever turn, indeed, when he sends out a centennial envelope, 1876, stamped with one of the new Liberty Bells, 1926. He thus bridges fifty years, commemoratively speaking, and places in the hands of some of his friends a souvenir that is worth keeping.

The Capital City Philatelic Society of Harrisburg, Pa., has planned to hold an exhibition during the last week in May in the Harrisburg Public Library and some time ago 237 entries had been received. This organization is an alert one and is making philately a household word in Pennsylvania's capital.

Some time ago, Mr. C. D. Millar of Norwood, Ohio, asked which of the two cent stamps used plate numbers 11686 and 12298, respectively; and our records do not divulge the information. Will some reader help us, in behalf of our correspondent?

In connection with an offer of ten dollars for a card or envelope flown from Sheepshead Bay, New York, to Pasadena, Cal., in 1911, the Pasadena *Star-News* says: "Many Pasadenans, no doubt, remember the day when the airplane named 'Vin Fiz' made its arrival here, November 5, 1911. The plane was piloted by Calbraith P. Rodgers, and carried a number of letters from New York addressed to prominent persons in California. The letters were franked with a 25-cent stamp with the notation: 'Rodgers Aerial Post'—'Vin Fiz Flyers.'

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The New York *Times* contained a s ited account of the arrival in New Y of the first air mail from Texas by of the Dallas route. The first day's ceipts on this flight amounted to $8.411 and in this connection it is known stamp collectors got in their work.

The Springfield, Mass., Philatelic S ety, on the evening of May 14th, me the home of Mr. E. R. Radford and joyed as a special feature the talk on issues of New South Wales, as well the stamps of Mr. Theodore E. Steinw president of the Collectors Club of N York. Though a keen general collec Mr. Steinway is an expert on the stan of New South Wales. Too, the Spri field collectors were treated to a view the Heligoland collection belonging Mr. Herman Toaspern, who was in tendance, and told of his stamps, wh took a prize at the recent Canadian ex bition. As representatives of the Stove League, that distinctive coterie fame, Messrs. Radford, Steinway, To pern, Perry and Konwiser, the public promoter, professional and amateur, w present. Mr. Konwiser expounded u the forthcoming A. P. S. convention said that he expected a solid delegat from Springfield.

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Forthcoming Issues.—From the latest issue of the *Crown Agents' Bulletin* we learn that the following novelties are on order, or already sent out to the places concerned, and may therefore be looked for in future. *Bahamas:* 1s, Script wmk. *Hong Kong:* $3, Script. *Nyasaland:* 4d, Script. *Sierra Leone:* 5s and 10s, Script. *Straits:* 2c reverts to green; 6c becomes red; $5 Script. *Fed. Malay States:* 2c becomes green; 4c, orange; 6c, red. *Kedah:* 4c becomes violet. New values: 6c, red; 12c, black and blue; 35c, plum. *Zanzibar:* 1c to 75c in new design.

Bahamas.—The *Royal Gazette and Colonist Daily,* kindly sent by a reader, notes the discovery locally by Mr. E. J. Bell of the 1s CC with watermark inverted. Possibly this is already known to specialists in this country.

Bechuanaland. — The South African Philatelist is informed that the 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, and 1s, with the current type of watermark have already been overprinted for use here.

Grenada. — Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. state that they have the 1s, black on emerald, Script, with wmk. inverted. They also show us two shades of the 2d Script, the first printing being in yellow and the second in yellow-orange. Both are from Plate 3.

India.—Charkhari.—Mr. Jno. Godinho confirms our opinion that the pen-and-ink surcharges recently referred to should be treated with suspicion. He can get no satisfactory information about them from the local authorities.

Irish Free State.—Mr. J. Dixon writes: "Your correspondent, Mr. Sayers, has misunderstood my note on Irish Postage Dues. (Feb. *M. J.*) I did not say that the delivery fee of 6d on Parcels had been discontinued. I said that the *use* of the 6d Postage Due stamp in its collection had been discontinued by official instructions issued on 1st November last."

Jamaica.—Several readers have shown us recently copies of the 1s King George, black and green, with centre in a dull purple, instead of black. They are used copies and do not show any traces of changing. Has any specialist an unused copy of this, or any information as to its authenticity?

Malta. — Instead of overprinting the current issue with the word "GOZO" which would have been quite unnecessary, the authorities have issued separate Revenue stamps, and have limited the stamps hitherto current for postage and revenue to postal use only, by overprinting them with the word "POSTAGE." This seems to be a legitimate operation, though, with the new issue ready for sale, one wishes that the overprinting might have been avoided. The 4d and 2s stamps with the "POSTAGE" overprint were sold out within a few hours, so that we may expect more Maltese excitement among speculators in the near future. Probably by the time these lines appear in print the whole of the "POSTAGE" issue will be obsolete, as the new set has been issued. The surface-printed low values are weak, but the engraved pictorials are attractive.

Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley shows us two shades of the 2½d blue, without overprint, one being a distinctly milky blue.

Montserrat.—Writing to a reader, Mr. Gerald V. Stewart, the P. M. of Montserrat, states that the Federal Postmaster has told him that Montserrat ¼d stamps should never have been imported, and that no further requisitions were to be forwarded. In going through the records, however, the P.M. found an Order in Council authorizing the issue of this value. He will not be requisitioning for any for some time, as he has a stock of Leeward Islands ¼d on hand.

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Messrs. G. A. Higlett and P. C. Nyberg inform us of the discovery of the 5d, blue, imperf. According to the latter, three sheets were found, in each of which the five top rows were imperf.

South-West Africa.—Mr. H. Mallet-Veale states that overprint Type 6 ("South West," 16 or 16½mm.) now comes in dull and in shiny ink. In the former, all values are known to him, except the 6d and £1, and in the latter all except the 3d, 5s and £1.

Union of South Africa.—Our Publishers show us an envelope received in the course of business which bears a 4d Triangular which appears to be rouletted. We have heard nothing of this as an official issue. Probably it is of private origin.

Other Countries

Afghanistan.—Faquir Hussain Zahid points out that although the new stamps listed this month were issued for the 8th anniversary of independence, they bear date of the 7th anniversary, presumably because the die of the previous anniversary issue was again used.

The same informant states that the town of Mazar-i-Sharif has again had recourse to the use of fiscal stamps for postal use, and shows us an orange stamp so used. We noted the previous use of fiscal stamps at this town some months ago. The latest use of them was due to hostilities on the adjacent Russian border.

Another novelty is the 10 paisa, Type 55, small size, with an oval handstamp (? cancellation), consisting of a rayed device with the Persian characters for "5th year of independence." This is said to have been applied on February 5th, 1923, and to be very scarce.

Our correspondent also shows us stamps of the last-mentioned type with an oval cancellation of uncoloured characters on a black ground, which is applied to ordinary stamps, affixed to letters in indication of postage due on correspondence from India not bearing the necessary Afghan stamps.

Bolivia.—Professor A. Posnansky, the protagonist of the Tihuanacu issue, cabled us under date 10th January that the stamps in question were issued on that day. A letter dated February 3rd, which enclosed a copy of a decree authorizing the issue of the stamps and the sending of the necessary specimen copies to Berne, was, however, franked with stamps of the ordinary Arms type.

Chili.—Mr. L. H. Conall draws our attention to the existence of the current 10c portrait type, with a dot in the centre of the corner stars. We find both varieties in our Publishers' stock, but do not know whether they indicate separate plates.

Costa Rica.—Señor G. Noriega states that the recent provisionals were issued in quantities of 100,000 each. He also encloses a copy of a decree which orders that any stamps withdrawn from circulation in future shall be burned, and not disposed of for philatelic purposes.

Czecho-Slovakia.—Mr. Karel Kaplanek sends us a cutting forecasting the issue of Postage Dues formed by surcharging the large allegorical type (S.G. Type 13). The Jubilee portrait set of 1923 is to be overprinted on the occasion of the eighth meeting of the Czecho-Slovakian "sokols" (gymnastic clubs). New values of 1.20, 1.50, and 2.50kr are being prepared, in a pictorial type.

Danzig.—Another tuberculosis issue is in preparation.

Denmark.—The flood of provisionals from this country are in the nature of stop-gaps, as a new series of stamps from 10 to 40 öre is to be issued in October, says Mr. Svend Ramsing, owing to the difficulty of finding enough different colours for the values required, with only two types in use. The new series will consist of the present "figure" type for values under 10 öre, with a new design for values from 10 to 40 öre, and King's heads, as at present, for the higher values. One advantage of the new provisionals is that they will probably use up all remainders now on hand.

Egypt.—The new 50pi portrait stamp is one of the best we have seen for some time. The size of the stamp lends itself admirably to the three-quarter length treatment of King Fuad's likeness, and the frame is dignified and unostentatious. As the stamp is printed on the old "Star and Crescent" paper, we assume that it is the work of the London contractors and not of the new Egyptian press.

Germany.—What has happened to the unfortunate German eagle? We know that its recent history has not been altogether rosy, but the skinny object on the new Air stamps is provocative of laughter rather than pity. A closer examination solves the mystery. The unfortunate bird has been caught by the artist in the middle of an attempt to transform itself into the dove of peace. He might have waited until the process had been completed.

Grand Lebanon.—French journals state that the current pictorial issue is to be overprinted "Secours aux Réfugiés" and sold at a premium in aid of sufferers from the recent Druse invasions.

Hungary.—Stamps in the new "pengo" currency are expected very shortly.

Japan.—Mr. Takaharu Takamatsu states that used sets of the Crown Prince's Wedding series (withdrawn from issue owing to the earthquake) have now been seen. Apparently some of these were put on sale in the Japanese Pacific Islands before the order cancelling the issue was received.

Monaco.—*Der Briefmarken Sammler* states that the attention of the Prince of Monaco has been drawn to the fact that his country has been brought into philatelic disrepute by the limited issues of the past few years and by the speculation resulting therefrom. He is taking strong steps to ensure that future issues shall be made in sufficient quantity to obviate speculative action. Perhaps he will also issue instructions that the postal clerks of the Principality shall not report stamps as "out of stock" at the counter, with a hint that they may be obtained at the back door on payment of a premium. —*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

FORUM

(*Continued from page 287*)

but very often a whole school of them will float in. I have often wished that the whole lot could be reproduced on one sheet of paper. There must be well over a thousand right now, and if my patience holds good, you'll have them all to look at, and your chances are pretty good to see them, for I have about caught up with all outstanding selections to date.

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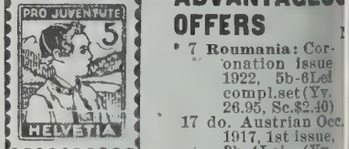

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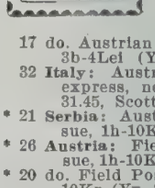

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At best, in most cases, but one arrow of a particular arrow variety is to be found for each sheet of stamps that was printed; and of the "corner stamps," i. e., stamps showing the guide line on both the side and top or bottom of the same stamp, but one is possible from each sheet of two hundred or four hundred that was printed. What then will become the probable value of these comparatively few copies, should many of our collectors turn specialist on this little considered side line of our hobby?

Here is a field yielding from four varieties in the Bank Note emissions to sixteen varieties of each subject in many of the Bureau issues. Leaving out the special printings, watermark differences, variations of shades, coil stamps and booklets, and considering only the regular honest to goodness issues, together with their affiliated dues and officials, we find there are no less than 3275 possible varieties. To these may be added 348 guide line varieties of the coil stamp and no less than 184 guide line varieties of the single booklet stamp. A total of upwards of 3800 varieties to be salvaged from this straight edge dump of philately.

Truly, here is a hobby for not only Kids and Kings but for the Kommons as well. Having completed your collection of United States as far as possible and longing for other fields of philatelic interest, it is unnecessary to turn abroad and take up penny blacks, Norwegian number ones, Canada cancellations or any of the other present day fads, for we have one of the main attractions waiting right here at home. Much pleasure and profit awaits you as this is a field comparatively new which will well repay your efforts in it.

You old-timers who time and again have gone thru your life's accumulation of duplicates, digging out the cracked plates, shifted dies and the various examples of postal employees vagaries in cancellations, until you have concluded that nothing but junk remains, should now again take up the quest and unearth the wealth you have heretofore failed to recognize.

Reopen your duplicates of 1869 and seek the arrow varieties; there should be at least six of these in every three hundred. When you have completed your quest and have duplicates to spare, communicate with me for an exchange, as I am still lacking some varieties of this series. The Bank Note issues should be easier, there being many more of them printed, so it is possible to recover at least one arrow in each one hundred stamps. Then coming along down to the Bureau emissions, many more stamps were required and used, necessitating larger plates with more subjects and the use of an increased number of guide line characters on each plate.

For many years these varieties were overlooked and neglected and it was sometime after that I first stumbled on the great opportunities offered in this field of philatelic endeavor, before I ran onto two or three others pioneering in this new wilderness. Singularly it was in old England that I found the one most advanced in this new side line. It is with pleasure that I refer to W. E. Whitnall, Birkenhead, England, for, together we have untangled many seeming complications. He has been a great help in making my findings what they are and he it was who suggested the diagram I will later offer in this article as a standard for reference. Judging from his want list, I conclude he must have the most complete collection of nineteenth century guide line varieties in existence.

Judge Doughty of Colorado, another pioneer in the collection of these despised straight edges, shows an enviable accumulation. He is so imbued with their fascination that he recently took a trip across the State of Michigan to compare collections and swap duplicates with me. For an instance as to what can still be accomplished in this side line, one well known collector, in about five years, has secured a major portion of the Bureau emissions from junk that he has picked up.

WEEKLY readers who have access to a file of the *American Philatelist*, will find an article of mine on U. S. Arrows and Guide Lines in No. 16—Vol. 31—May 15, 1918, which has always seemed to me to have been ahead of its time. It has been with no little interest that I have from time to time recently read in the philatelic press, letters from several collectors relative to the straight edge stamp. Now that these same straight edge stamps are causing others to sit up and take notice and hoping that more publicity may help remove the opprobrium placed on this unjustly maligned stamp, I am again emboldened to take up this subject and embrace this opportunity offered by the editor to place before the WEEKLY's readers the findings of one who has made arrows and guide lines a particular hobby for nearly a score of years.

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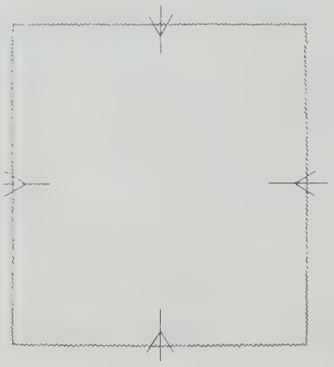
With the appearance of the 1869 series the arrow came into general use and it is with this issue that my particular interest begins, the guide lines on the previous issues having been so ably covered in the work by Dr. Carroll Chase.

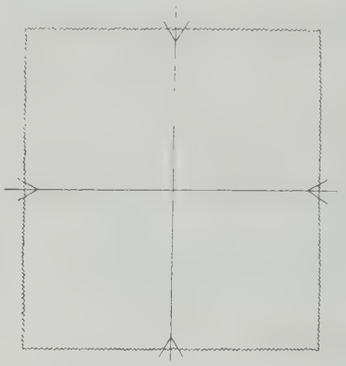
Beginning with the series of 1869 and up to the present day the arrow as a guide for division has been generally engraved on plates of stamps, the printed sheets of which were to be divided into smaller, more convenient sizes, before issuing for sale. No arrows having been engraved on the smaller plates, the printed sheets of which, required no division later.



Arrows were alone used as guides on sheets of stamps issued during and through the period of printing by the various bank note companies, and for a short time prior to December 4, 1895, after the Bureau of Printing and Engraving took over the printing contract. The arrow was usually so located on the plate that the point projected inside the perforated sheet and was just about in alignment with the edge of the outer row of stamps.

During the 1869 issue and for several years following, stamp plates were mostly composed of 200 and 300 subjects, the printed sheets from which were divided into panes of 100 and 150 stamps respectively, by cutting vertically through the marginal arrows, giving the unperforated "straight edge" sides. The vertical arrows from these plates will be found at either the top or bottom of the straight unperforated side of the stamp and the horizontal arrow when used, on the perforated top or bottom of the stamp. Later, when the larger plates bearing 400 subjects were prepared, the division into panes of 100 was made by cutting through both the vertical and horizontal arrows, giving unperforated straight edge tops or bottoms and sides. The vertical arrows from these plates will be found on stamps having straight edge sides and the horizontal arrows on the stamps having either the straight edge top or bottom.

When the sheets were properly divided, a half arrow would appear on the corner of each of the two adjacent stamps. More often this division was hastily performed with the result that the larger portion of an arrow is found upon one stamp and but a fragment was left to adorn its companion.



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When the sheets were properly divided, a half arrow with attached guide lines would appear on a side, or top or bottom of each of the two adjacent stamps, but here again the work was not always carefully done, with the result that the cut came more often on one side or the other of the guide line and one pane would show the colored guide line and the arrow, while its companion would show barely a trace, if any at all. After the cutting of the sheet, where the vertical and horizontal guide line fell upon the same pane, one marginal stamp would be found enclosed on one side and a top or bottom by this colored guide line angle, giving us what we now call a "corner stamp," the rarest of the guide line varieties.

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These illustrations are in continuation and conclusion of those shown in the last notes. Mr. Gilbert M. Burr has supplied all of these except Nos. 3 and 10. No. 3 is from Mr. K. N. Woodward and No. 10 belongs to the writer. No. 3 is in blue, but all the others are black. All except No. 5 are on 3c green stamps. That exception is on a 2c green. Must have been in use a long time.

In going over this whole subject we find that the places known to have used these cancellations are very few. Mr. Fennel has given us some other specimens in *American Philatelist*, but only a very few towns are mentioned as having used them. If any of you can tell us anything about them we shall be glad to have the information. Also if anyone can send new specimens we shall be glad to have them.

Something happened to the numbers of the illustrations in the issue of May 10th. The top row received the numbers that should have been given to the bottom row. Therefore Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 are Dr. Robinson's, and 2, 3, 4 Mr. Michel's, and 5 Mr. Hustis', and it's No. 4 that Mr. Michels would be glad to have a name for. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Mr. R. J. Tarpy has sent a lot of stamped envelopes, and they are interesting. I've never been able to determine why so many of us shy away from stamped envelopes as if they were plague infected, but a lot of us do. When it comes to cancellations, they are certainly as attractive on one of these as on a cover adorned by an adhesive, and there are a few cancellations which it has never been my fortune to see on an adhesive. In the lot sent by Mr. Tarpy were these: a 2c vermilion brown, Rockbridge, Ill., with the octagonal M. O. B. stamp used instead of the regular postmark.

Millstadt, Ill., with a 34mm double circle postmark, and a solid star in a circle on 2c brown.

Sipe Springs, Tex., P. K. Stamey, P. M., the 2c brown stamp canceled by a seven bar grid.

Pine Level, Alabama, with a double outer circle, and an inner circle around the date, canceled by a ten bar grid in purple.

Crested Butte, Colo., without a circle around the town name.

Roscoe, St. Clair Co., Mo., with a notched oval postmark 37x25mm.

Sikestown, Mo., Jno. A. Huckeby, P. M., with an oval postmark 41x28mm. The date is in one line with scrolls above and below it, and a leaflike ornament at each end.

Greenway, Ark., Billie B. Biffle, P. M., in a 27mm double circle, and for an obliterator a solid star in a circle. Purple. That P. M. certainly was the possessor of an alliterative name.

Saint Johns, Illinois, and Neligh, Neb., both canceled with a star in a circle, the first one purple.

Richland, Ills., with a purple maltese cross on the 3c green stamp, a very attractive combination.

Richland, Mo., in bright red, but the stamp uncanceled.

Clarksville, Johnson Co., Ark., around the top of a 28mm circle, at the bottom of which is 5 p. m. The date is in three lines in the center surrounded by a 17mm circle. A most unusual form of postmark.

Gaudy, Utah, in letters 4mm high, in a 32mm circle. The date is in a single line across the center.

Carthage, Mo., has for an obliterator the open letters E J in a round black block. Presumably the initials of the Postmaster.

Hendrickson, Mo., Jun 5, 1880. Correct T. F. Estes, P. M., in purple in an oval 43x26mm.

That seems to be a pretty attractive lot of covers even though stamped envelopes. The dies of the stamps and the knives of the envelopes were unheeded. Frankly I couldn't figure them out if I tried and I didn't try. The cancellations were the important thing here and the rest of the details were mere incidentals.

And aren't we folks who collect cancellations too particular sometimes? If we find a nice clearly impressed clean cut cancellation oughtn't that to be the ideal thing for our collection even though the stamp is off center, or has a perforation missing from the lower left corner? It's not so hard to understand why a stamp should be centered and perfect to please a fastidious collector, but just why he should insist upon having a perfect cancellation on a perfect stamp isn't quite so readily perceived, and the fellow who does insist upon that brand of perfection is certainly going to have some spaces unfilled, and miss some mighty nice cancellations. I practice what I preach. When a clearly impressed complete cancellation that is at all scarce or unusual come my way, even though the stamp is off center, it sticks, until a better one comes along, and sometimes it's a long long, time before that occurs—and sometimes it doesn't occur.

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For every specialist who can differentiate there are a hundred general collectors who buy these remainders because they appear cheap, and the statement made that the prices of genuinely used copies, say of the 1910 high values, has been lowered thereby can be substantiated by references to the latest auction prices of these varieties.

This is only to be expected when we consider the many thousands of these stamps that have been sold to collectors who would otherwise have had to wait for mint or the somewhat elusive genuine postally-used copies, and which has naturally reduced the demand for these. I must therefore reject our friend's suggestion that the genuinely used of the 1905 and 1910 issues are still "worth" more than mint, as "worth" can only be judged by what they actually are fetching, which is less, there may be fewer existing, but that is a different story.

Togo.—Another correspondent considers I was hard on the 1sh Togo *olive back* in suggesting that it is not worth its new catalogue price of 30sh. It is pointed out that it has recently been offered as a special bargain at 25sh, and even £2 (before its catalogue valuation appeared). There is no doubt it is a fairly scarce item *mint* (used copies are commoner) but £1 seems a sufficient quotation for the present. For those who think otherwise and are willing to back their opinions, there remains the alternative of buying up all the copies that are offered for less! This method has worked well with certain other stamps of recent origin!

Turks and Caicos Is.—Another question propounded relates to the number issued of the 1sh Turks Is. script wmk. old design. I believe the number was about 4000, of which it is probable the majority were sold in London by the Crown Agents. This explains why it was for long so much cheaper here than anywhere else, and the fact of used copies being so rare. It also accounts the fact of it being for some time obtainable at a small percentage over value, whilst the Barbados 1sh (small type) which was issued in large quantities (6000) was hardly ever obtainable in London at similar rates. In later instance, none were sold by Crown Agents in London, and specators got hold of the local supply, so the British dealers were hardly able get their normal supplies. Some of t have recently been coming on the ma and the prices for this Barbados st is a little easier, a few having fet about 11sh each at auction. It certa forms a good argument in favour of plies sufficient to meet the British largest) demand being held back by Crown Agents. No hardship is the inflicted on a small colony, as the gen postal demand for the higher value usually slight.

Tonga Provisionals.—The Tongan visionals, owing to the Postmaster re ing to fill foreign orders, were very cessfully cornered by speculators. S little parcels of most values have rece been appearing, but the 2d on 1sh appears to be in the hands of the s ulators. The number printed is give 6180, certainly small but relatively c parable with the Nyasaland ½d surcha "N.F." (9,950 stated printed), whic at the moment a *much* cheaper sta Many will remember, however, that some time after this was issued, it equally successfully cornered and it selling in 1918-20 at about 7s6d. it can be bought for 6d! When the supply was released by the speculat the bottom fell out of the market. interest in it fell away.

Gibraltar.—A correspondent asks the numbers printed of the Gibraltar script. According to figures in a temporary, the total sold to dealers the public was 1051, the bulk of the pr ing being burnt. One hears that

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There was a special reason why the Malta stamp went up more slowly in price—taking 2 or 3 years to reach the £10 level. This was because it was uncertain for some time whether it would be reissued or not, when the 10sh stamp of the old design (CC) was exhausted.

Gambia.—The 4d and 1sh Gambia current type old wmk. are worth acquiring, now they are obsolete used copies are scarce in particular, and there always seems to be rather more demand for used stamps from here than for other West African Colonies—partly, doubtless, because so few are used!

Nearly all recent issues of Gambia are worth holding. Of low values the scarcest is the 1½d small type script watermark; it will not be surprising if this is increased in price in the next catalogue. Most values of this set are on the upgrade, the highest value being the best of all.

Blue Scripts.—The position in regard to the 2½d blue and other scripts is very interesting and should be closely watched. Some like the 2½d St. Lucia blue will get commoner and cheaper on reissue, the difference between printings will probably be small. But what has happened to the 2½d orange stamp of this Colony? Its life has been short and it is a variety that may easily turn out very good. Buy it now.

Another 2½d stamp that may turn out good and is worth holding for a rise is the 2½d grey of Grenada, in fact, all Grenada scripts in the old colours up to 1sh are likely to show a substantial increase.

The Mauritius provisionals are worth picking up now. The 3c on 4c being the best, as only about £100 face value of this stamp were issued.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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PAUL KOHL, Chemnitz, announces the theft of a valuable stamp collection of Prof. Dr. Schafer, Meissen, Germany. It consisted of a large specialized collection of Mexico, strong in early issues. There was also a large lot of covers. We cannot take the space to enumerate the particulars as given us, but if anyone has offered him anything unusual in the way of Mexican stamps this notice will serve as a warning. Dr. Schafer asks "all the world" to assist him in recovering his collection.

"I NOTICE your news item in regard to pictures on U. S. stamps where uniforms are shown. Is it not true that Washington's portrait on the 90c stamps of the issues of 1860 and 1861 is in uniform?"—ALBERT H. HALL.

J. C. BOGAN of the Philatelic Bats informs us that Panama is to commemorate the first centenary of Bolivar and a set of new stamps ranging from ½c to 50c will soon be issued and placed in circulation for sixty days. The numbers to be issued range all the way from 250,000 for the ½c value to 15,000 of the 50c. There will be twelve values in the set.

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THE *Top Notch Magazine* for May contains a whimsical sort of stamp story under the caption, "The Hitless Slugger". The hero is Bill Eggers, an amateur Babe Ruth who has taken a terrible slump in his batting average. On the sidelines he is a stamp collector, but rather ashamed of his hobby. There enters upon the scene Walt Kelcey who furnished the pep in the form of a Mauritius stamp which Bill eagerly wanted. It was made the subject of a bet and the next day Bill recovered from his hitless streak with "a pair of circuit wallops, a brace of singles, and a smacking two-bagger". This on five trips to the plate when he had faced two southpaws and one righthander. If this notice does not sell *Top Notch* for May to our baseball philatelists no other inducement can be offered. Thanks to Edward Lockwood for the clipping.

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EDITORIAL.

The post office department has distributed a circular telling that a model post office, "equipped with the most up-to-date labor-saving devices and standard furniture and equipment," will be a feature of the Post Office Department's exhibit at the Philadelphia Sesqui-centennial Exposition, June to December, 1926. The following paragraph will catch the eye of collectors: "Twenty-four frames will contain die proofs and originals of the United States postage stamps and stamped paper that have been in use since the dawn of the postal establishment." As usual, the department shows commendable enterprise in taking advantage of an opportunity to acquaint the public with its workings and its wares, as the postal issues may be called.

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Our Washington correspondent, whose timely information has been appreciated by readers on different occasions, intimates that the department will have its hands full if it gives heed to the representations of all the congressmen who may feel inclined to ask that special issues be prepared in honor of persons and events in which they are interested in behalf of constituents. He expresses the opinion that the department will not be carried away by the number or insistence of the solicitors and that good judgment will remain in the saddle. This is well and we trust that a golden mean will be observed.

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It must be admitted that while many collectors welcome the commemorative issues, there are others who view them with disquiet and are really regretful that there seems to be a loosening of the bars in this connection. Our view is a philosophical one, we hope, and recognizing that a stamp is an admirable vehicle for the expression of remembrance, honor or distinction, it follows that it may be used fittingly on proper occasion. However, if the idea is abused and made common, there will be a slackening of philatelic interest in such issues and the effect then on philately as a whole will not be inspiriting. There is one factor that must compel the tolerance of the critical collector, however, and that is embraced in the moderation of the number and denominations that enter into recent special issues; and the most captious commentator may not justly ascribe any commercial motive to the output of these stamps.

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From our faithful correspondent, Mr. T. Russell Hungerford, Washington, we have the following contribution telling of an interesting alliance of biblical history and philately: "Another Churchman has been honored by having his picture placed on a postage stamp. This time it is Publius, who is mentioned in connection with the shipwreck of St. Paul on the island of Malta, in the Book of Acts, 28:7, 8. The stamp is the one shilling six pence denomination, recently issued, and is of striking design. It bears the Latin inscription, S. Publius Primus Episcopus Melitae, A. D. LVIII, meaning First Bishop of Malta, A. D. 58. St. Paul refers to Publius as 'the chief man of the island, who received us and lodged us three days courteously.' He was the chief Roman officer at that time and is said to have been converted by Paul's teaching or preaching, and afterwards to have become the first bishop of Malta. There is a church dedicated to his memory at Floriana, just outside the walls of Valetta. The Scriptural reference also states that the father of Publius was sick with fever and that St. Paul healed him." Mr. Hungerford adds: "I spent several hours at the Library of Congress, trying to get a line on S. Publius, but found only one slight reference to him. Just what the lion behind his robes signifies, I have not ascertained." Speaking of Valetta, the capital of Malta, which was taken by the British in 1801, a writer in a contemporary erroneously fixes the derivation of the name. Valetta comes from the name of John Parisot de la Valette, a Grand Master of the Knights of St. John, and the city was for some time the chief seat of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

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Mr. R. McP. Cabeen, Chicago, in the course of an article on the early postal history of Chicago, which was read at a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society and later published in the WEEKLY, said that in 1866 there were a good number of railway postal cars in operation. Reference to Mr. Cabeen's article evidently was made in the New York *Times* and not long ago, a woman historian, who is much interested in the origin of the railway mail service, wrote to Mr. Cabeen for particulars as to the burial places of the inventors of the postal car, as adopted for use in this country. From Mr. Cabeen's answer, we take the following paragraphs: "The railway postal car was invented by George B. Armstrong and his partner, George S. Banks, and was first tried out on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in 1864. In 1865 there were 1,041 miles equipped with railway postal cars using 54 clerks, 22,000 miles of railway carrying mail without special sorting clerks. By 1867 there were 4,435 miles, 160 clerks covering 18 routes. Both Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Banks are buried in Rose Hill, one of Chicago's oldest cemeteries, and marking Mr. Armstrong's grave is a bronze slab, describing in detail the history of his invention. Mr. Banks has a more elaborate monument, which shows, in a group of statuary, a stone tree and a railway car entering a tunnel. In the article in the New York *Times*, no definite time was given as to when the first R. M. S. car was tried out. I simply stated that by 1866 a certain number of cars were in operation."

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From Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, we have received the Messolongi, 1826-1926, centenary stamp. Mr. Drossos writes: "The denomination is 25 lepta and the design depicts Victory lamenting over the tomb of the fallen warriors or heroes and it is the only denomination that has appeared. The quantity issued is not known, but the stamp is available for inland and foreign postage. The one and two drs., that were to be put in use, have been so badly printed by Messrs. Aspictis Bros. of Corfu that they have been retired and are not to be issued at all." Messolongi is a hallowed name to the Greeks, because of its association with the victory gained by them there and its consecration as the burial place of Lord Byron.

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A reader is anxious to obtain particulars concerning the establishment of the United States postal agency at Shanghai, China. Further than to refer him to the post office bill of 1869 or 1870, that created the agency and provided for a resident manager, we could not give him official information. We feel safe in saying in answer to one of his questions that this agency postmark is not to be found on letters bearing any of the 1869 issue, but only on letters with subsequent issues.

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The subject of mail agents on ocean steamers is one that will have attention, as covers receive more intensive study and for a thorough understanding of the question, recourse will have to be had to the old postal laws and regulations and all references to this angle of the postal service will have to be collated. The agents on the mail steamers were well paid, relatively speaking, and appoi ments to the positions were warmly co peted for and, no doubt, if one were investigate into the service, a reada reward would follow.

ON AND OFF

Mr. Max Golding, president of Chicago Philatelic Society, resigned fr office at a recent meeting of the soci because of the increasing frequency absence from the city on business tr A resolution of thanks was passed the members extolling Mr. Golding his earnest work in behalf of the ganization and his resignation as pr dent was accepted with regret.

One of the Chicago radio stations invited stamp collectors to give talks their pursuit, the directress of the tion saying that while in Boston, she stituted the feature of philatelic courses with success.

According to the announcement, a c tract air mail route between Cheye Wyoming, and Pueblo, Colorado, will gin operations on May 31st of this y The route will make connections w the government's transcontinental route in both directions.

From Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, have received early copies of the n sets from Suriname and Curacao; val 3, 5, 10 and 15c Suriname and 3, 5, and 20c Curacao.

The following news is taken from columns of one of the San Franci dailies: "Suit for a reward of $ claimed by Ross O'Shaughnessy, sta dealer, 16 Geary St., who caused recovery of a stolen stamp collect valued at $7,000, was filed in the Super Court yesterday against Bertram W. Poole and Charles Beamish, Los Ange Suit is brought in the name of Willi G. Wilson, to whom O'Shaughne assigned his claim. The complaint based on a notice published by Poole stamp dealer, that included the statem 'Owner offers $500 reward.' The co plainant says that Beamish was the disclosed owner. Two men tried to the stolen stamp collection to O'Shau nessy on April 12. He notified the po who captured one man. The other lea through a window."

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I think the solution of the cataloguing of coloured papers difficulty lies in treating Gibbons catalogue as being, as accurately as may be possible, a record of the actual essential main changes in the coloured papers for the guidance of the keen general collector of single non-marginal specimens, and not for the specialist, who will have plate-number pieces to guide him into further elaboration.

Such cataloguing would be sufficiently covered by the divisions:—

1.—*(a)* Yellow, *(b)* white back, *(c)* lemon, *(d)* buff, *(e)* pale yellow.
2.—*(a)* Green, *(b)* blue-green, olive back, *(c)* emerald surface, *(d)* emerald back.
3.—Blue.
4.—Red.

Single specimens can hardly be further sub-divided with any degree of accuracy without elaborating into marginal pairs.

Regarding the "yellow" paper, which, as Mr. Iremonger states, was first issued in 1912, with re-issues in 1914 and 1916, the 1912 can be called "true yellow" (except for climatic changes to which I refer below); the 1914 re-issue is known as "chrome-speckled yellow," small red particles from imperfect mixing of the colouring ingredients occurring on the backs of about 30 per cent of the stamps on each sheet, but otherwise practically indistinguishable from the original 1912 paper; the 1916 re-issue has a distinct lemon tinge in it, though I think that it would be a mistake for the Catalogue to treat this paper as being other than "yellow."

A little confusion is bound to occur, which must be left to take care of itself, e.g., Cayman Islands, S.G. 45. Although chronicle has been made of this stamp from plate No. 5, I have never seen it, and, assuming that it does not so exist, S.G. 45 must refer to the printing issued in March, 1920 (in which case the date in the Catalogue is incorrect). Such March, 1920, issue was from plate No. 8, and came on both pale and deep lemon-yellow papers (shades of the back), and also on buff, followed in December, 1920, by pale yellow. The true lemon paper with plate No. 1 was current until about 1919.

Therefore, though for the specialist S.G. 45 is lemon-yellow, yet I hold that "yellow" remains its correct catalogue description. Consistency in the Catalogue is a well-nigh unattainable ideal, but, if this simplification is to be adopted, as I think it must, Malta, S.G. 87 and 88, should not be differentiated. No. 88 does not exist on true lemon; certainly two shades of yellow paper occur, one with a slight lemon tinge, which is difficult enough to distinguish, even in marginal pieces. The difference in Catalogue quotation is out of all reason, and only causes a fictitious hoisting of prices, unless the 1916-20 lemon-yellow paper is to be recognised throughout—and Malta 5s is a stamp which shows the difference as little as any.

I have suggested above that "buff" should be used instead of "orange-buff" in the Catalogue. The buff paper can, at least, be divided into orange-buff and yellow-buff, but I feel that "buff" is quite sufficient a sub-division for the Catalogue. The buff, and olive-backed green, papers were, during their currency, generally described as "experimental," but this is too much of a present use of the word for a catalogue, and "new yellow paper" for the pale yellow is much more so. The 1916 re-issue of yellow was at the time also referred to as "new yellow paper"!

There were similar variations in the green paper, both climatic and actual, and occasionally the surface was nearly blue, while the backs varied from bright blue, through grey-blue, to greenish blue, but here again these varieties should be disregarded in the Catalogue until the issue of the distinctive olive-backs.

Only a minor change of shade occurred in the red paper, though it is probable that this was not due to any change in the manufacture of the paper itself.

The muddy yellow paper of recent sales of the Gilbert and Ellice 4d and 5s, plate No. 1, has been referred to. It is quite correct that these are on quite an early yellow paper, and that the change is only climatic. British Solomon Islands 4d similarly can be found in muddy yellow, and also with a highly glazed back, giving it a distinctly lemon appearance, but this appears to be due to pressure between tissues. These again should be ignored by the Catalogue.

Plate numbers and dates of despatch to the Colony are *the* criterion, whereas dates of issue are quite unreliable; it often happens that a particular variety is held in stock for several years before issue.

My opinion is that the Catalogue should remain in its semi-simplified lines to this extent, but that it should be specifically accurate and be revised, quite as much as the older issues, by specialists, who have the requisite knowledge, and that, for example, if a stamp were printed on a yellow paper (not the true lemon) prior to the introduction of the buff paper it should be catalogued as "yellow," whatever its appearance or similarity to the real buff or pale yellow.

"If a collector has a stamp on pale yellow paper, he will want it listing as such whatever . . ." is, no doubt, true, but is a tendency which should, in the interests of accuracy, be discouraged.

The voluminous shade and minor varieties to which so much prominence is given in the Catalogue of older issues,

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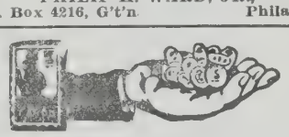

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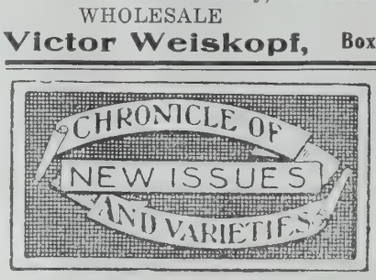

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Sesqui-Centennial Postal Exhibit

The Information Service of the Post Office Department announces for release on May 24th that one of the many interesting features of the Post Office Department's exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia from June to December will be the installation of a model post office on the exposition grounds. This post office will be equipped throughout with the most up-to-date labor-saving devices and standard furniture and equipment.

All forms of postal service will be shown, including sales of stamps, money orders, parcel post, postal savings, general delivery and lock boxes. Periodical collections throughout the grounds will also be provided, as well as deliveries to each and every exhibit. A substantial and commodious gallery will overlook the entire working space in order that visitors may have a full and clear view of the work room and cages in which these various branches of the service transact their business.

Two lecturers will be assigned to duty on the platform to explain to visitors the various operations carried on below and to offer suggestions as to the proper use of the facilities afforded by the postal service. Mail chutes will be provided from the visitors' gallery so that a visitor can drop a letter or postal card into the chute and trace its travel to the pouch or he can address a letter to himself and follow it until it reaches the general delivery window and go there and get it. In other words, the service will be such that one can mail a picnic basket by parcel post after breakfast and receive it by noon-day.

An electrically driven panoramic representation of an airplane carrying the mail across the continent over the government operated route from New York to San Francisco will form one of the interesting exhibits of the Department. In addition, a model airplane, samples of the different types of lights used in the illuminated airway on the transcontinental route, and other miscellaneous exhibits relating to the Air Mail Service, will be provided for visitors to the Exposition.

Then there will be a standard all-steel sixty-foot railway postal car exhibited. The interior of the car will be equipped with all the modern racks, pouches, sacks and several tons of imitation letter, paper and parcel post mail, so that a faithful reproduction will be made of the working conditions in a railway post office. The mail car will also be equipped with a crane for taking mail sacks on the run and two railway postal clerks will be detailed to demonstrate the operation of its make-up.

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	UNUSED, With Gum.	Cat.	Net
#21	½c black	1.25	.60
32	1c yellow	.50	.18
33	2c green	1.00	.35
43	5c gray	.50	.18
44	6c red brown	1.50	.50
45	10c red, shades	3.00	1.00
46	20c vermilion	1.50	.60
47	50c blue	1.75	.75
48	8c gray, shades	3.00	1.00
50	½c Jubilee	1.00	.50
54	5c Jubilee	.50	.20
56	8c Jubilee	1.00	.40
57	10c Jubilee	1.25	.50
58	15c Jubilee	1.75	.75
70	5c blue, 4-leaf	.20	.08
78	5c blue, 2-leaf	.40	.16
80	8c orange, 2-leaf	1.25	.50
81	10c brown, 2-leaf	.75	.30
82 or 83	Map	.15	.06
84	2 on 3, 4-leaf	.20	.08
85	2 on 3, 2-leaf	.15	.05
88	7c yellow	.60	.25
91	5c Edward	.18	.08
92	7c Edward	.35	.15
95	50c Edward	2.50	1.25
	USED, Good to Fine.		
#21	½c black	1.00	.45
35	6c brown	.25	.10
36	10c lilac	1.25	.60
44	6c red brown	1.00	.40
45	10c brown	1.00	.40
57	10c Jubilee	.85	.40
58	15c Jubilee	1.50	.65
94	20c Edward	.25	.10
110	50c George	.18	.06
118	$1 George	.40	.10
	Special Delivery (either)	.15	.06

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3d	red	17.50	7.00
5c	yellow green	.12	.06
10c	red	.65	.30
17c	black	1.25	.65
2c	orange	.20	.10

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#1	1d brown violet, very fine	7.00	4.25
3	3d green, fine, nice margins	5.00	3.00
5a	5d brown violet, very fine	9.00	5.75
11	2d orange, fine	20.00	12.00
17	2d rose, fine	10.00	6.00
18	4d rose, fine	1.25	.75
21	6½d rose, fine	5.00	3.00
24	2c green	2.50	1.25

	Newfoundland.	Cat.	Net
26	10c black	3.50	1.75
30	1c violet	2.50	1.25
31	3c vermilion, fine	6.00	3.00
35	1c rouletted	4.00	2.00
38	5c rouletted	.80	.40
43	5c pale blue	.75	.37
49	10c black	1.75	.90
52e	5c bright blue	.40	.20
58	2c green	.60	.30
59	3c deep blue	1.00	.50
60	3c violet brown	1.00	.50
61	1c green, Cabot	.25	.12
62	2c carmine, Cabot	.25	.12
66	6c red brown, Cabot	.25	.12
70	15c scarlet, Cabot	.60	.30
85	4c violet	.20	.10
88a	*2c Guy	.40	.20

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3	3d dark blue	9.00	4.50
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9	2c lilac	1.00	.50
10	5c blue	1.25	.60
11	8½c green	1.25	.65
12	10c vermilion	2.50	1.25
13	12½c black	1.50	.75

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#1	2d rose, fine	7.00	4.00
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4	*1d yellow orange	1.50	.75
5	*2d rose	.30	.15
6	*3d blue	.50	.25
7a	*6d blue green	2.50	1.25
8	*9d violet	1.25	.75
9	*4d black	.40	.20
10	*4½d brown	2.00	1.00
	Same used	3.00	1.50
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13	3c rose	1.75	.85
14	*4c green	.50	.25
15	*6c black	.30	.15

BRITISH WEST INDIES

Bermuda, #1, 1d		.60	.25
	#17, 1d	.80	.35
	#17a, 1d	.65	.25
Dominica, *½d War, Local schg.		.50	.20
Trinidad, #79, 6d lilac and black		.40	.20
	#80, 1sh green and orange	1.00	.50
Turks, *#54, 2½d ult.		.50	.25
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Twenty-four frames will contain proofs and originals of the United Sta postage stamps and stamped paper t have been in use since the dawn of postal establishment. There will also two show cases containing samples of various articles received by the De Letter Office and a glass case contain improperly wrapped packages, as well those prepared according to the rules a regulations of the Department.

The Division of Equipment and Su plies will have an exhibit showing t enormous quantities of some of the pr cipal articles that are used in the pos service in addition to modern collecti boxes. The growth of the Rural Del ery Service will be depicted to visit and the Mail Equipment Shops will fu nish an exhibit showing the various ty of mail sacks used throughout the pos service.

A chart showing the organization the Post Office Department will be d played. A collection of oil paintings, lustrating the tradition of the servi will be hung along the walls. The h tory and growth of the service will told in 16 book charts that will be view to the visitors. In addition, t automatic motion picture machines w be included in this particular feature the Department's exhibit.

One of the principal attractions of t exhibit will be a mounted specimen Owney, the Postal Dog. Owney ma his home in the mail cars and travel from place to place. Not only did make many trips across the Unit States, but he also toured the wor Each place Owney visited a tag w placed on him and when he died it w discovered that he had about 200 chec medals and certificates, now in possessi of the Post Office Department.

The office of the Chief Inspector w provide an exhibit showing the vario robbers and other postal offenders w have been brought to justice through t operations of this service. An intere ing collection of guns and mail robbe tools and other equipment will be pr vided. The Solicitor of the Departme will furnish an exhibit with reference fraudulent, medical and mail schemes.

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ds, Michigan, was taken that day
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n Detroit and Grand Rapids in
ly more than one hour as compared
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and the contractors.
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s that effective May 27th, there will
ily flights between Jacksonville and
ni with exception of Sunday. Planes
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DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade informs us there has appeared a final 7ö stamp. It is of the type of Nos. 149-151 and is yellow green in color. Mr. Pade further advises that of the recently reported 7ö provisionals a sheet has been found in the City of Roedcz of the 7ö on 20ö with double surcharge. A new value is to be added to the Air Mail set very soon. It will probably be a 15ö stamp.

FINLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. send copies of the 40p green and the 3m pale blue and black, watermarked Multiple Swastika.

GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. chronicle the 5 drachma postage due, in grey-blue.

ITALY. — The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 20c brown pneumatic post stamp has been issued in the same design as before.

MONACO. — Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the fact that the 1fr blue, that was chronicled last week as surcharged for use as Fr.1.25, has not as yet been issued without the surcharge.

OLTRE GIUBA. — The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 70c red and the 2L50c special delivery stamps of Italy with the surcharge "Oltre Giuba" in black.

POLAND. — The Economist Stamp Co. have sent for chronicle a 1gr brown of a new design. The centre of the stamp pictures an entrance to a building.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—The 6p stamp noted below under Union of South Africa has been surcharged vertically "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afrika" alternately for use in this colony. The surcharge is in black.

TRANSJORDANIA. — Whitfield King & Co. report that the following provisionals have been issued: on the postage due stamps, script watermark, 1m on 1m, 2m on 1m, 8m on 3m, 4m on 3m, 13 on 13m and 5 piastres on 13m.

TURKEY.—Mr. Harvey L. Meekin has received a letter from Smyrna with a pair of stamps of a new design. The value is five grouch and the view in the centre is that of a citadel. At the base is the inscription "Turk Postalari". The color is grey lilac.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. — Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the new 6p orange and green stamp. It is of the orange tree type in the centre similar to Orange Free State design, but printed in two colors, the oranges being in orange and the crop very plentiful.

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and of unpopular countries, make the specialist in the issues of King George feel how inadequately in comparison these issues are dealt with, but he is prepared to put up with omissions of varieties of shade and paper if the lists are otherwise accurate, and obscure and trivial shades are not given undue prominence merely because they have happened to catch the Editor's attention; e.g., Barbados 200 and 200a, Cayman Islands 77 and 78 should certainly not be differentiated at all, much less in the quotations of the former, unless far more definite shades of other issues are to be included.

An overhauling of the Georgian lists is overdue, and is a simple matter for many specialists, but would require editorial supervision to maintain equality of treatment between the various countries.

I have not attempted to answer here the queries put forward by Mr. Iremonger, as I feel that they are not intended to be dealt with in this reply, and that, to a certain extent, they were rhetorical and added more as emphasis to his views than as search for information.

I would add that the colours of ink and of paper are more difficult to describe, though perhaps less necessary to expertise on, in the case of the line-engraved stamps, such as St. Vincent 112b, due to the running and soaking of the ink, giving somewhat complex results, from the wetting of the paper in the course of printing.

Finally, I make the suggestion for what it is worth that you deal with the coloured papers in a similar manner to that which you do with Dies I and II, viz., that where a stamp exists only on one make of yellow paper, whether "yellow," "lemon," "buff" or "pale yellow," you refer to it merely as "yellow" *not* in italics, and that you only italicize the colour of the paper when it is necessary to differentiate between two different makes of paper occurring in the same duty. The italics at present nominally used in the colour of the paper do not make the description any clearer, and if only one make of paper exists in a particular duty it does not matter much to the general collector, nor even to the specialist who can look after himself, which particular paper it is. The s cialist will naturally differentiate minor shades, or even into clim changes, as he does with colour of gum of stamps on white paper, and suc course would tend to remove inconsis cies by demanding less accuracy in n essentials on the part of the compi of the Catalogue, but still allow of pansion into further subdivisions italics, to include, say, lemon-yellow, low-buff, orange-buff, etc., in partic cases where these shades occur unr takably.

Thus, "green" of Gilbert and El Islands 1s would be in ordinary t whereas that of Ceylon 5rs would be italics, where besides *"green," "bl surface, green back"* could be inclu and yet consistency could be maintai If such a course were adopted, excep might be taken to listing Antigua, N 55, 56 and 60, as being merely "on low," or No. 57 as "on green"—in b cases not in italics, but if it were un stood that the actual make of paper in this manner not particularised, I do see that any such objections would ca weight.

Alternatively to using "green" in manner for all four main makes of pa I suggest that "emerald" might be u as well; thus the present descriptions Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Nos. 19 35, would stand by putting the "gre and "emerald" into ordinary type.

In support of this suggestion, I wo refer to the 4d of the current Ascens design, not yet catalogued, but as Helena, Type 20. Let the Catalogue scribe this as "on yellow"—no ital whereas if it were described as *"on p yellow"* there would be a demand for extension of the list, as this stamp be found also on lemon-yellow (ba and on deep lemon (back)—the la really a deep lemon-yellow, but with considerable amount of lemon.

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5c Blue	.25	.15
1c Ultramarine	.10	.05
5c Blue	.20	.12
3c Pink	.50	.30
0c Brown	.20	.10
5c Orange	.75	.55
0c Black	.75	.50
0c Carmine	3.50	2.75
5c Brown	.15	.07
3c Rose	1.50	1.00
0c Brown	.05	.04
4c Green	.20	.10
3c Vermillion	.75	.60
4c Carmine	.18	.10
5c Blue	.18	.10
0c Brown	1.50	1.25
0c Purple	3.25	2.75
03, 1c to 10c (9)	.35	.25
5c Blue	.30	.15
0c Black	.40	.30
0c Orange	1.75	1.00

	Catalog Price.	Our Price
1894, 6c Brown	.12	.06
8c Violet	.12	.06
15c Blue	.15	.10
50c Orange	.85	.50
$1.00 Black	2.25	1.50
1895, 15c Blue	.25	.15
50c Orange	.40	.25
$1.00 Black	.85	.60
1898, 6c Lake	.06	.04
15c Olive	.12	.08
1902, 3c Violet	.06	.03
13c Purple	.06	.04
50c Orange	.20	.15
$1.00 Black	.40	.30
1908, 8c Olive	.06	.03
13c Green	.50	.35
50c Violet	.25	.20
$1.00 Black	.50	.40
1910, 15c Ultramarine	.15	.10
1912, 30c Orange	.12	..
50c Violet	.35	.20
$1.00 Black	.40	.25
1914, 11c Green	.12	.08
30c Red	.10	.06
50c Violet	.15	.10
1916, 3c Violet	.30	.20
9c Salmon	.10	.07
11c Green	.10	.08
50c Violet	.20	.15
$1.00 Black	.35	.20
$2.00 Blue	.85	.45
$5.00 Green	1.75	1.10
1917, 13c Green	.10	.07
30c Red	.04	.02
50c Violet	.05	.02
$1.00 Black	.08	.04
1922 6, 11c Blue	.06	.03
13c Green	..	.05
17c Black	..	.05
25c Green	..	.02
30c Olive	..	.03
50c Lilac	..	.03
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1912, 1c Carmine Rose	.02	.01
2c Carmine Rose	.04	.01
3c Carmine Rose	.06	.04
4c Carmine Rose	.10	.02
5c Carmine Rose	.10	.01
10c Carmine Rose	.20	.01
15c Carmine Rose	.30	.05
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25c Carmine Rose	.50	.02
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1885, 10c Blue	.75	.20
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1895, 10c Blue	.25	.05
1902, 10c Ultramarine	.25	.03
1908, 10c Green	.30	.25
1911, 10c Ultramarine	.25	.02
1914, 10c Ultramarine	.30	.03
1916, 10c Ultramarine	.50	.07
1917, 10c Ultramarine	.15	.02
1922, 10c Ultramarine	.12	.01

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1911, 10c Ultramarine	.15	.02

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1893—Columbian	Unused.	Used
1c Blue	$ .03	$ .01
2c Violet	.03	.01
3c Green	.10	.08
4c Ultramarine	.08	.04
5c Chocolate	.10	.03
6c Purple	.20	.18
8c Magenta	.16	.04
10c Brown	.20	.02
15c Green	.75	.65
30c Orange Brown	1.25	.90
50c Slate Blue	1.75	1.10
Price on Dollar values on application.		
Set of 8 values, 1c to 10c	.80	.35
1898—Trans Mississippi		
1c Green	.05	.02
2c Red	.06	.01
4c Orange	.25	.12
5c Blue	.45	.20
8c Violet Brown	.65	.18
10c Gray Violet	.65	.15
50c Sage Green	3.35	1.85
Price on Dollar values on application.		
Set of 6 values, 1c to 10c	2.00	.65
1904—Louisiana Purchase		
1c Green	.06	.02
2c Carmine	.06	.01
3c Violet	.28	.15
5c Blue	.55	.20
10c Brown	.70	.15
Set of 5 values, 1c to 10c	1.60	.50

	Unused.	Used
1901—Pan American		
1c Green and Black	.04	.02
2c Carmine and Black	.06	.01
4c Chocolate and Black	.20	.09
5c Ultramarine and Black	.25	.20
8c Violet and Black	.35	.25
10c Brown and Black	.30	.17
Set of 6 varieties, 1c to 10c	1.15	.79
1907—Jamestown		
1c Green	.04	.02
2c Carmine	.06	.01
5c Blue	.20	.15
1909—Lincoln		
2c Carmine, perf.	.05	.01
2c Carmine, imperf.	.10	.10
2c Carmine, blue paper	.30	.30
1909—Alaska Yukon		
2c Carmine, perf.	.06	.01
2c Carmine, imperf.	.10	.10
1909—Hudson Fulton		
2c Carmine, perf.	.06	.01
2c Carmine, imperf.	.10	.07
1912—Panama Pacific		
1c Green	.03	.02
2c Carmine	.04	.01
5c Blue	.15	.08
10c Orange	.35	.07
Set of 4 varieties, 1c to 10c	.55	.16
1919—Victory		
3c Violet	.04	.01
1920—Pilgrim		
1c Green	.02	.01
2c Carmine	.04	.01
5c Blue	.10	.08
Set of 3 values, 1c to 5c	.15	.09
1923—Harding		
2c Black, perf. 11	.03	.01
2c Black, perf. 10	.03	.01
2c Black, imperf.	.04	.03
1924—Huguenot Walloon		
1c Green	.02	.01
2c Carmine	.04	.01
5c Blue	.08	.06
Set of 3 values, 1c to 5c	.12	.07
1925—Lexington Concord		
1c Green	.02	.01
2c Carmine	.04	.01
5c Blue	.08	.06
Set of 3 values, 1c to 5c	.12	.07
1925—Norse American		
2c Carmine	.04	.02
5c Blue	.10	.08
Aeroplane Stamps		
1918, 6c Orange	.12	.07
16c Green	.25	.16
24c Red and Blue	.40	.20
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2c Carmine	1.25	.60
1912, 1c Green	.60	.30
2c Carmine	.60	.30
1914, 1c Green	.40	.20
2c Carmine	.50	.25
1916, 1c Green	.75	.35
2c Carmine	.85	.40
1917, 1c Green	.15	.08
2c Rose	.25	.15
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THERE appeared in the *Times-Picayune*, of New Orleans on May 21, a very fine editorial dealing with the new Ericsson postage stamp. Thanks to E. O. Barnes for the clipping.

WE have received from C. W. Urie a specimen of the first day Sesqui cover which he advertises elsewhere in this issue. It is a unique cover with a fine representation of the Liberty Bell on the left side of the envelope.

OUR English contemporary *Stamp Collecting* issued on May 8 what it terms a "Special Strike Issue" and underneath is found the advice "Keep this copy as it may be rare". The number consists of four pages, nearly all advertising. The reading matter is a brief statement of the circumstances under which the number was issued.

A PIECE of poetry comes to us from John J. Thorndahl entitled, "A Collector's Lament on Cincinnati Trip." It is dedicated to the S. P. A. convention. We print the concluding lines:—

But since I've done some figgering,
My trip is put on skids;
I guess I can't afford it,
'Cause I got so many kids.
But I'm not going to worry
'Cause I cannot pay the freight,
And maybe in the future they
Will choose a nearer state.

THINGS down in the British West Indies, so far as new issues are concerned, are rather dead—although with the return to 2½d foreign letter rate, color changes will be coming along, in the 2½d and 3d, and some other values. The 2½d gray Grenada, script is exhausted (replaced by the 2½d blue), and the 2½d orange, St. Lucia, stock was withdrawn and destroyed, on issue of the 2½d blue, script. In St. Vincent, we have a blue 2½d and a blue 3d, the latter will not be requisitioned "on yellow" until present stock lowers. The 2½d Leeward Islands, orange, may prove to be a good "one," you know it wasn't furnished to all islands—Montserrat that I know of, and maybe Dominica.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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I was born on the 20th of May, 1871, son of a stationmaster of a village near Berne and showed from my earliest childhood the keenest interest for postage stamps. A chain of happy circumstances affirmed my interest. We had a cousin, very dear to us, who had passed a large part of her childhood under care of my parents and who had, after finishing her studies, the chance to accompany a family on long travels. She visited the whole Continent, Great Britain, Africa and America. This lady was thoroughly acquainted with our keen interest and sent us kiddies stamps of every country she passed. I well remember the joyous screams we used to greet the postman with, when he brought us a specially fat letter from abroad, containing heaps of stamps. They were carefully stuck with glue in copybooks, as at that time we had no idea of stamp hinges.

One of my brothers had a friend, who still lives near Berne, who was very rich in worldly goods but very poor in knowledge. My brother used to help his friend with the home-work, made many a good essay for him and was rewarded with little gifts of postage stamps. There is no need to say, that many a duplicate came into my collection as well. I often remember with pleasure my nice little collection, containing many pages of Hamburg, Bremen, Hannover, Baden and Swiss Cantonal stamps. How proud I was to be the lucky possessor of even the large newspaper stamps of the United States of America!

When I was a boy of fourteen I was sent to a college in Serrières in the periphery of Neuchâtel, to study the French language. Serrières is the well known place of the head office of the chocolate factory Suchard. This office had an immense correspondence with the whole world and we boys were allowed to look through the paper baskets for stamps. I well remember the trouble our teachers had to keep us boys from exchanging stamps during the lessons.

At that time there already existed forgeries. I once exchanged, for instance, some duplicates against stamps of Tuscany and Queensland and found out later on that they were forgeries.

The following experience suppressed my enthusiasm considerably. It was in the year 1887 when I read in a newspaper an advertisement of the stamp firm A. Ch. in Geneva, who was willing to ex-

change stamps. I had quite a lot of very nice and undoubtedly valuable duplicates. I sent a box full of my stamps to this address and was sure to get at least the same quantity of oversea stamps in exchange. My disappointment was therefore immense when I only received one set of Samoa 1877, express mail, and a few stamps of Italy. A few years later I found out that the stamps of Samoa were reprints and the Italian forgeries.

In the following years I was rather indifferent to stamp collecting, owing to my annoying experience. I devoted my whole time to my education and to the Alpine sport. I joined in 1895 the Swiss Alpine Club and climbed many of our beautiful Swiss mountains. My enthusiasm for the Alpine sport has remained to this day. I celebrated in August, 1925, my silver wedding with my wife and two of my children in an Alpine club house in the height of 9,600 feet.

I married in the year 1900. My young wife possessed a nice little collection of postage stamps, which she had started on her visits in France and England. We continued collecting with the greatest of enthusiasm and tried to complete first the collection of my wife. I kept all the duplicates for my collection.

Want Lists

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I established 1903, with two of my friends, the Stamp Exchanging Club of Berne, which is today one of the largest stamp clubs of Switzerland. I also started my journalistic occupation for philately, to which I devoted much of my free time. I first edited the "Philatelistischen Mitteilungen," the paper for the Stamp Exchanging Club, Berne, and became 1910 the editor of the "Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung," the journal of the Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies. In the years 1914 to 1918 I edited the "Berner Briefmarken Zeitung" as well. The "Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung" won distinction at several international stamp exhibitions (London, New York, etc.). Since 1915 I have been the president of the Stamp Club, Berne, and acted as same six years before. I am also member of the committee of the Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies.

I am pleased to say that my children are keenly interested in philately. My eldest son, Freddy, who first passed several years in England, has been two years manager of one of the leading stamp firms of Switzerland and my daughter Marguerite, who also stayed many years in Great Britain, has a leading position in the same firm, and intends to start shortly a stamp business on her own account. I am sure that my family will remain loyal to philately.

I had the pleasure to visit the U. S. A. in the autumn and winter, 1919-1920, and I passed many enjoyable hours in New York and the adjoining states. I am, therefore, looking forward with keen anticipation to greeting again the wonderful Statue of Liberty in the bay of New York.

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FROM ALL QUARTERS:—

A NEW air-mail route will soon be established between Cleveland and Pittsburgh by way of Youngstown, Ohio. The postmaster at Youngstown is stacking envelopes for the initial flight. Information from E. Gordon Dillon.

WE have received from Wm. F. Benedict, San Francisco, Calif., the manuscript of a talk on "The Postage Stamps of Iceland" delivered over KFRC in San Francisco on Monday evening, May 10. It is a well-known fact that Mr. Merell has a very loyal stamp club which has been developed by the use of this radio station, and this talk on Iceland was given to assist Mr. Merell. We wish we had space to print Mr. Benedict's address. A very fine history of the island was supplemented by an intimate study of its stamps, the entire talk being an ideal one. Mr. Benedict informs us that his son, aged eleven, who specializes on Jamaica and belongs to the San Francisco Society will doubtless make a little talk on his favorite country over KFRC in the near future. If we can find the room we shall print Mr. Benedict's article on Iceland sometime during the summer months.

IF any of our readers are unable to get replies to letters sent Lloyd Martin, 132 N. Columbus Av., Wooster, Ohio, they should communicate with Arthur S. Griswold, M. D., 20 Haddon St., Bridgeport, Conn., who is interested in this party.

EMIL J. RALL sends us a letter from Arica, Chile, from which we quote:—"I expect to remain on this job until the Tacna-Arica Plebiscite is consummated. The Secretary of War has authorized an indefinite extension of leave of those Panama Canal employees whose continued presence may be deemed necessary. Chile has not issued so far any plebiscite stamps, though some Peruvian stamps have been surcharged "PLEBISCITO". These are postally used by the Peruvian government on the steampship "Rimac" anchored in Arica harbor. Only the 10c Peru is at present available with the overprint indicated."

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TWO postcards are at hand from A. O. Tittman, who is travelling abroad. Under date of May 6 he writes from Seville, Spain, and again on May 15 we learn that he is in Tangier, Morocco. Mr. Tittman is having a delightful trip and desires to be remembered to his numerous philatelic friends in America.

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No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	15c Nat'l	?	Black	Dr. Wm. Evans
2.	6c Nat'l	?	"	H. P. A.
3.	3c 1861	?	Blue	A. Bode
4.	7c Nat'l	?	Black	Dr. Wm. Evans
5.	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
6.	3c 1878	?	"	H. P. A.
7.	1c 1882	?	"	K. Koslowski
8.	2c 1879	?	"	Dr. Wm. Evans
9.	3c 1870, Grill	?	"	H. V. Swallow
10.	3c 1861	No. Cambridge, Mass.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne

Additional info re lot of May 3. No. 6 was used in Blairstown, N. J., the monogram being the then postmaster's initials, J V D—John Van Doren, info supplied by Mr. Wm. Webb, who adds that red and magenta were also used in this type of cancellation. He says the town used a crude V in circle at times.

Mr. A. B. Thacher sends in a cancel with a large E surrounded by a laurel wreath struck in that mild purplish black ink of the period, on a 3c green cover used in 1881. The E is quite similar to our E, No. 4 of May 3, as far as the letter is concerned, and letters have distinguishing characteristics as well as fancy or ornate cancels. The town is Ellenville, N. Y., in the Catskills, and we may find our No. 4 to be from that same town.

Mr. H. M. Jones has sent in such a beautiful copy of the bottom cracked plate on 3c 1851 (94L5L) that I cannot help mentioning it, the color being almost vermilion, and a far away shade from the usual clarets in which that C.P. appears. He sends two copies of 3c 1857 Type II's that are apparently recut just below the top left rosette along the frame line. Several things appear to have gone wrong at this spot on these No. 44's, and it is wise to keep an eye open for these oddities. Dr. Chase has shown one that is heavily retouched in his series of articles on these 3c '51-57's.

Another item Mr. Jones calls attention to is a copy of No. 44 with a distinct short heavy line directly down maybe an mm from center of button on tunic. These are very neat, and I have seen several. It is so clearly defined that no glass is necessary. Many are hunting for recuts on these No. 44's, and one is in this lot that surely looks recut at top of the bottom right diamond block, also at top of adjacent label over letters NTS. Heavily inked at these spots, and the work stands out neat and clear, rather than soft and fuzzy, as is usual.

From Mr. A. H. Benners comes one of the most interesting Patriotics that I have had the privilege of seeing. In some manner this Patriotic envelope found its way into the South and was used there, the sender having a keen sense of the fitness of things, for he has inverted the cover before writing the address and stuck the pair of 5c Locals — well, I reckon I'll copy the poem which accompanies this cover, as it explains all,—

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This combination of a Union patriotic envelope mailed with a pair of Confederate stamps is almost as strange in appearance as the one mentioned some time ago—mailed with a 1 groschen rose Hanover!

That Southern New England affair arrived on Saturday, and at the banquet tables were some 75 collectors. The afternoon was given over to an auction of about 150 lots, several exhibits of stamps, and a contest sheet of whatever the submitter chose to show, the value of the stamps to count nothing; but originality of the subject to have the prime number of points in the judgment. The prizes went first to a sheet showing the coats of arms of various nations, second to a sheet showing a stamp from each of the countries included in the League of Nations, with a block of 17c Wilson's as central motif, entitled, "The Father of the League". In case you do not know how many nations are in this League, it would be a good thing to hunt up during some spare moments, tho I'd better tell you and save your time—it is 55, a number so large that it surprised me. Third went to a sheet showing the discovery

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A SECOND card of greeting is at hand from F. E. Wilson, who is touring Belgium. In part payment of postage, a new 2c stamp in brown of the prevailing type is used. Mr. Wilson writes:—"Just issued".

THE Sharon (Pa.) Stamp Club assisted in organizing the Sharon Junior Stamp Club May 23. Talks were given by John Dunfee, Paul Wentz and Fred Esslinger of the adult club. The junior club starts off with 15 members. Quarters have been secured for a meeting place and bi-monthly meetings will be held.

A WHOLESALE pricelist has just been issued by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 1. W. 47 St., N. Y. City. It covers a wide range of stamps in sets and packets, also albums and philatelic accessories. Probably no firm in the world carries such a complete line of goods as this firm offers. A parcel post zone map, together with a rate chart, are useful features of this large list, which will be sent free of charge to any applicant.

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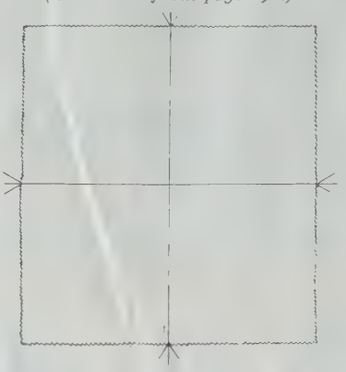
U. S. ARROWS AND GUIDE LINES

By JOHN J. SPENCER.

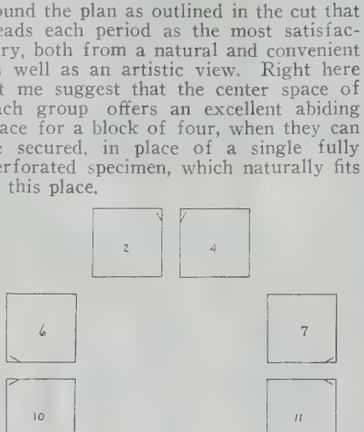
(Continued from page 298.)



With the preparation of the Panama-American series, both arrows and connecting guide lines were used, but the position of the arrow was so changed that the arrow point now appeared entirely without the finished perforated sheet of stamps. When the sheets are properly perforated and divided the arrow is entirely removed from the stamps with the marginal paper and only the guide line varieties remain. After this period no arrow should be found on the normal single stamp.

A study of these arrows and guide lines as they finally appear on the individual stamp naturally groups them into three general divisions or periods. First, arrows alone. Second, arrow and guide line together. Third, guide lines only.

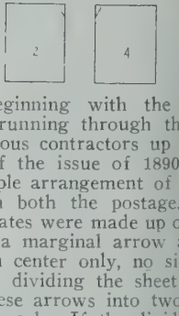
I have studied various groupings for the permanent arrangement of the several possible varieties of each value and have found the plan as outlined in the cut that heads each period as the most satisfactory, both from a natural and convenient as well as an artistic view. Right here let me suggest that the center space of each group offers an excellent abiding place for a block of four, when they can be secured, in place of a single fully perforated specimen, which naturally fits in this place.



First Period

1869. Stamps of this series, 1 cent to 12 cents inclusive, were printed from plates of 300 subjects, with an arrow on the margin at the top and bottom center of the plate, through which the printed sheet was cut, dividing it into two panes of 150 stamps each and all vertical arrows will be found on these unperforated sides. Two arrows were also engraved on each side of the full sheet between each five horizontal rows of stamps. The pane or sheet of st was not cut horizontally, but only forated through these horizontal ar the arrows having been placed he later serve as a guide for the post clerk in making small divisions o sheet of stamps. All horizontal a will therefore be found in the corn the top or bottom of a full perf stamp. As the perforating of this was very poorly done, most arrow mens will be found bearing a major tion of, if not the whole arrow, in of a half arrow, as in most cases of issues when the perforating was more accurately. This series giv the full eight varieties for each o five values,—viz., 2, 4, 6b, 7b, 10b, 13 and 15.

No arrows occur on values abov 12 cents, as these stamps were all pr from small plates, of 100 subjects sheets from which were not us divided, but supplied to post office sale as they came from the printer.



1870. Beginning with the serie 1870, and running through the pri of the various contractors up to th pearance of the issue of 1890, we a very simple arrangement of the a varieties in both the postage, and stamps. Plates were made up of 200 jects with a marginal arrow at th and bottom center only, no side ar being used, dividing the sheet whe through these arrows into two pan 100 stamps each. If the dividing sheets were made exactly in the c of the arrow, each pane would sh half arrow at the top and bottom the straight edge side, on the righ one and the left of the other, giving varieties, Nos. 2, 4, 13, and 15. The ically this would give us one a stamp for each 50 stamps issued, owing to the faulty division of the sh the average has been found to not ex one to each 100. It will be noticed the stamps printed more particu from the later plates of the Amer Company show arrows with much gated points, some extending cons ably inside the stamp alignment.

1890-93. The series of 1890-93 i duces a more complicated assortme varieties, in that the plates for the cent and most of the two cent v were composed of 400 subjects while the remaining values were still duced from plates of 200 subjects. Sl

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The stamps of the Columbian were printed from plates of 200 s bearing a horizontal arrow mideach side and these printed sheets vided into panes of 100 stamps by horizontally through the arrows four varieties, Nos. 6, 7, 10 and to be found on the unperforated bottom of the stamp. It has been perience that the arrows of this re to be listed as among those the ten met with.

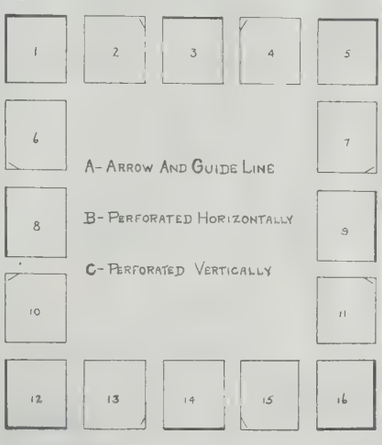
—In 1894 the contract for the of the U. S. stamps was taken the Bureau of Engraving and g, giving us an increased number w varieties. All sheets of the 1 cent and 10 cent stamps were ed from plates of 400 subjects hav- top, bottom and two side marginal and when divided into four panes stamps gave the eight varieties, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15.

first four plates prepared for each ent, 4 cent and 5 cent values had nps each and all subsequent plates t 200 stamps each. As all plates h 200 and 400 subjects bore the arrows and only the 400 subject roduced the horizontal arrows, it found that the horizontal arrows ch less plentiful than are the arrows of these 3 values. All denominations above the 5 cent were printed from plates of 200 and yield but four varieties, 2, nd 15.

series also complicates the situapresenting two well defined varieties or arrows in all the denominations. One variety being composed of thick, heavy lines and the other, seemingly the more plentiful, of much finer, hair-like lines. Of the 2 cent value, arrow varieties of all three triangles are to be found, those of triangle I, however, greatly predominating, while those of triangle II are least in evidence.

Second Period

The grouping of the many varieties of the second period can best be accomplished after the following arrangement. The letter A in connection with a number in the text indicates a combined arrow and a guide line. The letter B indicates a stamp with a perforated top or bottom and the letter C indicates a stamp with a perforated side.



1895-1898. None of the plates under discussion made prior to December 4, 1895, contained other guide lines than the marginal arrows or tridents. All plates of stamps prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing since December 4, 1895, bear both a vertical and horizontal guide line terminating with the usual arrows on the margin of the sheet and crossing each other at right angles in the center of the sheet, dividing it into four equal parts.

In the case of plates containing 400 subjects, the sheets were divided into four panes of 100 stamps by cutting along these guide lines, leaving unperforated edges on a side and top or bottom of the new sheet, consequently all stamps from these sheets bearing guide lines will be found with the guide line on the unperforated edge. If the guide line were heavy and the cutting into sheets accurately done, each new sheet of 100 stamps would show the colored guide line along each of the two unperforated edges and the unperforated corner stamp of each sheet would have two colored edges at right angles (the "corner" stamp).

The original sheet of 400 thus possibly produces all 16 varieties, 1, 2a, 3, 4a, 5, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12, 13a, 14, 15a and 16. However, as the guide lines were generally fine and the cutting into sheets none too carefully done, usually but half of the sheets will be found to show the guide line after the division and but one stamp of the four from the center of the original sheet will show the right angle guide line or "corner" stamp. The probabilities then are that while the original sheet of 400 subjects will produce 16 vertical and 16 horizontal plain guide line stamps, two vertical and two horizontal arrow guide line stamps with one "corner" or right angle guide line stamp, there may be but seven of the 16 varieties recovered from the original sheet of 400 stamps.

Sheets of stamps from plates of 200 subjects were cut along the vertical guide only, into panes of 100 stamps, while the horizontal center guide line was simply perforated with the balance of the sheet, the horizontal arrow and guide line being placed there merely as a guide for later division. Stamps from these sheets will be found having the vertical guide line along the unperforated side, the horizontal guide line along the perforated top or bottom and the four center stamps of the plate will show an unperforated guide line side with a perforated guide line top or bottom. The original sheet of 200 stamps, thus possibly produces the sixteen varieties, 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6ab, 7ab, 8, 9, 10ab, 11ab, 12b, 13a, 14b, 15a, 16b.

The 1 cent, 2 cent and 10 cent green stamp of 1895 printed from plates engraved after December 4, were in sheets of 400, yielding the 16 varieties, 1, 2a, 3, 4a, 5, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12, 13a, 14, 15a and 16. These three values are to be found with both perforated and straight-edge top or bottom guide lines.

The brown 10 cent stamp of 1898 appearing in two types presents the one complication of the series and the greatest number of varieties. Type I was printed from plates of 400 subjects and produced the 16 varieties just noted above. Type I was soon followed by type II, which was printed from plates of 400 subjects up to April, 1900, after which it was issued from plates of 200, thus yielding both unperforated and perforated top and bottom guide line specimens, giving twenty-two varieties of type II, viz., 1, 1b, 2a, 3, 3b, 4a, 5, 5b, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12, 12b, 13a, 14, 14b, 15a, 16, 16b, or a grand total of thirty-eight varieties of the 10 cent brown.

All the other values of this issue printed from plates prepared after December 4, 1895, were in sheets of 200 subjects showing both guide lines and divided thru the vertical guide line into two panes, yielding the eight guide line varieties, 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b. In preparing the plates for this issue, the arrows were engraved at the ends of both vertical and horizontal lines. The vertical arrows were still engraved so that the points projected in the perforated sheet in alignment with the outer row of stamps and gave the four top and bottom arrow varieties 2a, 4a, 13a, and 15a for each value.

In the case of the horizontal arrows the plates for all values do not seem to have been prepared alike, only the five cent and eight cent values showing varieties 6ab, 7ab, 10ab and 11ab. The other values, 3 cent, 4 cent, 6 cent, 10 cent brown, type II from the 200 plate, 15 cent, 50 cent, and $1.00 seem devoid of these varieties, the arrow having been engraved farther back and being removed with the perforated marginal paper.

The first stamp books were issued in 1900 and panes bearing a horizontal perforated guide line between the first and second row of stamps appeared. These books were of the 2 cent denomination only and the single book stamp bearing a horizontal guide line can be distinguished from the regular issue by the perforation on the guide line of the book stamp.

1898. The stamps of the Trans-Miss. (Omaha) series were printed from plates of 100 subjects, having vertical and horizontal guide lines, the sheets being cut vertically on the guide line into two panes of 50 stamps each, resulting in 16 varieties of each value, 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8, 9, 10b, 11b, 12b, 13a, 14b, 15a, 16b.

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EDITORIAL

The new five cent Ericsson commemorative stamp could well be advertised as the stamp "with a difference" so far as U. S. issues are concerned. The invariable remark that greets it from collecting lips is to the effect that the stamps bear the ear-marks or rather, atmosphere, of a foreign creation; and it is not to be denied that it carries old-world suggestions. The shape of the stamp is distinctive for our issues and the specimen will be a striking addition to our albums. When it is taken into consideration that the stamp was prepared and issued within a very short space of time, it will be admitted that the Bureau worked to advantage. We are assured that the likeness of Ericsson is a good one and that no fault is to be found with the many details that enter into the design. There are enough of the stamps issued to go around and it is likely that collectors will do their part in seeing that a great number of the stamps are used.

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Denver has been put on the air-mail map with a vengeance and we have had first trip covers from Mr. C. A. Nast and Mr. T. A. Hayward of that city. Speaking of the Cheyenne-Pueblo route, Mr. Nast wrote that the city was all agog over the inauguration of the highest air-mail route in this country. The postmaster kept a window open all day on May 31st, in order that the public might obtain "air mail souvenir stamps." The Denver *Post* published a cartoon depicting the growth of the mail service from the prairie schooner and Pony Express to air plane; and also printed an appropriate poem, "The Air Mail," by Harry Lucas.

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Our Washington correspondent has ear to the ground and we infer that he hears the rumbling of another commemorative in the offing, although we have just had word from him that we hold intimations that we have received from him, until he is allowed to speak with some finality. Too many commemoratives will lessen the regard that such issues are received with and while we appreciate the attractions of novelty, yet the philatelic appetite for such things may be satiated or worse, surfeited by a profusion of these tid-bits. The position of the post office department, in this connection is not an eviable one, we suppose, when it is realized that it must be subjected to pressure by many interests that are keen to make capital of memorials and events in which they have a particular interest. These officers are the servants of the public, which, sometimes, is a hard task-master.

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Graduation days are here for those to whom they mean a scholastic step in advance or the close of the school career; and again this year, we are able to say that philately will not be lost sight of during this distracting period. At least two graduates in this broad land will employ philately as a theme worthy of their best endeavors at the qualifying exercises. Several requests have come asking for advice on the choice of stamp subjects or for information about topics that have been chosen. One of these devoted philatelists has taken a theme that must prove of interest to many folks and that is the history of the Philippine Islands as shown by its stamps; and he asks for authority for statements on the Aguinaldo or Philippine Revolutionary stamps. Naturally, he would like to have official backing for any observations on the stamps. These issues are not given place in the regular catalogue but are recognized in the supplement of local stamps and we know that not a few collectors in each new generation are puzzled by the Aguinaldo stamps which used to be so common, at one time, in unused condition. The following abridgment of a letter sent to the essayist is given. F. L. Palmer, Major U. S. Army, retired, in his splendid work on the postal issues of the Philippines, published by the J. M. Bartels Company, in 1912, said that for many months the revolutionary government was an organization that maintained jurisdiction over a large territory whose population was not confined to natives and which functioned through various bureaus and branches. When Funston captured Aguinaldo, the *de facto* government collapsed, but before that exploit was embalmed in history, it was shown beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the stamps actually had been used. A correspondent in the army in the Philippines proved through the columns of the WEEKLY the validity of the stamps by the capture of a used cover; and the occasion is well remembered as there was a thrill in the news that the postal claims of the stamps had been established. The unused stamps were held by many collectors here, but their philatelic standing was doubted by many. However, one fact stood forth even before there was any disposition to acknowledge that the stamps had merits and that was the certainty that they had not been prepared for the market at the expense of collectors. The stamps were never handled in a way to arouse suspicion that they were being pushed for philatelic purposes only. There are locals in the special catalogue of such stamps that have less warrant for inclusion than the Aguinaldo issues, especially in view of the statement that has been made by Major Palmer that of one type of the "correos" issue, the unused stamps much scarcer than the used.

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According to the "Times of Mal the self-government pictorial issues, charged "Postage," have been the co of an inquiry. A member of the M Legislative Assembly prepared a lis over a score of questions concerning manipulation of the stamps by the office authorities which the ministe charge of the department found diffi in answering plausibly and convinc The member of the district who instit the examination knew his subject an is not unfair to say that he has the ter of the department. Whether the vantage will be pressed to the detri of the officers in power in the depart remains to be seen. The fact shoul understood that collectors feel that have a right to be acquainted with statistics as to numbers of stamps is in issues such as this and all oth They are encouraged to have a more interest in new emissions and detail quantity and so on should be forthco for their benefit. We might add tha *Stamp Collecting* just at hand, we fi reprint of the questions and answers this paper is not so tolerant of the co tions exposed as we are and quotes words: "An evasive, incomplete and satisfactory defence."

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The following note has been rece from a reader who does not tell w it originated, except that it dates f the year 1870: "As soon as the new the gold discoveries in British Colu reached England, my brother sta again for that dreary region. A terrible suffering on the road to Car he took, as the hunters say, the 'track' for Vancouver's Island. The souvenir that I possess of that disast campaign consists of a hand-stam oval, Post Office Paid, Victoria, V couver's Island." Even so, a cover the kind would be in demand in t days when so much attention is give early markings.

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Professor E. G. Young, Pek China, writes that conditions which been none too pleasant in his city some time past, are improving; and is hopeful that he will get back to country in time for the American P atelic Society convention and the York Exhibition. We have an ar from our friend on the stamps of Chinese dependencies.

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By Wm. C. Steiger.

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t successful events in stampdom it
ever been your correspondent's privi-
to attend. There were assembled
tate Street School forty-six delegates
guests.

he convention was called to order at
A. M. by the President of the Hacken-
k Society, H. A. Bullard, who, after
nort address of welcome, turned over
session to the 1st Vice President of
U. S. S., as Pres. T. H. Ames was
vented from attending on account of
health. The invocation was pro-
nced by Rev. A. von Schlieder, mem-
of the Hackensack Society.

he following Societies were repre-
ed: Boston, Bridgeport, Brooklyn,
aware, Hackensack, Lynn, Metropoli-
Montclair, New York, Paterson,
sburg, Suburban Stamp & Curio Club
oston), Philadelphia and Worcester.
Androscoggin, Auburn, Capitol City,
risburg, and Syracuse clubs were rep-
nted by proxy. New Haven sent an
fficial delegate in the person of Mr.
born. The Utica Stamp Club made
lication for membership.

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At 12.15 P. M. dinner was served at
Oritani Field Club. After grace by
Rev. H. W. Smith of the Boston Phil-
lic Society everybody did full justice
a well-prepared and excellent dinner.
1.30 P. M. the business session was
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We are indebted to Richard E. Tims for two clippings of interest. One is from the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) *Republican* of May 29, in which A. W. Jenista, president of the Hawkeye Stamp Co., is featured. In addition to the usual interview there is a fine cut of Mr. Jenista. All in all, the story is excellent. The other clipping is from the *Pathfinder* of May 29 and is entitled "New Stamp Issues Elaborate".

We are indebted to Bright & Son for specimens of several new stamps. One is the new 25 lepta Greece. There are also specimens of a new airpost stamp issued for Syria, the set consisting of four values, 2, 3, 5 and 10 piastres. Similar sets have been issued for Lebanon and Alaouites. Overprinted charity set appeared May 1 in aid of refugees rendered homeless by the war in Djebel Druze. The set consists of sixteen values for Syria and Lebanon, each stamp being overprinted "Secours aux Refugees" with new value. They are available for postage to the amount of the surcharge, but while a 25p surcharged 5p actually costs 30p, but on the letter only counts as 5p, the remainder going to the refugee charity. The 1921 12c Costa Rica has been overprinted 10. This is the American Banknote issue.

Charles Metz of Philadelphia sends greetings to the Weekly from his city in connection with the opening of the Sesqui Exposition May 31. Matter descriptive of the Exposition is printed on the face of the card and this with the 2c Sesqui stamp and the picture upon the reverse side of Gen. Washington inspecting the first American flag as made by Betsey Ross is a pleasant first-day souvenir.

On May 31 a first flight inaugurating contract airmail between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Pueblo, Colo., was established. We have covers at hand from Albert E. Gorham and Charles E. Saxton. One of Mr. Gorham's covers shows a Cheyenne marking of 5 A. M. for despatching and a receiving mark of 11.30 A. M., at Pueblo. A second cover from Mr. Gorham shows a Denver 5.30 P. M. marking. Mr. Saxton's cover left Pueblo, May 31, at 3.45 P. M., and bears a New York receiving postmark of the following day. We thank both of these subscribers for their courtesy. Mr. Saxton writes that he has been a subscriber to the Weekly for many years.

DEATH OF GEN. COOLIDGE

We have received from Herman W. Boers and Dr. W. L. Babcock news of the death of Brig. Gen. Charles A. Coolidge of Detroit, Mich., which occurred Tuesday June 1. Further particulars will be published next week.

FIRST DAY ERICSSONS

The mails on May 29th gave evidence of the appearance of the new Ericsson memorial stamp. It is probable that more first-day covers were sent out with this stamp than of any previous commemorative issue. We offer our acknowledgments to various parties for courtesies extended.

We are indebted to Albert E. Gorham for a set of covers bearing Washington, New York, Chicago and Minneapolis postmarks and dated May 29. Raymond V. Bahr sent a Springfield, Ill., cover, the envelope used being a 3c violet overprinted 2c. Two additional Minneapolis cancellations came from Julius A. Kurtz and G. E. Tisdale. Mr. Tisdale's cover had a block of four of the commemorative.

L. F. Beuchel sent a New York cover to each of the three members of the firm, which courtesy was greatly appreciated. E. J. S. Halvorsen of Salem, Mass., sent us greetings by way of New York in which he exploited the Ter-Centenary celebration soon to be held in Salem.

Philatelists availed themselves as never before of the privilege of celebrating a first day issue, and much free advertising resulted through the columns of the metropolitan press. The stamp has been so fully covered in our new issues department that we do not need to describe it.

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The first cover is the 2c Sesqui-Centennial used from the model post office located on the grounds on the opening day at the hour of the opening of the post office. A souvenir of this occasion will add interest to any collection, for it celebrates the most important event in the history of the country.

The second cover is a 5c Ericsson used from New York, one of the cities where it was first officially placed on sale, but it does not bear the New York postmark but is canceled aboard the cruiser, "U. S. S. Dobbin", and bears the special ship cancellation, giving date, showing, of course, that it was used on the first day.

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United States

5c Ericsson, Issue of 1926

Saturday, May 29th, was a gala day in philatelic circles as several new stamps made their appearance for the first time. The most important variety was the 5c Ericsson in a shade of purple blue, unlike both the 5c and 14c, in fact, it is nearer the light shade of the current special delivery. This stamp differs greatly from any variety heretofore turned out by this Government and resembles the pictorial emissions issued by some of the South American nations. It is officially described by the Department as follows:

"The subject of this stamp is a model similar to the John Ericsson memorial statue designed by J. E. Fraser.

The new stamp is an upright rectangle, 1 44/100 by 84/100 inches in size, printed in purplish blue ink. The central design is the white marble figure of John Ericsson seated in a large chair resting on a stone base. Upon the base appear the words 'John Ericsson Memorial' and 'Cents' in white Gothic letters with the numeral '5' in both corners. Extending from either side and in rear of chair on darker stone appear the years of his birth and death, '1803-1889.' On an ornate base, above and to the rear of the figure of Ericsson is a group of figures in white marble, the center one, a female, representing 'Vision,' is shown. The background for this statue is a dark sky with darkly silhouetted evergreens showing on each side. A narrow white line border surrounds the stamp with a shield of the United States in the upper left corner and a shield of Sweden in the upper right corner. Connecting the two shields is a panel supported on each side by small ornamental brackets and containing the words, 'U. S. Postage' in white-face Gothic letters."

The variety is unusual and is the type of stamp that will bring new collectors into our fold for it is bound to attract attention on any piece of mail matter. Its sale on the first day was limited to Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and Washington, the first two offices receiving 200,000 copies each and the latter two offices 100,000 each. Fifteen million are being printed and are available to postmasters in limited quantities.

Through the courtesy of Mr. G. G. Ryder, I have received copies postmarked "Boston" on the first day, but these no doubt were carried from New York. I wish to thank Messrs. W. A. Corley, Willis M. Pott, Julius A. Kurtz, H. H. Barber and C. J. West for first day covers. One is especially attractive for it bears the postmark of the "U. S. S. Dobbin", which was stationed in New York Harbor on the day this stamp was on sale.

New 7c, 8c and 9c Rotaries

On May 29, 1926, there also appeared for the first time, at Washington only, the new 7c, 8c and 9c perforated 10, the product of the rotary press. With these three denominations on sale, we now have all values, from 1c to 10c inclusive, in the rotary type. It is quite possible that these three stamps will only be available at the Philatelic Agency for the present, for those now being turned out by the Bureau are being precanceled to take care of the many demands from the larger offices throughout the country. A number of them have already received the cancellation and will reach the hands of several postmasters during this week.

Washington Notes

With the proposed changes in postal rates recently outlined in this column, there is a possibility of three new "Special Handling" stamps for the new charges are in amounts of 10c, 15c, 25c and 35c. As we already have a 25c value, no doubt the 10c, 15c and 35c will make their appearance. There is also a possibility of a new 15c and 20c air mail stamp for use in connection with certain charges on the contract air mail service.

With the recent new issues, the Philatelic Agency has received upward of 3,500 letters, and, as a result, a delay is bound to occur. In order to facilitate the delivery of the new varieties, it is their intentions of filling those orders calling for the new issues only, and then filling the orders calling for the regular stock. Our readers are asked to have patience, for the demand is so great that their force cannot turn out this quantity of orders as promptly as they would like.

Sesqui-Centennial Post Office

On May 31st, the model post office located at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition was opened and as expected a special postmark was used for this occasion. The office opened about 1.00 P. M. and the first covers mailed on the Exposition grounds bore a cancellation of this hour. The postmark reads "Philadelphia, Pa., May 31, 1 P. M., 1926—Model Post Office Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition."

I wish to thank Mr. Joseph Klein for such a cover containing not only the 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp, but the 3c Centennial envelope as well. Mr. Klein tells me that he sent similar covers to President Coolidge and the Mayor of Philadelphia.

New 1½c Provisional Envelope

Mr. H. Clay Reed has just shown me a copy of the 1c green Franklin, issue of 1903, on amber overprinted 1½c, with the double line overprint. I have not seen the variety on any other color of paper as yet. It is the first one of this issue that has come to my attention with the new overprint.

Canal Zone

The Nassau Stamp Company has shown me a complete southwest pane of the 12c Cleveland from plate 14406 on which I note the surcharge on the thirtieth stamp has the inverted "Zone", a variety similar to the 1c quite recently located.

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CILICIA.—Mr. C. A. Ryniker informs us that he has a copy of No. 117 with the fourth and fifth letters "IC" in Cilicia missing.

DENMARK.—Our esteemed Special Correspondent, Mr. E. A. G. Caröe, informs us that, under an official decree (dated March 31st), all Danish postage stamps will be demonetized as from October 1st, with the following exceptions:—

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Definitive 7 and 12 ore stamps are expected shortly.—*Stamp Collecting.*

HONDURAS.—The commemorative arra of 1 centavo stamps of last year (portrait of President Miguel Paz Barahona was recently augmented by yet another color, green, of the same design and denomination. To add variety, there are shades of each tint and some of the stamps may be found in imperforate state. But what is most strange are the very restricted quantities issued, comprising (according to M. Théodore Champion):—6,500 of the 1c blue; 40 of the 1c brown; 3,050 of the 1c carmine;—and 50 only of the 1c green.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ITALY.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us four values of Air Post stamps of oblong shape with the inscription "Posta Aerea". The values are 60c grey, 1 L blue, L50c pale orange and 5L green.

MALTA.—Mr. Roberts reports the appearance of two new items for this colony. They are the 6p rose carmine and violet, King's Head medalion design as before and the 5sh new pictorial issue line engraved, green and black. The inscription beneath the view in the centre of the 5sh is "Mnaidra".

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ORWAY.—Owing to increased foreign r rate, the 45 öre value of the Spits- en commemorative series is being harged 45 öre.—*Stamp Collecting.*

URKEY. — Mr. R. Roberts and the nomist Stamp Co. have shown us new series of stamps one value of h we chronicled last week. They engraved by Messrs. Bradbury, Wil- on & Co. and are of two sizes, the ll format being 23½x30½ while the er is 26mmx39mm. The colors and es are 10 para grey, 20 para orange, carmine, all small format, 2g green, grey purple, 3g copper red, large at; 5g purple blue, 6g scarlet, 10g , 15g orange, 25g myrtle green and k, small design; 50g carmine and k, portrait type; 100g sage and black, brown and black.

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Turks and Caicos—The 2sh Turks Is. of 1922, recently mentioned in these columns, seems turning out a really good thing. The numbers printed on the old wmk. paper must have been pretty small, and the value of the stamp has gone up with a rush; present market price appears about 30sh. It may seem curious that a stamp apparently imported in normal quantities, and current for two or three years, should go up so sharply, but the same thing happened with another 2sh stamp of this colony—the large 2sh ship type. This was current for about ten years, and yet on withdrawal proved quite scarce, the present catalogue quotation of 50sh showing how much it has risen despite its long currency.

It has been left to another 2sh stamp of this colony to provide the real rarity of the group; this is the 2sh printed on an almost white paper in 1917 and issued in 1919, and was claimed at the time to be the rarest regular K. George postage stamp. It is a very distinct stamp, both on the face and back, and is more than a mere shade of paper variety, and is well worth acquiring when offered reasonably. It has been stated that the 2sh of 1922 (S.G. 171) exists on blue-green as well as on emerald paper, but the writer has still to see this variety; if any reader has one, it might be sent up for formal chronicle.

Modern Rarities—It was interesting to hear that certain readers have copies of other doubtful or very rare varieties recently enquired after in this column, notably Sierra Leone 1sh emerald old CA, and Mauritius 1 rupee on emerald throughout in Die I, although it does not appear clear from the letter whether Die I is really meant. Die II on the old paper is of course well known, but we have still to see a copy of Die I; the only copies sent up proved to be the ordinary variety and it is very easy to tell the dies at a glance by the presence or absence of the buds. This often forms a useful way of separating the two watermarks where the paper may be thick and one is much commoner than the other, as in Mauritius 50c K.G. or Straits Settlements $1 Exhibition Commemorative. This latter on the old CA paper is a real rarity, and if more popular would probably be priced at £5. The three low values on old CA paper are also very scarce.

Nauru—Another Georgian rarity that has been in the limelight is Nauru 10sh Waterlow printing. A number of this stamp have recently been turning up, many on the Continent, and prices have shown wide variations. The auction price recently quoted in this paper of £12 10sh turned out to have been an "unsold," but the statement made by a correspondent that it has not been obtainable from a London dealer for less than £20 is, of course, incorrect, as a well-known London house was offering it in the very same issue of the "*P.M.*" at 70sh, and more than one reader was quick to take advantage of the offer. At this figure no collector of Nauru would go far wrong, although one hears of a collector in Paris getting six copies from a dealer at considerably less than this even, as on the Continent this shade variety, although quite distinct, is not valued quite so much. The actual numbers printed of this stamp do not appear to be known. A few years ago some very low figures were given, but these are almost certain to be incorrect.

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The latest Malta provisionals have been creating much interest, but here we are still quite in the dark as to the numbers issued of these "Postage" overprints. Certain values (the 4d and the 2sh) are stated to have been sold out in an hour, but it is possible for as many 2sh to have been sold in this period as would normally last a month or two.

Some people locally having the tip or surmising that the 1sh, 2sh and 2s6d, not having been recently printed, would be rather low, bought up all possible of these values, with the results known, but until we have the official numbers issued it is hard to say whether these are worth more or less than the prices demanded.

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THE HISTORICAL ASPECT OF HER POSTAL ISSUES

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In the days of our youth, when stamp collecting was regarded as essentially a pastime for the young, it was the fashion of our guardians and teachers to encourage the practice on the ground that it "taught the boys geography." But Philately can point to another subject included in its curriculum of instruction, and one in which its instructive powers increase as the years roll on, and that is modern history.

Many countries could be cited as examples of this, and notably Spain, Mexico, Brazil and the Transvaal; but it is proposed here to confine our attention to the historical aspect of the postal issues of our next door neighbour and ally, France.

France is to be numbered among the philatelically "popular" countries, and is yearly becoming more so. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get together a good representative collection of the early issues in fine condition. Our association during the War has, no doubt, had a great deal to do with the increasing popularity of France as a country "to take up" over here; but a deeper reason is to be found in the intrinsic "cleanliness" and excellence of her postal issues themselves. France has scorned the surcharge printer; she has not descended to the despicable practice of going round with a philatelic hat in one hand and an armful of unnecessary issues in the other. Of late there are, certainly and sad to relate, signs of a tarnish appearing on France's philatelic purity. We have seen a ½ centime surcharge, we have seen a Pasteur Commemorative series. There are even talks of a French "Olympic games" issue. It is to be hoped that this does not mean that the dry rot, which has made the French Colonial issues a thing of horror to the philatelist, is spreading to the French motherland itself.

But this is a digression. How few of those who include the issues of France in their albums appreciate the historical interest, or pay much attention to that most remarkable of romances, which lies behind the profile depicted on the French issues from 1852 to 1870? In my youthful days, my stamps may, and probably did, teach me some geography. In later times, the fascination which the beautiful and philatelically "clean" early issues of France exercised on me led me to read with increasing avidity and interest any and all literature I could get hold of dealing with the character who figures on the issues named, a man who, when the political passions of the time have faded into distant history, will undoubtedly be classed as one of the most extraordinary and romantic characters of this or any other age.

France, during the last 150 years, has suffered to a remarkable degree from what may be termed "swings of the pendulum." The continued oppression of a corrupt and tyrannical aristocracy resulted in giving the pendulum a violent push to the left, followed in its turn by an extreme swing to the right when France, striving to free herself from the Bolshevik excesses of the Revolution, threw herself at the feet of the superm Napoleon, who had just appeared. W the whole of France, her blood a treasure, at his unquestioned disposal. led her to dazzling heights of milit glory, but in doing so raised the enm of the whole of Europe, which combi to overthrow him and her. When, af stupendous efforts, Europe succeeded this, France, lying bleeding and exhaus viewed with little but relief the dep ture of the man who had made her so heavy a price for her few years intoxicating glory. But the return of old regime, who "had learned noth and forgotten nothing," soon made French turn their thoughts once m towards the "Martyr of St. Helen They began to think more of all he h done for them and all they had risen under him, and less and less of the pr they had had to pay for it. A Napo onic legend, almost religion, grew The great name became surrounded a glittering halo of attributes which had never possessed in reality, the Fra of the Empire was dreamt of as a Uto which it had never been while in exi ence. But the Utopia could only sighed for. The weakling son of Emperor had died a virtual prisoner the Austrian Court; there was no propi living to lead them to the land of th dreams. But these dreams only increa the growing discontent with the reacti ary regime of the successors to the Gr Saint. Charles X was driven out by revolution. An attempt to found a c stitutional Orleanist monarchy failed satisfy the cravings of the French so It hungered for the fleshpots of Egy and would not be put off with the mas of the desert.

Then suddenly, as if from the sk appeared the hoped-for prophet, wh figure is now familiar to us on t French stamps of 1852-70. France w startled one day in 1836 with the ne that a forgotten, an almost unknow nephew of the Emperor had appeared Strasburg, and had very nearly succeed in raising a military revolt there in favour. The alarmed Orleanist ki hustled the pretender as quietly a quickly as he could out of the coun to America. But a thrill of excitem vibrated throughout the French nati Was this indeed the expected Messia Louis Napoleon, whom the death of cousin and brother had left the heir the imperial throne, was a consumm judge of the French character. judged accurately the rising current the Napoleonic legend. It was necessa to crystallise it around Napoleon's ne The Strasburg attempt did this. promised land was no longer a thi merely to sigh for in dreams; it w appearing on the horizon, and the propl to lead them there was at hand. Orleanist king, feeling the strength the Napoleonic flood that was setting endeavoured to consolidate his own po tion by doing something to gratify Napoleon's remains were brought w great pomp from St. Helena and d posited in Paris. But Napoleon's he now a refugee in England, could not main idle at such a moment. Anoth attempt was made, this time at Boulog which again ended in failure. L Napoleon was condemned to perpet imprisonment at Ham, in France. I escape therefrom reads more like a cha ter of a Rider Haggard romance than episode from real life. The growi

f Napoleonic sentiment was not the of the causes that brought about evolution which overthrew Louis pe in 1848. A republic was set up, much to the dismay of the republi- the indomitable Louis Napoleon appeared on the scene and was d President of the Republic by an helming majority of the votes of untrymen.

s brings us to the stage when h history appears on the pages of tamp albums. The postal reforms, involved the use of stamps, had y been in existence eight years in Britain, but nothing had been done e effete administration of Louis pe to bring in the reform in France. new administration of the Imperial dent of the Republic took it up and rst French issue appeared. It bore, ourse, the traditional female effigy e Republic, and struck out what was rather a new line, the surface print- rocess of reproduction. In two re- s the issue showed signs of being t effort at postage stamp production. stamp in commonest use, 20c, was ed in black, an obviously unsuitable r as the obliterating marks did not up on it. It was later changed to but before the blue stamps were put e, the postage rate was raised to and the blue 20's were not used. figured for many years as one of rench rarities, being regarded as an . The other respect in which in- ience was displayed was in issuing the higher values, 40c and 1fr, in ame colour, orange-vermilion. This speedily rectified, leaving the 1fr, e, to become *the* treasure of a h collection.

was obvious to all that the position e claimant to the French Imperial e, occupying the post of President e Republic, was a grotesque and un- one, and that, true to Napoleonic ions, he would "do something" be- long. He did. On December 2, the anniversary of the date on n the first Napoleon had closed, in well-like fashion, the assembly of rst Republic, and also the anniver- of Napoleon's great victory at Aus- , Louis Napoleon forcibly closed ssembly of the second Republic, nted disorder with an iron hand, ulgated a new Constitution based at of the old Empire, but still a "Republic," with himself as dent for ten years, and then asked rench people to confirm his action plebiscite. They did so by an over- ning majority. This change is n in the pages of our albums by the stamps of 10 and 25c, which ap- d in 1852, bearing still the inscrip- 'REPUB FRANC," but displaying, in- of the traditional portrait of the supposed to embody the Republic, the of the remarkable man who had ght these changes in France.

was obvious that this now doubly ial Republic could not be more than porary stepping-stone to the real and, again, on the fateful anniver- of Austerlitz, in 1852, the almost nous vote of the French people Louis Napoleon on the Imperial . The constitution of December, which had been based on the Im- model, required little change be- altering the title of its head from dent" to "Emperor, by the Grace d and the Will of the People." In ilar manner the postage stamps, had been designed in the shadow y coming events, required only an ion of the inscription at the top r "REPUB FRANC" to "EMPIRE FRANC." nce had at last arrived at the happy of her dreams, and the Emperor's began under the most happy aus- with the enthusiastic devotion of tire people. Prosperity grew, and sing prosperity is reflected in the e of our albums by a reduction in te rates which gave rise to the l "big rarity" of our French col- ics. The reduction necessitated the uction of stamps of 20c and 80c, in of those of 25c, and 1fr, and as ter had only been in use a short e their rarity increased, especially t of the last named. I saw, some years ago, a wonderful specimen of the faker's art in this connection. The 80c of the Empire and the 1fr of the Republic at that time were comparatively cheap, and some faker, with zeal worthy of a better cause, had got one of each, matching in shade, cut off the bottom labels containing the value and neatly affixed the 1fr label of the Republican stamp to the body of the 80c Imperial, thereby producing a fine specimen of the rare 1fr Empire. The join was most neatly done, and I could not detect any traces of it under a magnifying glass. It would probably now be reposing among the treasures of my album, but for one little point that gave the whole show away. The 1fr of the Republic bears the inscription "1 FR POSTES 1 FR," while that of the Empire is "1 F POSTES 1 F." It is strange that an individual, prepared to expend so much skilful care on his faking, should not have made himself better acquainted with the details of the stamps he was faking. I would have been glad to have had the specimen as a curiosity, but not at the price of the genuine article.

The early years of the Empire went well, bringing in their train a share of that military glory dear to the Frenchman's heart. The eagles of the Second Empire floated victoriously over the scenes of the first Napoleon's victories in Italy, and by 1860 the Empire may be said to have reached its high-water mark. This phase is shown in our albums by the change in the French stamps. The Emperor's head is now crowned, Cæsar-like, with a wreath of laurel.

It has been regarded as strange, that the man who showed such almost superhuman skill and energy, while a pretender to the throne, who evidently so thoroughly understood the French people, should not have made more of his opportunities when raised to practically supreme power in France, and particularly that he should have allowed himself to be eventually outwitted by the cunning of his Eastern neighbour. It would be outside our subject, even if space admitted, to go into the reasons which brought the French Empire sliding into the awful abyss of 1870, and the reader who is interested must be referred to the ample literature which is to be found on this most interesting period of France's history. That the Emperor retained right up to the Franco-German War the confidence of the French people is shown by the plebiscite of 1870, held ostensibly to confirm the alteration, in a liberal sense, of the constitution, but really treated as a vote of confidence in the Emperor.

Before leaving the period of the Empire, mention must be made of the handsome little stamps, bearing the Imperial eagle, issued for use in the Colonies. France had deferred, much longer than most countries, perforating her stamps, and even when making this concession in France, continued to deny the boon to the users of stamps in the Colonies. The eagle issue were therefore imperforate, and in addition certain values of the French stamps were issued imperforate for the Colonies, a practice that continued for some years after.

The cataclysm of the Franco-German War is shown in our albums by the lithographed set issued at Bordeaux, when the advance of the German armies drove the French Government to that place. When the production of postage stamps could be resumed at Paris, the plates used for the issues of the 1848 Republic were fetched out of the lumber-room to serve for those of the Republic of 1871. There is a point in connection with these stamps which I have always thought has been strangely neglected in catalogues. The stamps printed for France from the old plates are readily distinguished from those issued in 1848-50 by the fact that the former are perforated, but when, following the usual custom, these stamps were issued imperforate for the Colonies, this means of discrimination was not available, and the 10, 25 and 40c were moreover issued in the old colours. Why is there no note in the catalogues to explain how Nos. 24, 27 and 28 of the

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In the later issues of France, the historical aspect does not appear in so prominent a light. Until the advent of the Sower type, it can hardly be said that they do full credit to French Art. The Peace and Commerce type, familiar to us for so long, originated in a demand to have the figure of value more conspicuous on the face of the stamp than was the case in the previous issue, and the demand for something more artistic, which was the cause of the 1900 designs, resulted in something generally voted worse. The present Sower type will, however, probably be admitted by most philatelists to come much nearer the ideal stamp. Most of us will agree that a stamp ought to have three things: (a) simplicity of design, and not a vast mass of stuff crowded into a small space, (b) good solid blocks of colour, and (c) the value clearly indicated in figures. The "Sower" fulfils these desiderata.

Much more could be written on the fascinating stamps of our neighbour and ally, and still more on the subject of history as depicted in the pages of our stamp albums, but the patience of neither the editor nor the readers of the *Monthly Journal* can be regarded as inexhaustible quantities. The writer hopes that, by drawing attention to this aspect of our hobby, it may be the means of affording to some of his brother philatelists that additional interest in their specimens which he has himself derived from contemplating the romances of history which lie behind them.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Both of our sterling London contemporaries, the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* and the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* issued "strike" numbers; and for this commendable bit of enterprise, each publisher deserves well of his readers and others. The difficulties that were surmounted by the determined efforts of the conductors of these papers may be imagined and the attenuated issues of the papers in question should be preserved as an evidence of the permanency of philately. Appropriately, the leading number in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* is an article on the stamp issued during the strike of the postal employees in Amiens, France, 1909, illustrated by a copy of the stamp itself. This local stamp was in use six days in May of that year and was issued by the Chamber of Commerce at Ameins or at least under its authorization, with the approval of the postal authorities; and it was used in addition to the regular issue, in order to compensate for the expense incurred for special postal delivery during the strike.

Mr. Edward S. Knapp, who adheres to the straight and narrow path in Confederates, has taken unto himself a summer address: Southampton, Long Island, New York.

We have received a number of first day postmarks of the Philadelphia "Model Post Office, Sesquicentennial International Exposition"; and behold, Mr. Joseph Klein, Philadelphia, uses a centennial, 1876, three cent stamped envelope, franked with the 2c Liberty Bell, making a double extra to grace our hope chest.

Mr. Gordon C. Fennell of St. Louis was in Chicago recently where he found time to call on a few of the local folks.

FORUM

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and development of America. There were a lot more that were interesting, and the idea may give you something to propose when your club is after some entertainment.

In this lot of faces shown today, there should be some that you recognize, perhaps the prettiest of all as shown on the stamps turned in to the Forum is the No. 4, it stands out quite brilliantly on the vermilion background. No. 6 is a very clear printing, and is unusual, as I have seen but two of them. No. 10 is called the Black Cat, and was probably used for quite a long period on the Civil War 3c stamps.

If you have any faces not in this lot it would be welcome news to have you turn in some as there are almost enough others to make a group of totally different faces, and a few additional will complete the second group of these for a coming number of the Forum.

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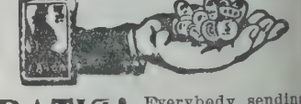

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History.—It was not until 1916 that the Post Office Department made any attempt to directly supply stamps with the precancellation already applied, to offices requiring a large amount of this class of stock. In that year the Bureau of Engraving and Printing prepared upon order a consignment of the current series bearing a printed precancellation that had been applied when the sheets were in the original size, imperforated, and ungummed 11,910,000 stamps of 16 denominations, were thus prepared for the cities of Augusta, Me., New Orleans, La., and Springfield, Mass. As the overprinting was done with a distinctive font of type, it is not difficult to recognize this first Bureau Print Issue.

With the advent of the utilization of the Stickney Rotary Press for manufacture of stamps in sheet form, we get a second general issue of precanceled stamps that are to be known as Bureau Prints. Immediately after the stamps are printed, they pass under plates with impress upon them a precancellation. Following this step the roll is gummed, perforated, and cut into sheets.

The first precanceled stamps of this order were issued to New York and Chicago, in April, 1924. Since that time there has been a rapid increase in the demand and to date 108 cities have placed orders with the Department for Bureau printed precancels. By September, 1926, every denomination, from one to ten cents, in sheet form, and the 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 cents in coil form will have been precanceled. Because of the cost of the work no order for less than 500,000 stamps of a denomination in sheet form, or 250,000 stamps of a denomination in coil form, is accepted.

Arrangement has been made for the official chronicling of new varieties as they appear, and, in view of that fact, it is urged that collectors refrain from making direct inquiry regarding these issues. The Bureau and the Department have received much correspondence that is entirely unnecessary and burdensome, from stamp collectors, and if it continues to bother them, it is obvious that they shall feel rather bitterly about the hobby in general.

The collection of Bureau printed precancels will undoubtedly be a popular pastime and side-line for U. S. specialists. To one unitiated into the fascination of them, we recommend their consideration.

A catalog, listing and pricing all varieties, has appeared and shall be revised frequently, if the occasion demands. It will be an invaluable guide for it has been the basis of serious attention by precancel experts, and is thorough in every sense of the word.

Believing that a review of each city that has received supplies of these stamps, will be of interest, we shall attempt to render an accurate and complete summary.

Birmingham, Ala.—None are especially plentiful, the 1c coil being the hardest to get. The 2c coil has been ordered and is likely to be a difficult item to procure. The 4c has been reported, but does not exist.

Los Angeles, Calif.—It is strange that nothing over the 3c has been used. Although the 4c, 5c, 6c, and 10c, have been reported they do not exist and are not now on order. It is probable that they shall be required soon. The 2c coil is the elusive one of the existing varieties.

San Francisco, Calif.—Will soon have the 7c, 8c, and 9c, and these should be common. 2c coils are scarce and worth ten cents each.

Denver, Colo.—Latest to appear are the 1½c and 2c coils. While the former will be easily procured, it is likely that the 2c will be a stumbling block to completion.

Bridgeport, Conn.—The 2c is on order and should appear soon. The 1c, 1½c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c and 1½c coil, already exist. None can be classed common, nor are they especially scarce.

New Britain, Conn.—Many are hunting for the single variety issued to this office, the 1c coil. It is a hard item to run down and worth about fifty cents.

New Haven, Conn.—Are plentiful. Only the 1c, 1½c and 2c exist.

Wilmington, Del.—Has appeared on the 1½c coil. The 2c coil is on order.

Washington, D. C.—Just received the 3c coil and soon is to have the 4c coil. There seems to be no need for any value in sheet form, over the 2c.

Miami, Fla.—Mystery has o'ershadowed the Miami Bureau precancels. For some time it was thought the 1½c coil was in existence. It has been proven to be a false alarm. There is on order, however, the 2c coil. This should soon be received by the Miami office.

Atlanta, Ga.—Nothing rare here, but the 3c, 4c, and 1c coil seem to be scattered. The 6c was reported, but is not in existence.

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Chicago, Ill.—Does not appear to have ordered the 7c, 8c, and 9c, at this date (May 18th), but will undoubtedly receive supplies as soon as these denominations are printed on the rotary presses.

De Kalb, Ill.—The 1c coil is worth fifteen cents, and the 1½c coil about ten. The former appears to be obsolete and is worth acquiring immediately.

Decatur, Ill.—Has only the 1½c coil, which is fairly hard to get. About fifteen cents is a fair price for it.

Elgin, Ill.—Received a shipment of the 1c coils, but they must have been laid away for future use, for only a few collections contain a specimen. They are really rare at present, but we have a hunch they will not remain so.

Springfield, Ill.—Was reported by mistake. No Bureau prints have ever been issued to this city.

Waukegan, Ill.—Is known only on the 1½c coil. Has been pretty widely circulated, so is not scarce.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Exists only on the coils of the 1c, 1½c, and 2c values. The 2c is fairly good property.

Kokomo, Ind.—Is to be found on the 1½c, sheet form. It is rarely met with, and is to be found on most want lists.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Occurs on the 4c, but this denomination has not been used to any great extent. It is improbable that it shall remain scarce for any length of time.

Muncie, Ind.—Has placed an order for the 2c, in sheet form. The 1c, and 2c coils are infrequently seen and are on most want lists.

Peru, Ind.—Are found on the 1c and 1½c coils. As both denominations have seen constant service with the American Stationery Co., they are more often met, than some of the other small town varieties.

South Bend, Ind.—Had a supply of the 1c coils, but few are to be found on the market. This is a good buy at twenty-five cents.

Davenport, Ia.—Employs only the 1c and 1½c, both of which are very common.

Girard, Kans.—Are difficult to secure in any quantity. The 1c and 1½c are used by the Haldemann-Julius Co., for circular mailing.

Wichita, Kans.—The 1c coil is best of what few items exist with this precancellation, but is not truly scarce.

Louisville, Ky.—Is represented by nine varieties, but none are of noteworthy character.

New Orleans, La.—Has been issued the 1½c coil, but the same does not appear to have been put into general circulation. It should not be elusive, for none of the others, in sheet form, are.

Portland, Me.—Will soon have the 1½c in sheet form. The 1c, 1½c, and 2c coils are on hand, but very scarce. There must be a limited demand for them as they are not often found.

Baltimore, Md.—Has ordered the 7c, 8c, and 9c. It is rather strange that Baltimore has not seen fit to order any Bureau prints in coil form.

Boston, Mass.—Has filed order for the 7c and 8c, but not the 9c. Also the 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c coils. Appearance of the latter will be eagerly watched for by collectors.

Lynn, Mass.—Has requested the 1c, in sheet form, so it can be expected at an early date.

Salem, Mass.—Both the 1½c, and 1½c coil are plentiful and worth about five cents each.

Springfield, Mass.—Both the 1c and 1½c are commonly met with. The 1c should be a good item in future years, if the present postal rates are maintained.

Westfield, Mass.—Occurs on the 1½c coil. Ten cents is a fair price for it.

Battle Creek, Mich.—The 1 cent coil is rare. Present market value is approximately forty cents. The 2c, in sheet form, will soon appear.

Detroit, Mich.—Strange to say, the 2c is the scarcest of the set. The 2c coil does not exist.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The 2c coil will be found difficult of acquisition. It is likely that the 3c coil, which has just been ordered, will be still harder to get.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Has used the 1c and 1½c in both sheet and coil form. None are classed as uncommon.

Lansing, Mich.—Here again the 1c coil is a rare variety. The 1½c occurs in sheet form, as well as coiled.

Saginaw, Mich.—Recently received its first Bureau prints, which were of the 1½c denomination, and in sheets. The 10c has also been ordered.

Duluth, Minn.—Are all fairly good, but contain nothing valued at over ten cents.

Minneapolis, Minn.—All very common except the 2c coil.

Saint Paul, Minn.—The 4c and 6c are rather uncommon. Also the 2c coil is scarce and worth about twenty cents. The 7c is on order at the Bureau.

Kansas City, Mo.—Has ordered the 7c. All current varieties are very plentiful, with the exception of the 2c coil. The latter is worth four cents.

Liberty, Mo.—Will bother you when trying to complete your collection. The 1c and 1½c coils are in existence, and valued at twenty-five and fifteen cents respectively.

St. Louis, Mo.—Saint Louis is one of three cities that have had two different plates used for its Bureau precancels. The first type reading "ST. LOUIS" occurs only on the 1c and 2c. While there are a large number on the market at present, they are worth saving and will show an appreciable increase in value in later years. The second reading "SAINT LOUIS" is current and of small value on any stamps save the 2c coil. This type has never appeared on the 2c, in sheet form, but as soon as the

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

Some time ago you were asked to report railroad cancellations on the stamps of the Bank Note Co.'s issues, and those who responded were Gilbert M. Burr, Major C. H. Bonesteel, R. S. Nelson, W. S. Barker, Dr. R. C. Fisher, J. F. Yegge, Karl Koslowski, E. A. Young, J. H. Davis Reynolds, Hugh McClellan, A. H. Schumacher, Dr. L. L. Myers, S. C. Rogers, L. Bryan Dabney, A. N. Benners, Dr. H. B. Hinman, W. E. Whitnall, Victor G. Loly, C. A. Heath, H. P. Atherton, J. O. Moore Inc., Wm. S. Eager, C. W. Haynes, Alma Newcomb, F. L. Greenough, John E. Fast, Jas. Lewis Howe, Robert F. Molitor, John R. Dunfee, K. N. Woodward, S. W. Richey, A. B. Thacher, M. N. Stone.

The result is shown below and the list is much longer than the one first published, but it is no doubt still incomplete.

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Augusta & Knoxville R. R. Arksville. Blue.
Balt & Ohio R. R. Blue oval.
B. & O. R. R. Marriottsville. Blue oval.
B & O R. R. Paid Marriottsville. Blue oval.
Batavia & Tonawanda R. R.
B. B. Extr. V. R. R.
B. C. M. & W. R. R.
B. C. R. & M. R. R.
B. C. R. & N. R. R.
B & P. R. R.
Bel. Br. Me. Cen. R. R.
Bos. & Essex. Junc. R. R.
Bos. to Essex. Junc. R. R.
Boston & Me. R. R.
Can. & Ton. R. R.
C. I. St. L. & C. R. R.
C. & N. W. R. R. Mad. Div.
Chi. Mil. & St. Paul Ry. C. B. Div. Blue.
Chi. & Pac. R. R.
Cin & Mart. R. R.
Conn. Valley R. R.
Conn. Valley R. R. Co. Goods peeds. Blue.
D. H. & I. R. R. Red.
D. I. & W. R. R. Blue.
D. L. & L. H. R. R.
D. L. & L. M. R. R.
Delaware R. R.
Det. & Mil. R. R.
E. L. & B. S. R. R.
F. & P. M. R. R.
F. & P. M. R. R. Letters widely spaced.
F. C. & R. B. R. R.
F. O. & R. D. R. R.
G. & H. M. C. R. R.
Grand Rapids R. R. Petoskey. Blue.
Housatonic R. R.
Hudson River R R
Iowa Central R. R.
J. C. & F. R. R. West Berlin. Blue oval.
K. C. R. R. Hutchinson Blue oval.
K. C. R. R. Visalia.
Kan. Pac. R. R.
Kan. Pacific R. R. Magenta.
Lake. . & Miss R. R.
L. E. & L. R. R. Green.
Lan. Div. L. S. & M. S. R. R. Blue.
Lewis to Bath R. R. Blue
Lou. Cin. & Lex. R. R. Buckner's, Ky.
Mobile & Ohio R. R.
M & E R. R. Pike Road. Blue
Nash. & Chat. R. R.
Naugatuck R. R.
N. H. & N. R. R.
Norwich & Wor. R. R.
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Woodmont Station.
N. O. M. & Tex. R. R.
Ogdensburg R. R.
O. & L. C. R. R.
O G. & L. C. R. R.
Pad & Mem. R. R.
P. H. & F. R. R.
Prov & Wor. R. R. Red.
R. C. & F. R. R.
Red Oak Br. R. R.
Rich & Char. R. R. N. Line.
S. & B. F. R. R.
S. & W. R. Junc. R. R.
St. Alb. & Ogden. R. R.
So. & No. Ala. R. R.
Sun. Valley R. R.
Syra. & Os. R. R.
Tex. & Pac. R. R.
U. C. & S. V. R. R.
Utica & Br. R. R.
V. & M. R. R. Blue
Ware River R. R.
Wash & O. R. R.
Wor. & Nashua R. R.
Wor. & Nashua R. R. Blue
W. – V. M. R. R. Burkes. (Info. wanted.)
–. B. Ex. A. V. R. R. (Info. wanted.)
Peoria & B – – – R. R. (Info. wanted.)
P. C. F & – – R. R. (Info. wanted.)

R. P. O.

Atla & Mo. R. P. O. Day.
Bangor & Boston R. P. O.
Bangor & Bos. R. P. O. N. L.
B. C. & F. R. P. O.
Boston & Albany R. P. O.
Boston & Bangor R. P. O. Blue.
Boston & N. Y. R. P. O.
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Boston & St. A. R. P. O.
Bos. & St. A. R. P. O.
Boston Sprfd & N. Y. R. P. O.
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Buff. & Tol. R. P. O.
Buff. & To. R. P. O. D. L.
Char. & Atla. R. P. O.
Chat. & Bristol R. P. O.
Ced. Rap. & C. Bluffs R. P. O. Blue.
Chi. & Bur. R. P. O.
Chi. & Ced. Rap. R. P. O.
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Horn & Dunk. R. P. O.
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K. C. & Denver R. P. O.
K. C. & Denver R. P. O. Violet.
Kan. City & Pueblo R. P. O.
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La. C. & St. Paul R. P. O.
La R. & Green Riv. R. P. O.
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N. J. & Greensboro R. P. O.
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N. Y. & Boston R. P. O.
N. Y. & Chicago R. P. O.
N. Y. & Chi. R. P. O. Mid. Div.
N. Y. & Chi. R. P. O. Tr. 1. W. Div. Blue.
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N. Y. & Wash. R. P. O. Night.
N. Y. & Wash. Night Line.
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Omaha & Ogd. R. P. O. 2 Div.
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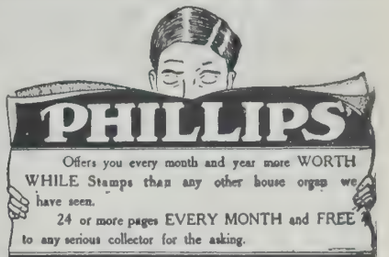
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Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS

On Wednesday, June 2nd, the last meeting of the season was held at the Collectors Club, New York, and incidently I might mention, that this will probably be the last meeting held in our old Club Rooms as we hope to be able to move to the new home in July.

The members and visitors had a great treat through the exhibit by Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein of his magnificent collection of Cape of Good Hope. During the display, Mr. Lichtenstein drew attention to many interesting points and stressed the real rarity of various stamps where, in his opinion, the rarity differed very materially from the prices shown in the catalogues. Owing to space, I can only mention a few of the more important pieces in this large and remarkably fine collection.

In the famous triangular stamps, the exhibitor mentioned that it was rather uncommon to find used copies with three good margins. The unused he considered much rarer than prices indicated by the catalogue, when in superb condition.

Throughout the collection a point has been made of obtaining as many as possible of rare cancellations with the view of studying these in the future. The ordinary cancellation consists of the letters, "C.G.H." within bars. Town postmarks and colored postmarks are distinctly rare, but the exhibitor specially warned us against bank cancellations which are often sold as town cancellations whereas they are relatively common.

In the 1st issue on the blued paper, the more important items were some superb unused, including pairs of the 1d and 4d.

In the used a block of 8 of the 1d on cover and a very interesting soldier's letter used to England and franked with only a 1d red instead of the usual 4d rate. In the Perkins Bacon printing on white paper there were two fine blocks of 8 unused and an extremely rare 1d printed on the back, this stamp being pale rose on the face and a kind of carmine red on the back not being a off-set but a clear distinct double print.

The 4d stamp was shown with a distinct blue cancellation and quite a number with red cancellations. Two halves of the 4d were shown cut the wrong way and used for the single rate. Another 4d was noted with a "B53" cancellation of Mauritius and two blocks of 16 used were also noteworthy.

In the 6d stamps, we learned that the deep lilac used, were distincely scarce. Several 6d were shown with red cancellation and a fine used strip of 6. In the 6d gray, pairs unused and used. Two very interesting letters were franked, in one case with a 1d and half of a 6d mauve, in the other case with a 1d and half of a 6d gray, both being the full single letter rate to England of 4d.

In the 1sh yellow-green, there was a beautiful mint pair with full margin and very rare thus. The shilling was also shown with red cancellations and a number of used pairs, including three pairs on covers.

In the rouletted stamps, the 6d was shown on full cover, and several 4d, including a pair.

When we come to the so-called Wood blocks of 1861 a very interesting cover was noted consisting of 1d, 6d and 1sh of the Perkins Bacon prints and a 4d dark blue woodblock, making up the rate of 1s11d used to New Zealand. A magnificent lot of woodblocks were shown unused and used in all shades. Among them was noted a strip of 4, 1d on cover 3 of the 4d dark blue used on covers and a pair of the 4d mint.

A block of 4 of the 4d exceedingly rare, far rarer than blocks of the 1d stamps. A 4d dark blue was shown unused, an extremely rare stamp and town and registered cancellations were shown on the 1d and 4d. The rare errors were very strongly represented, the finest items being a block of 4 of the red stamps, 3 of the 1d, and one of the 4d and a pair of the blue 1d and 4d.

The De La Rue printings were strongly represented by large blocks and scarce cancellations in the used stamps. We noted here a superb pair of the 1d carmine red watermarked Crown & CC.

In the early rectangular stamps of 1871 to 1877, Mr. Lichtenstein drew attention to the rarity of fine blocks and of scarce shades. Interesting covers were shown franked with Transvaal stamps of Type I. used in combination with Cape of Good Hope stamps.

In the Provisional issues of 1874 to 1880 there were some remarkably rare pieces. Among the best noted were 1d on 1sh green block of 39 unused and in the 3d on 4d a block of 4 stamps unused, one being the error "THE.EE" and another used block, one being the error "PENCB". There were also two single used copies of the very rare double surcharge.

The 3d dull rose of 1880 was shown in a superb block of 4, and the 3d rose surcharged with the figure "3" were shown in very scarce combinations, such as a block of 4, two upper stamps having thick "3", the lower left stamp thin "3" and the lower right stamp without surcharge.

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A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. chtenstein for one of the finest displays own at the Club this season concluded e meeting.

PHILADELPHIA NOMINATES

At the meeting of Philadelphia Branch, o. 18, of the American Philatelic Soety held June 2, Philip Dengler was ected president and P. M. Wolsieffer, 47 North 21 St., was elected secretary. Branch No. 18, unanimously endorsed d nominated for the coming term, the esent very efficient Board of Directors, H. Wilhelm, Dr. F. A. Kraft, Dr. S. Keller, W. O. Staab, H. A. Davis, H. Elliott, G. C. Cuenod, Dr. J. B. uittenden and Rev. C. C. Silvester.

J. E. Guest of Dallas, Texas, and A. Fennel of Cincinnati, Ohio, were enrsed for sales superintendent and editor the *American Philatelist* and highly mmended for their good and faithful ork.

It was resolved to recommend that the -Laws of the Society be amended to ake the term of sales superintendent fe years instead of one;

It was further resolved to recommend at the term of editor of the *American hilatelist* be made five years instead of e;

It was still further resolved to recomend that our present Stock Fund and her funds except the Insurance Fund merged into one "Permanent Fund" d that 80 per cent. of the income from e proposed Permanent Fund be used r the benefit of the Society and 20 per nt. of the income be added to the Perpanent Fund each year;

It was still further resolved that to otain the opinion of the membership large, these highly important suggested anges be printed on the ballot and give e members an opportunity to vote es" or "No" as they may deem best.—
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F. G. BROWNE informs us that he made a mistake in his advertisement on page 291 of the WEEKLY, issue of May 31. Where the words "Catalog value" were shown they should have read "Net value". We are glad to make this correction.

W. E. GREENAWAY sends us a clipping from the *Herald-Post* of Louisville, Ky. It consists of a column department "Through My Spectacles" by E. A. Jonas. Mr. Greenaway writes that Mr. Jonas "is one of the ablest editors of the country". The article deals with philately in a very intelligent manner and we shall try and reprint it in an early number of the WEEKLY.

WE have received from the Southern Stamp Society, 214 S. 21 St., Birmingham, Ala., Pricelist No. 19. It lists a variety of stamps in singles and sets, and will be sent on request.

OUR friend E. J. S. Halvorsen calls our attention to a very convenient and useful philatelic accessory, called "mounting corners". They are certainly very handy and useful in mounting entires. Samples may be obtained from the Ace Art Co., Reading, Mass.

J. P. PENNING, Homestead, Pa., sends us a couple of clippings from the local *Messenger* dealing with philately. He writes us that this paper pays frequent tribute to our hobby.

WM. J. MICHELS, Sec. of the N. Y. Stamp Soc., Branch 44 A. P. S., sends us the particulars of a movement to interest young collectors not only in philately, but also in the exhibition at New York. All collectors exhibiting in the Junior Class, described in the Exhibition Prospectus, will note that neatness is especially featured. Mr. Michels writes as follows:—

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WARNING

Judging from the following letter, a philatelic sharper is plying his arts in the stamp world, although we have not heard of any other victims of his misapplied cleverness. The following letter has been received by Mr. B. L. Voorhees, the Chicago dealer, from a leading philatelic citizen of Washington, D. C.: "I had fully expected to have received from you before this, the return of the $30, which I advanced to you when you were in Washington on April 2, 1926, when you had the misfortune to be relieved of your pocketbook. Now that you have been back at your office some time, I would appreciate your check for the amount of the temporary loan."

In view of the fact that Mr. Voorhees has been a real homebody since he returned from his trip last year to the Los Angeles convention, it is evident that some nimble-witted chap impersonated him in Washington in April, while Mr. Voorhees was working away at his desk in Chicago. Upon the receipt of the letter quoted, Mr. Voorhees wrote to his correspondent, but thus far, particulars of the incident have not been forthcoming. The perpetrator of a fraud of this kind, if there is no explanation to account for the circumstances, is a conscienceless fellow, indeed; and his act is to be the more reprobated because of his imposition, made possible by his professions of friendship, no doubt, for his victim.

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1857,	1c type II	2.00	2.50
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	5c type I	4.50	..
	5c type II	..	5.50
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*	10c type II full gum	..	11.00
	10c type V	.75	1.25
	12c	1.90	2.50
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1861,	1c	.20	.40
*	1c full gum	.75	..
*	3c full gum	.40	..
	10c	.25	.50
	12c	.90	1.40
	24c	2.75	3.90
	24c steel blue	4.50	..
	30c	.95	1.60
	90c	2.50	4.50
1862,	2c	.15	.20
	5c	.90	1.40
	15c	1.40	2.25
	24c lilac or gray	.90	1.50
*1867,	3c #88, o. g.	1.75	..
	10c 11x13	1.40	..
	1c 9x13	.90	1.25
	2c	.20	.30
	5c	2.75	3.50
	10c	.90	1.40
	12c	.75	1.00
	15c	.95	1.50
	24c	3.50	5.50
	30c double grill	..	3.95
1869,	1c	.90	1.25
	2c	.20	.35
*	3c full gum	.50	.75
	6c	1.50	2.10
	10c	.90	1.40
	12c	1.00	1.65
	15c type I	2.50	..
	15c type II	..	2.00
	24c	3.50	4.50
	30c	1.00	2.50
	90c	12.50	..
1870,	7c	.75	1.25
	10c	.20	.30
*	10c full gum	2.10	..
	12c	.45	.70
	15c	.65	.85
	24c	1.70	2.60
	90c	1.35	2.10
*1873,	1c full gum	.40	.75
*	2c full gum	..	1.00
*	3c full gum	.35	.45
	6c	.10	.15
	7c	.75	1.25
	10c	.10	.20
1873,	12c	.45	.70
	15c	.65	1.00
	30c	.20	.30
	90c	1.90	3.00
*1879,	2c full gum	.25	.35
*	3c full gum	.25	.40
*	5c full gum	..	1.50
	6c	.20	.30
	10c	.10	.15
	15c	.30	.40
	30c	.30	.45
*	30c full gum	1.00	..
	90c	1.20	2.00
1882,	5c	.05	.10
*	5c	.75	1.00
	6c	.65	.80
*	10c	.40	.50
1883,	4c	.10	.15
*1887,	2c full gum	.10	.20
	3c	.40	.55
1888,	4c	.08	.12
	5c	.09	.12
	30c	.65	.85
*	30c	..	.95
	90c	.90	2.50
1890,	1c to 10c	..	.45
	30c	.20	.30
	90c	.70	.95
*	1c to 90c, o. g.	4.75	5.25
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*	" 6c full gum	.95	1.25
*	" 10c full gum	..	3.00
	Executive 1c	2.00	..
	" 2c	..	8.00
	" 3c	2.00	..
	Justice 3c	.50	.75
	" 6c	.50	.75
	" 15c	..	3.50
*	" 30c	4.50	..
	Navy 3c	.30	.40
*	" 6c	.55	.75
	" 7c	..	5.50
	Treasury 1c to 90c	2.00	..
	*Newspaper 1c, #2052	..	.15
*	" 2c, #2062	..	.30
*	" 3c, #2030	..	.40
*	" 4c, #2031	..	.30
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25c	#92..... .03	75c	#103..... .07
30c	#93..... .08	60c	#104..... .05
50c	#94..... .10	1 Franc	blue.... .09
75c	#95..... .12	50c	#301..... .10
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EDITORIAL

We have been informed that the Crown Prince of Sweden was presented by the postmaster general with a sheet of the Ericsson stamps, bearing Mr. New's personal signature. It is known that the Crown Prince is honorary president of the Swedish Philatelic Society and is much interested in philately, although he does not confine his collecting range to stamps, alone, but is interested in objects that may be embraced by the term, antiques.

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The following information is given through the courtesy of Mr. B. K. Miller, Wild Rose, Wisconsin, whose investigations into the details of U. S. issues are well known. He says that a hurried inspection shows that the 2c plates, 11686 and 12298, respectively, are surfaced printed and are both type II, he thinks. No. 11686 is of 1600 subjects and No. 12298 of 800 subjects.

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A correspondent wrote some time ago asking what disposition was made of certain of the Plebiscite areas, whereupon Mr. C. M. Green came to his assistance with these particulars: "In Schleswig-Holstein, the northern portion voted to unite with Denmark while the vote of the southern portion indicated a desire to remain with the German nation. The voting in Marienwerder, Eastern and Western Silesia and Allenstein resulted in alliance with Germany. Memel became autonomous under the League of Nations and Carinthia remained with Austria.

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Brigadier-General Charles Austin Coolidge, Detroit, Michigan, retired, has passed on to his reward, having succumbed to the effects of a stroke that he suffered at Vicksburg, Mississippi, while attending the unveiling of a monument in that city. The news of the death of the veteran philatelist and military leader makes a profound impression on the host of personal friends of the general, as well as on the thousands of others who knew him by reputation. While General Coolidge was advanced in years, yet he entered whole-heartedly into the pleasures of the convention of the American Philatelic Society held at Detroit in 1924, and as host to a dinner-party in his quarters in the Pasadena Apartments, he entertained a coterie of visiting friends in a delightful manner. His collections were on view and they testified to his sincere and abiding affection for stamps and at the time, he promised himself many pleasant hours in the future with them. General Coolidge was born in Boston in 1844 and entering the Civil War as a private, he became a second-lieutenant in 1864. About 1870, the young officer was transferred to the west, where he was stationed for many years, under different commands and during this time, he participated in many brushes with the Indians and attained the berth of Captain. At this period, he became known as a philatelist and through his contributions to the philatelic press of the time, he gained his certificate of master of philately. He served in the Spanish-American War and his military career may be said to have reached its climax when as Lieutenant-Colonel, he was chief of the allied forces during the Boxer Rebellion in China, until the coming of General Chaffee. In 1901, he was promoted to a colonelcy and was retired in 1903, as a brigadier-general. About 1906, he became a resident of Detroit, where he identified himself with local philately, with the result that some years later, his loyalty to the American Philatelic Society, in which he was No. 64, was recognized with the presidency. General Coolidge was present at many conventions and his devotion to the society was genuine. He was a charter member of the Detroit Philatelic Society and one of its ex-presidents and it is not necessary for Mr. Henry Look to say that they will miss the presence of "our dear old friend, General Coolidge." Perhaps twenty members of the Detroit Philatelic Society attended the funeral services at Christ Church, Detroit; interment was in Washington and Mrs. Coolidge accompanied the remains to that city. To Mrs. Coolidge, who sympathized with the General in all his philatelic ambitions and is esteemed for her pre-eminent qualities of heart and mind, our deepest respect is offered in her bereavement. It is not necessary to attempt to catalogue the merits of General Coolidge as a man, as they are known generally, but as a philatelist a few words may be offered. Philately entered into the very fabric of General Coolidge and his loyalty to it never faltered. While an old collector who learned his rudiments in the days when condition had not been exalted to its present highth, his adaptability was such that he appreciated changing conditions and, for instance, he indulged a liking for precanceled stamps. His U. S. included many things that are very attractive in the light of today, and all in all, his stamp possessions are a fitting memento of a departed philatelic friend; and we say reverently, peace to his ashes.

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The following interesting exposition of a subject that has a decided appeal to collectors, historically minded, has come from Mr. Elliott Perry, the philatelic sage of Westfield, who knows whereof he speaks: "In your editorial in the issue of June 7th, regarding the U. S. Postal Agency at Shanghai, you make a statement that may be literally true, but seems to me to be incomplete or misleading. What 'agency postmark' do you mean that you say is not found with the 1869 U. S. stamps,—'but only on letters with subsequent issues'? The consular postmark is found with 1869 stamps and also with the 1867 grills and the 1861 without grill. I note a cover in the Ackerman collection bearing a pair of 10c, 1869, and endorsed, 'Shanghae, 18th Nov., 1869,' postmarked in black. The circular postmark reads, 'P. O. D., U. S. CON GENL.' above, 'Shanghai' below and 'NOV. 20,' in the center. The Ackerman collection contains several other covers with this same postmark with the 10c, 1869 and 10c of 1861 and 1867. One of them, bearing a single 10c of 1869, also has the San Francisco postmark, dated 'Jul. 14' and is endorsed, 'Via American Mail' in manuscript. This latter was postmarked at Shanghai on June 11th, but there is no indication of the year. The later postmark found on covers, bearing the 10c brown Jefferson is very similar in size and appearance to the 'consular' postmarks but reads, 'U. S. Postal Agency' above and 'Shanghai' below." Our assumption that the agency postmark, such as Mr. Perry describes as on letters with the 10c Jefferson, was not used until after the retirement of the 1869 issue, is based only on the understanding that the Shanghai Agency, as a working institution, was created by the provisions of a post office bill introduced about 1870. The story that Mr. Perry tells of the consular markings is one that will be followed with interest by several collectors, we are certain.

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Readers should realize that the time is not many months away before preparations must be made to attend the twin festivals at New York in October of this year. The great International Exhibition is a gigantic undertaking, the scope of which may not be generally appreciated. Suffice it to say that the projectors of the enterprise are bending every effort to attain results that will redound to the glory of philately and it is only fair that they be given the moral and actual support that their endeavors merit. As for the coming convention of the American Philatelic Society, it must transcend in interest, all previous conventions in order that the impression on the public mind may be deepened by a numerical display of collectors. Numbers have their weight and New York and the nation should be made aware that there is a host of collectors in our fair land.

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made reference last week to the of Gen. C. A. Coolidge, which oc- Tuesday, June 1. He had been ce May 19, when he suffered a of paralysis while attending the ing of a monument at Vicksburg, He would have been 82 years old 9.

military funeral services were held ursday, June 3, at Christ Episcopal h, Detroit, and following the service the body was sent to ington, D. C., for burial in Arling- ational Cemetary on Friday, June 4. Coolidge had a fine military

the age of 18 he enlisted in the 16th Infantry and served throughout the War.

864 he was promoted to lieutenant e Seventh Infantry and while a er of this company was wounded in attle of the Big Hole, Montana, t the Nez Perces Indians.

became captain of the Seventh in nd it was at this time he started ing.

enlisted in the A. P. S. on its or- ition and was an enthusiastic col- until 1894 when he disposed of his ollection.

Coolidge served in the Philippine ign and in the Boker campaign, whose stamps he wrote articles in EEKLY. He was made Colonel in nd Brigadier-General in 1902, be- tired in August of that year.

er his military ambition had been d he once more turned his atten- o stamp collecting and joined the rancisco Society in 1903.

earthquake, however, caused the al to retreat for the first time in e and he moved to Detroit. Thro fforts and those of Mr. Alan R. ld, the Detroit Society was formed e General became its first president. is is all too poor a tribute to the t soldier, the enthusiastic philatelist e approachable man. With all his s he was ever democratic and ous and he will be greatly missed t great event so soon to go on in York City. For the time being, al, "good-bye," the memory of your lship will be an inspiration to all new you.

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STAMPS AS AN INVESTMENT

By R. D. MacGuffin.

Those who have been associated with collectors for many years are quite ready to agree that all collectors have the right to collect what they please. Some collect because the hobby gives them a field for research, unlimited scope for an active analytical mind. But there is another kind of collector and who shall say that he has no right to his particular slant on the subject? I refer to the collector who sees the financial side of philately. Is there no field for research for him? Is it right for the philatelist who confines his research work to the historical, geographical and typographical sides of the subject to deny the man with the financial slant the privilege of following his bent?

The spirit of intolerance is not the spirit of America nor the spirit of democracy anywhere. Also the man who says, "It can't be done" is constantly being interrupted by somebody doing it. It is beyond comprehension that a man who advocates research along one phase of a subject should condemn research along another phase of the same subject. It is not the thought of those of us who are attracted to the financial side of philately to belittle the man who is interested only in other phases of the subject.

Those who have collected for years without regard to the dollars side of the subject will continue to do so. If it be true that collectors are not interested in the financial side of philately what we say will not deflect them from the even tenor of their way. A man who collects expecting to lose money is so wedded to the hobby that talk about the dollars side of the subject will not cause him to cease his activities. The present generation of collectors has been told frequently that stamps are not money makers and that the money they spend should be considered spent for fun. Philately has nothing to lose from the research work of those of us who specialize in philately's financial side. We are harmless to say the least.

In the past our recruiting efforts have been confined to the one general plan, i.e., selling the fun side of the subject. We have talked the beauty, geography and historical significance side of it exclusively. We have according to the best authorities something like 32,000 adult collectors in America and about 1,000,000 boy collectors as the result of this method of recruiting. Those of us who are not satisfied with this showing very naturally seek other selling methods. So we have devoted much time and effort to research work. As the result of this work it is possible for us to truthfully and in all fairness appeal to the man who cannot see philately if it is to be the cause of his losing mony. We widen the scope of our appeal and we consider it wise to do so. We do not make the broad assertion that stamps are a good investment. We tell what stamps are a good investment and show why they are a good investment basing our assertions on the established laws of economics and on past performances. We widen the scope of our appeal, but we do not displace the old time argument.

Those who suggest that stamps are *not* a good investment are telling a half truth. Those who say stamps *are* a good investment are telling a half truth. It is entirely possible to find out the exact truth. Surely you would not say that philately is so old that nothing new can be said on the subject. Also you would not deny that it is important that the truth should be found when you see such differences of opinion among men of intelligence and undoubted sincerity. And especially when it cannot be doubted that they who differ have the best interests of philately at heart.

Most differences of opinion are brought about because the debaters do not know what is in the other fellow's mind. Each does not understand what the other is talking about. Usually in the course of time each understands the other's position, motives and accomplishment in which case that which looked like a long session of heated debate turns out to be a love feast.

It is not out of place here to say that many of the most prominent men in the philatelic world indorse the idea of informing those who want to be informed concerning stamp values and the fundamentals or philosophy of stamp values. Enough expressions of opinion in the affirmative, recently received, can be presented to fill one issue of this publication. Among those whose opinions are most deferred to is that of Mr. A. H. Wilhelm, president of the American Philatelic Society, who writes in part:

"***and I certainly believe that it (stamps as an investment) will help philately as it will draw many into the fold who have felt that money spent on stamps was practically lost and who considered it a hobby only." More of his letter cannot be quoted here without making it appear to be an advertisement. However, Mr. Wilhelm wrote in reply to a request for an expression of opinion with permission to quote so this is no breach of confidence.

It is not possible for us to be unanimous in our opinions on any subject. But we have a common bond, viz., our love for stamps and the advancement of philately, which should cause us to be tolerant of each others' opinions and cause us to seek to understand each others' ideas and viewpoint.

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United States

1847, 5c Steam Boat Cancellation

I have recently been shown a very attractive cover addressed to Albany showing a 5c 1847 tied to the cover by a blue cancellation reading, "Troy & New York Steam Boat" within a rectangle. A similar cancellation on cover was sold in a recent New York sale, but the latter was without stamps.

Air Mail Notes

Covers carried over the first contract air mail route between Cheyenne and Pueblo with stops at Denver and Colorado Springs have just come to hand. In each case the post office has used the standard first day contract air mail postmark such as first used from Detroit. The service was inaugurated on May 31st, a plane leaving in the afternoon for the west and in the early morning for the east. Covers from Cheyenne bear the hour of 5 A. M., while those from Pueblo are postmarked 3.45 P. M. Covers posted in the latter city have the stamps canceled by the regular postmark in black with the air mail mark on the cover in a dark red. Those from Colorado Springs show two of the air mail postmarks in violet, one on the cover and the other over the stamp. In addition, they have the little flying wing insignia of the Air Mail Service. Denver used a violet ink and canceled both the stamp and the cover with the same marking. Cheyenne canceled the stamp with the regular letter postmark in black and applied the air mail postmark in dark red to the cover. All the covers that I have seen bear the backstamp of the city of arrival.

The postmaster at Cheyenne sends out with the air mail a very interesting circular describing a Frontier Exhibition to be held in that city from July 27th to 31st. This devotes a whole page to the air mail service and illustrates the stage coach carrying mail designated as, "Cheyenne Yesterday" with the airplane labeled as "Cheyenne Today". It seems that acting postmasters throughout the country are taking every legitimate means to advertise this new service.

The Department announced during the last couple of days of May that the Elko-Pasco service would be re-established on June 1st. The notice was so short that I was only able to get covers into the service by communicating with these cities by airplane. The covers have just come to hand and I note that while they show no special air mail postmark, they bear the regular postmark of Pasco dated June 1, 5.30 A. M. and the receiving cancellation of the New York office dated June, 2 at 9.30 P. M. The New York postmark quite fortunately is on the front of the cover. It will be recalled that service over this route was inaugurated on April 6th, but after four days of service was discontinued by the contractor due to the fact that all of his planes had broken down.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. O. J. Olsen, Julius A. Kurtz, and Albert W. Draves, first day contract air mail covers have just come to hand from the Chicago-Minneapolis route. Each city used the special contract air mail postmarks and all that have come to my attention are in black. The route was inaugurated on June 7th. Mr. Draves writes that the Association of Commerce mailed about two thousand air mail covers from Milwaukee on the first day and that there were about 1,100 other letters making about 4,100 in all.

The Postmaster General announces under date of June 8th that as a result of the executive approval of legislation permitting the Post Office to contract for carrying mail by air on a weight instead of a count basis, the proposed contract air mail route from Cleveland to Louisville has been readvertised. Bids were originally asked on the basis of the number of pieces of mail, but new bids returnable July 1st are asked on a basis of weight, under which the contractor will be paid not more than $3.00 a pound. It is said that this new method of charging will benefit both the contractor and the Department by saving much costly counting of the mail.

Bureau Plates

In my chronicle of May 24th plates No. 18513 to 18516 inclusive were described as ½c rotary plates. This was an error and should have read 1½c rotary plates. We thank Mr. Benjamin Cadbury for bringing this to our attention.

BELGIUM.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2c, of the current design, in bistre brown.

COSTA RICA. — The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 12c carmine rose, of the 1923 series, with the surcharge "10" at the side of the former figures of value. Parallel bars obliterate the former figures of value.

CURACAO.—Mr. Roberts advises that a 3c green, 5c lilac, and 10c carmine, all in the numeral type, and 15c blue Queen's Head design, have been issued.

DENMARK.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 12o, design of A10, in lilac. Also the air post stamp noted two weeks ago as about to be issued. It is a 15 ore value and is of lilac shade.

FRENCH OCEANICA. — The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle the following postage due stamps of France, 1893-1924, with the surcharge "Etablissements Francaise De L'Oceanie": 5c blue, 10c brown, 20c olive green, 30c carmine, 40c rose, 60c green, 1fr red brown on straw and 2fr on 1fr vermilion.

GUADELOUPE. — The Economist Stamp Co. have submitted for note a copy of the 20c green, in the usual design. Also they inform us that the current 1fr grey postage due stamp has been surcharged "2 francs a percevoir" in three lines in black.

HUNGARY.—Whitfield King & Co. for chronicle two values of the gold rency stamps. The design pictures Cathedral in the distance with the name of the country at the top. colors are brown violet for the 16f carmine for the 20f. The perfor is 15.

JUGO SLAVIA.—Whitfield King & inform us of three more values that been placed on sale. They are th paras green, 4d brown and 8d red or all of Head to right in oval frame

NIGER TERRITORY.—The Econ Stamp Co. call our attention to the red, Upper Senegal and Niger st which has been overprinted "Terr Du Niger" in two lines as before.

SURINAM. — Mr. R. Roberts re that the following new items recently been issued for this colony green, 5c lilac, 10c carmine, all o numeral type, and 15c blue Queen's type.

UPPER VOLTA.—The Economist S Co. advise that the 60c red, Upper S gal & Niger stamp, has been surcha "Haute-Volta" in black for use i colony.

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Mr. D. C. Hammatt, Topeka, Kansas, showed his collection at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held June 3rd, in the presence of over fifty members and visitors, including Mr. A. W. Filstrup of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Mr. J. V. Yegge, DeWitt, Iowa. The evening was devoted wholly to the inspection of seven volumes, beginning with the earliest issues of U. S. and working down through the 1888 issue. The collection abounds in historical pieces and pairs, strips, blocks, cancellations and distinctive items, otherwise. Mr. Hammatt was given a rising vote of thanks for his kindness in making the trip to Chicago solely for the edification of members of the society.

Another number comes of the *Shillalah*, that lively example of personal philatelic journalism, that allows the chips to fall where they may. One thousand copies of the number under notice have enlivened things and the anonymous conductor of the paper wields his blackthorn in a practiced manner. The idea of an individual journal of protest is a taking one to some of us and when the editor of such a sheet plays fair, the result must be that readers will sit up with a start and watch the fun.

The Cincinnati philatelists are bending every effort to make the convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans in that city on August 9th, 10th and 11th, a memorable occasion. The president of the S. P. A., Mr. Wm. L. Doepke, has been instrumental in securing the Cincinnati Club as the head-quarters of the convention; and the members will have club courtesies extended to them in consequence. This departure is one that will commend itself and it is needless to say, will be appreciated. A booklet describing the attractions of the Cincinnati Club is attractive, indeed.

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CANAL ZONE ON U. S. A., 1923

By HARRY E. HUBER

Early in 1926 an order was received by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, at Washington, D. C., for a supply of the 17c black, Wilson, and the 20c carmine, Golden Gate, U. S. A. stamps, to be overprinted for Canal Zone use. These denominations represent the combined domestic and foreign letter and registration rates, respectively, and were issued in the U. S. A. on December 28, 1925 (17c) and May 1, 1923 (20c).

Both are horizontal rectangular in shape (22x19mm) line engraved, and recess printed in sheets of 400 stamps (20x20), and these, imperforate, were overprinted "Canal Zone" from a 400 subject overprint plate before being perforated 11, and separated into Post Office sheets of 100. The plate number appears in the upper and side margins of the two upper panes, and in the lower and side margins of the two lower panes. The stamps on two sides of each Post Office sheet of 100 have at least one straight edge. The "Canal Zone" overprint is horizontal, in 2 lines of serifed caps, 2mm high, the words measuring 11 and 9mm respectively, and being spaced vertically from 8 to 9½mm.

For the vertical rectangular stamps of this series (½c to 15c inclusive), a new 400 subject overprint plate was brought into use about May, 1925, with letters differently formed and giving sharper and cleaner cut impressions than the original 1924 printing. The difference is most apparent in the letter "A", which has a sharp pointed top instead of the flat top of the first type (1924). The new overprint plate was first used for the 3c issued June 27, 1925, which is not known with the first, or flat "A" overprint. However, as the 14c, issued at the same time, exists only with the flat "A" of the first type, it is evident that the two plates (flat "A" and sharp "A") were then being used concurrently.

The overprint on the 17c and 20c, is in the second, or sharp "A" type, and 250 sheets of the former (100,000 stamps), and 125 sheets of the latter (50,000 stamps) were available for issue on April 1, 1926, but none were actually issued until April 5, 1926, on which date they were placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone.

About the same time, the $1 with the second, or sharp "A" overprint was released, indicating that new overprint plates with the sharp "A", were made for both the vertical (½c to 15c) and the horizontal rectangular stamps (30c to $1) at the same time (May, 1925), but that the horizontal rectangular stamps with the second type of overprint, of the 1925 printing, are only now being released from Balboa Heights where the stamp stocks of the Canal Zone Administration are kept.

All values of the postage series except the 3c, and the newly issued 17c and 20c, exist with the first or flat "A" overprint; the 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 17c, 20c and $1 have been reported with the pointed "A", and the postage due stamps, 1c, 2c and 10c, are known with both the flat, and the pointed "A" overprint.

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present supply of the "ST. LOUIS" type is exhausted, it should appear. The 7c is on order at the Bureau, and it is to be expected that the 8c and 9c will be requested at a later date.

Lincoln, Nebr.—Are fairly good property, but by no means scarce stock.

Omaha, Nebr.—Are plentiful. The 4c is a bit difficult to get at present, but will be common later on. The 1c and 2c coils are good.

Bloomfield, N. J.—Sprang a surprise by coming out with the 3c coil, which went all over the country on medical samples. The 2c coil will soon appear, as it is on order at the Bureau.

Frenchtown, N. J.—You'll have to do some hunting to land either the 1c or 1½c coils. The former is worth eighty-five cents today and in five years should be worth as many dollars. (Not eighty-five, but *five*.) I believe chick hatcheries are the sole users of Frenchtown Bureau precancels.

Jersey City, N. J.—The 1½c are easily obtained. The 1½c is reported in coil form, but its existence is doubtful.

Manville, N. J.—Has used only the 1½c coil, which is worth about eight cents.

Newark, N. J.—You can count on soon seeing the 5c and 10c, as they have been ordered and will be very common. The 2c coil would be scarce if A. C. R. had not used a quantity in mailing out his "Stamp News".

Orange, N. J.—Has some Bureau prints on the way, for the order has been given to prepare a plate for this city. The denominations that will be required have not been specified.

Rahway, N. J.—Has just appeared on the 1½c coil.

Trenton, N. J.—Occurs on the 1½c and 3c, in sheet form, both of which seem scarce. The 1c coil has been ordered and should be even better property.

Albany, N. Y.—Is to be found on the 1½c coil. Ten cents is a fair price for it.

Binghamton, N. Y.—The 2c, in both sheet and coil form, is scarce. Ten and eighteen cents respectively is indicative of their worth.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The 2c coil is the latest to report. The 7c has been ordered.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Has been a long time in ordering the 1½c in sheet and coil form, but the requisition has at last gone in and we can look for these two items most any day. The 2c coil is the only other variety that will make trouble when trying to complete the series.

Fulton, N. Y.—The 1½c coil is an elusive thing. Twenty cents is not an excessive price to pay for it.

Jamestown, N. Y.—Like Orange, N. J., is having a plate made, but nothing is known of the denominations that will be printed.

New York, N. Y.—A curious anomaly is to be found, in that New York has to date, placed no order for 2c coils. Neither have the 7c, 8c, and 9c been ordered, but when these Bureau precancels are printed little old New York will have one of the first supplies.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The 1½c coil is sadly lonesome in one's showing for this city, and is more generally conspicuous by its absence. One of these little bits of paper is worth a couple boxes of the far famed "biscuit" any day in the month of January.

Rochester, N. Y.—It is odd that Rochester is not taking advantage of the Bureau precancels, especially in regard to the stamps in coil form. The 2c in sheet form has been ordered, but why only this lone value?

Schenectady, N. Y.—The 2c coil will lead a merry chase to anyone. Don't be afraid to part with "six bits" if one pops up and says "hello". The 1c coil is comparatively common.

Schuylerville, N. Y.—We've been hunting far and wide for some of these, and success has not met our efforts. The 1½c coil does exist, but where? I know of one copy only, and that is sorely wounded with a knife slash and several bullet holes. It is rumored that two pre-

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OKLA." These are steadily increasing in price due to the demand. At present the market quotation is twenty-five cents.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Soon replaced the former. It is found on the 1c, 1½c, and 2c, in sheet form. All are fairly good.

Portland, Oreg.—Has two types for the stamps in sheet form and in coils. The overprint on the former reads "PORTLAND, OREG." and on the latter, "PORTLAND, OREGON", the font of type being identical. The 1c coil is rare and also the 2c coil, being worth thirty and sixty cents respectively.

Altoona, Pa.—Uses the 1c and 1½c in sheet form. The 1½c, though current, is twice as scarce as the 1c. Five cents is a fair price for the latter.

Chester, Pa.—Occurs on the 1c and 1½c coils. Both are rather scarce.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Is going to be right up among 'em, for that office has ordered the 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c and 10c. A half million of each will "hold" Harrisburg for quite a period in a precancel sense.

Lancaster, Pa.—Is found only on the 1½c coil. Ten cents is the current price for it.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Has ordered the 7c, and will probably also require the 8c and 9c. There will be no difficulty in completing this city.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Also quite common, the best being the 2c coil, which is quoted at eight cents.

Scranton, Pa.—The 1c coil is not in existence. The 1½c coil seems to be scarce and ten cents is fair for a good copy. Scranton also springs a surprise by ordering a half million each of the 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c and 10c. The others are on hand.

Warren, Pa.—Both the 1c and 1½c are extremely common.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Is to soon receive the 2c coil. The 1c coil is obsolete, but not unobtainable. A fair price for the latter is fifteen cents. Nearly all copies will be found poorly centered.

Pawtucket, R. I.—These are giving trouble to most collectors. The 1½c in sheet form, and the 2c in coil form are worth fifteen and fifty cents respectively. The 1c and 1½c coils have been ordered.

Providence, R. I.—The 3 cent, in sheet form, was the first value to appear. It was closely followed by the 1½c coil. Now we may expect the 1c, 1½c, 4c, 5c and 6c, as well as the 1c and 2c coils, for they have been ordered from the Bureau.

Memphis, Tenn.—The 1c coil is even better than the 2c, which is worth an even dime. In the sheet form, only the 1c, 1½c, 2c, 5c, and 10c exist.

Nashville, Tenn.—The 2c coil is very scarce. Twenty-five cents is not an excessive figure at which to value it. The 1c coil is quoted at ten cents. The stamps in sheet form are very plentiful, with the exception of the 4c and 6c.

Forth Worth, Tex.—One dollar is the highest figure any of the Bureaus of the 1924 Series, have obtained. This valuation is placed on the 1 cent Ft. Worth coil, of which only two copies are known to collectors. The 2 cent coil has been ordered.

Houston, Tex.—The 1½c and 2c were recently augmented by supplies of the 3c, 4c and 5c. The 6c and 10c have been ordered and should be current within a short while. Houston has no Bureau precancels in coil form, nor do the records show that any have been ordered.

cancel "fiends" fought to the death over it.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Nothing spectacular in these issues, but the 2c coil will again be a stumbling block.

Alliance, O.—Has a supply of the 1½c coils on hand. Few are being lovingly caressed by appreciative collectors. They seem to go the other way. To us they represent the same monetary value as a shilling to a Scotchman.

Berea, O.—One collector was so eager to get the 1c coil that he declared it was worth a "cold simoleon" to the dealer who could furnish him with it. I think his zeal worthy of emulation, but careful calculation has placed the value of this particular variety at fifty cents. The 1½c coil is worth about twenty cents.

Cincinnati, O.—Can be expected on the 7c, 8c, and 9c, during the summer. Like existing varieties, they will be plentiful.

Cleveland, O.—Ditto on the remarks for Cincinnati, except that the 2c coil is much scarcer.

Columbus, O.—Has ordered the 4c, 6c and 7c. Is now out on the 1c, 1½c, 2c, 3c, 5c, and 10c, as well as the 1c, 1½c, and 2c coils. The latter is no exception to the general rule for 2c coils.

Dayton, O.—Makes use of the first three values of the current Bureaus in sheet and coil form. The 2c coil is worth eighteen cents.

Marion, O.—Both the 1c and 1½c coils are good. The 2c coil will soon be on hand as order has been placed with the Bureau. The 1c coil is worth forty cents, for it appears to be obsolete. Fifteen cents is plenty for the 1½c.

Springfield, O.—The 1½c is extremely common. The 2c coil is extremely scarce and worth at least thirty-five cents. The 1c coil does not exist.

Toledo, O.—Has placed order for the 4c, 5c, 6c and 10c. Also for the 3c coil. The latter will not be found floating around.

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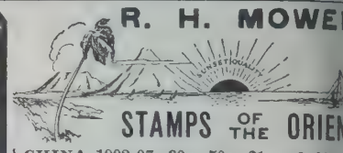

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Seattle, Wash.—Are quite plentifu The 3c has not appeared.

La Crosse, Wis.—Has had the 1½ coils for many weeks, but they continu to be unobtainable. The 2 cent coil ha been ordered.

Milwaukee, Wis.—All are quit common.

Neenah, Wis.—On the 1½c coils, wi soon breeze forth from the Bureau Watch for them, as they will be goo property.

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He went into business in 1906, and was appointed office manager of the Alpha-Laval Cream Separator Co., of Stockholm, and left that position in 1918. He has traveled extensively, visiting all European countries on numerous occasions and also been throughout Africa and in Asia. At present he is Managing Director of the Thornblad Parachute Co. Ltd., of Stockholm.

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In 1922 he was entered on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, at the Congress of Bath. He has been a member of the International Juries at the following Exhibitions: London (1912), Paris (1913), London (1923), Brussels, The Hague and Christiania (1924), Paris (1925), and has accepted a place upon the Board of Judges for the New York Exhibition.

Mr. Strandell's other hobbies are: photography and enthomology. The collection of photos taken by himself in various parts of the world exceeds 2,000 in number, and the most cherished specimens in his butterfly collection hail from Kilimandjaro, Congo, and Rhodesia, where he has been very active with his butterfly net.

WHY I LIKE TO COLLECT STAMPS

By C. E. R.

One Saturday afternoon, while in a reference room at the Public Library here at Hibbing, I found myself surrounded by a boys' stamp society. I listened, and found a way to introduce myself, and was practically adopted then and there.

The members are from eight to fourteen years of age and mostly boys, although there are a few girls. I offered them some stamp prizes for the best papers on the above subject, and this is a sort of report on the competition.

There were seventeen papers submitted. I basely left the hard work of judging them to the educational folks, but I did serve out prizes to all who contested: nothing of value, but well received, for all that. The papers show the usual brightness of the American school child, as well as the influence of ancestry and environment. Among the seventeen entrants were at least twelve nationalities, judging by the names, for Hibbing, as a great mining center, is surely some melting pot.

The following excerpts show that all collectors, while the urge is on them, are brothers under the skin. I have not changed spelling or syntax in any of them.

"On cold days I stay in the house and find difference in stamps."

That applies to the specialist, too, I think.

"When I grow up I can sell them to some company and get paid for my trouble."

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"Many people of some nationatiles (sic) do not like other nationatiles, but when they save stamps they see that every country has good men as well as bad men, so this helps us boys to believe more in what this country was made for, 'all men are created equal'."

The League should look into this. If by philatelic expansion we may have peace and stability, why all the worry about fleets and armaments?

"Some stamps come from those heathen places where they worship idols. It sends thrills down your backs to be able to have stamps from those places."

I've had those thrills myself, when receiving specimens from places that before had been mere dots on the map; and I'll bet the majority of collectors, if they are honest, will own up to the same thing.

Speaking of the one-cent "Lexicon"; "It tells where Washington was made commander-in-chief of the United States Army. It shows the elm tree which he took his inaugaration (!) under."

Essentially correct; nothing is gained by picking flaws.

"I learn to estinguish the writing of the different countries."

This boy uses "gotten" correctly, however.

"You can read in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY all about stamps and what kind are going to be published."

An appreciation.

I think that the contest has boomed interest in things stampic; that was my intention, anyway. It seems to encourage the "kids" to know that grown folks collect stamps and like them; that philately—although most of them never heard the word—is a sober and respectable trade, with followers among great and small.

I know that I absorbed some of their enthusiasm myself. It is quite possible that some of us whose interest is inclined to wane might find a rejuvenation in meeting and helping out the beginners. And it certainly would please the youngsters.

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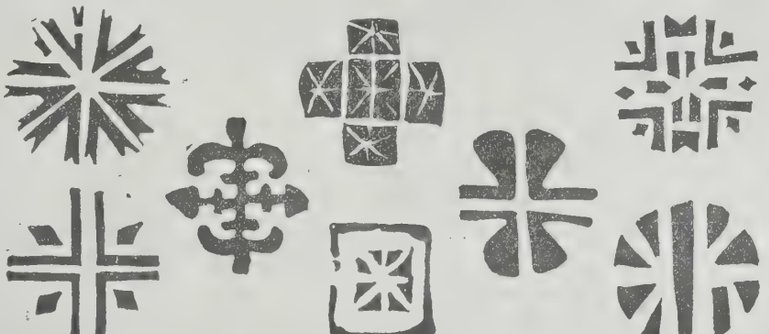

No.	Design.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	"Vs" in circle	P. C. '79	New Orleans, La.	Black	C. B. Lemmond
2.	Cross	3c 1861	Brattleboro, Vt.	Blue	H. P. A.
3.	Fancy Cross Roads	3c Cont'l	?	Black	Dr. Wm. Evans
4.	Double Anchor	3c 1861	Putnam, Ct.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
5.	Cross Roads	P. C. '80	New Orleans, La.	"	C. B. Lemmond
6.	Cross Roads	3c 1861	Brattleboro, Vt.	"	H. P. A.
7.	Cut Cork	3c 1851	Canton, Miss.	"	H. V. Swallow
8.	Cut Cork	P. C. '79	New Orleans, La.	"	C. B. Lemmond

P. C. in above means Post Card of the period. This list doubtless contains cancels with which you are familiar.

The town of New Orleans shows some real pretty designs, and this is only a start of what they used along in the late '70's and early '80's, so keep watching for cancels from that city, and you may discover a lot of new and pretty cancellations.

All except No. 3 have town name appended, and all are cut from cork or wood.

No. 2 would be very pretty if an early hit could be secured, for most of these are rather smudgy, and of a dull blue appearance. No. 4 called the Double Anchor is frequently met with, and makes a nice show on an album page. No. 7 is one of our really early cut cork cancels of interest, and is not found very often. Nos. 3 and 6 are very clearly hit, and brighten up the page a whole lot.

From Mr. L. S. Allam has come a very odd Patriotic portion of an envelope, franked with a 3c 1857, T. II pmkd. in blue, Frederick, Md. At top left of this envelope is a red flag, having at left a swiftly moving limb, marked "A.L.", while just to the right is a rapidly moving portion of a body marked "J.D.", and below is "HIS MARK". This flag is in solid red, the letters and design being colorless. There were several in this series, some being in black, and they are seldom found in used condition.

Here's a good one for those interested in Masonic cancels, a huge square and compass with a big "G" in center, all being enclosed in a circle, diameter of 30mm, on a 3c 1861, cover from "Bangor, Wis."

Dr. R. W. Payne has shown me a cover pmkd. in red "Providence Oct 20 1864 R.I.", with straight line "Steamboat" and "DUE 6" in black. The stamp, a 3c '61, is hit with a cut cork gridiron, and in addition falling on the stamp is a 24mm ring reading "STEAMER RIVER QUEEN OCT 20 1864", a little flower with six petals completes this rare Steamer cancel at the bottom of the pmk., as is sometimes found in French pmks.

From Lee, Mass., in '66 and in '67 come two covers, in each case the stamp being hit by a very large "OK" cut into cork, and these are quite cleanly cut, and hit, nice items.

Mr. A. B. Thacher has sent in what he correctly terms a "bee-autiful" cover, it being a pair of the 3c 1869's, each hit by a very large bee, probably of the bumble species, the cover bearing the pmk. of "CANASTOTA N Y MAR 21". This cover is sure a "hummer"! He has also sent in a copy of the 3c (probably '67) which interests me, inasmuch as I have a copy of same identical appearance, which has been with me since I started collecting. This stamp is of a smudgy reddish appearance, and the paper is extremely thin.

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BRITISH COLONIALS — EARLY ISSUES

I am breaking up a choice old collection, condition very fine. The stamps are priced at well over half catalogue and selections can be sent on approval. References, please.[eow1

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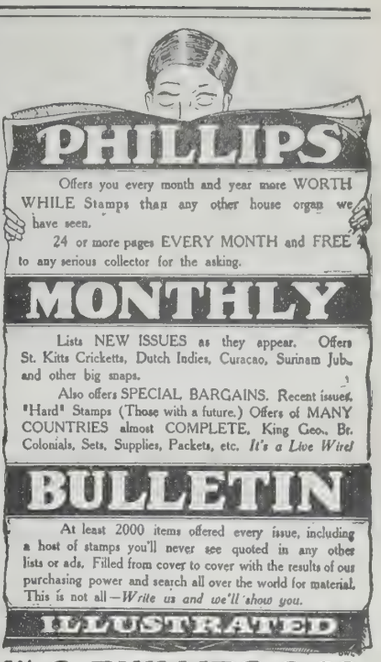

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LOOKING ROUND

By "MARQUETTE."

If you, dear reader, are among those who are feeling the reaction against the monotony of modern Colonials—a reaction which has affected not a few collectors during recent months — where are you going to turn? Not, mind you, that I am antagonistic to modern Colonials. They will always have their thousands upon thousands of staunch adherents; and even if a few British collectors happen to look for novelty elsewhere, the American and Continental demand is now of such dimensions as to more than compensate for the defection.

There are two groups on which I have my eye, as being likely to be profitable. The first is New Europes, which are now pretty well at rock-bottom prices, and already beginning to rise. Here there are several countries which you can complete on simplified lines at a moderate cost, while if you want to specialize, a wide field opens before you. Esthonia, Lettland, Lithuania (too little studied this, on account of a trio of unnecessary issues), Czecho-Slovakia, Jugo-Slavia, Danzig, and Soviet Russia, all hold out attractions to the collector of moderate means.

Or why not pass to the New World, and try for the middle issues of such countries as Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala, Chili, the Argentine, Brazil, Costa Rica, and elsewhere. You can hardly go wrong, financially speaking, with any country of South or Central America. The early issues, even where they are not "classics" and in world-wide demand, are getting remarkably scarce; and if the prices for the middle issues are not rising at the moment, it is because dealers in England have not yet awakened to the fact that their dwindling stocks can no longer be replenished in many cases. It is a fallacy to suppose that every Latin-American provisional is unnecessary. The majority of the smaller States lived from hand to mouth in the matter of stamp supplies, and many of the provisional issues are now getting rare. A small increase in the demand and prices will shoot up rapidly.

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Unlike the sister Colony who indulged in a holocaust of her Victorian stamps to make way for those of the new reign, Southern Nigeria was content to bide her time until supplies of stamps bearing the head of the late Queen Victoria were running low before introducing the new types. Thus it came about that although the first requisitions for Edwardian stamps were filled in the Autumn of 1902, they were not actually put in circulation until March 13, 1903.

A new "head-plate" alone was prepared for use in conjunction with the existing border-plates, using the master-die of the "East African" head of King Edward VII, adapted to the larger oval by the addition of a large Crown, set off by conventional ornaments.

The sheets were composed of 120 stamps, and divided into two panes of 60 with continuous marginal lines. [Except the £1, on which the marginal lines were co-extensive. — *Editor*] and plate number "1" eight times repeated on the margin—four times in the colour of the border and four times in that of the medallion. Moreover, a consecutive number was impressed in black in the top right-hand corner of the sheets, commencing, in the case of the Edwardian series, where the Victorian numbers left off. By careful comparison of these consignment numbers it has been possible to arrive at an approximate estimate of the total quantities supplied of each denomination. In the case of the 2½d, 5s, 10s and £1 denominations, however, the figures quoted are official.

The 2½d stamp was not included in the original series, to which it was added twelve months later as a result of the entry of Southern Nigeria into the Universal Postal Union on October 1, 1903.

Single CA.

It would appear that there was but one printing of most values upon Single CA. watermarked paper. A scarce shade of the 2s6d seems to indicate, however, a second supply of that value about May, 1906.

1903-04. Head of King Edward VII. Surface printed by De La Rue & Co., London. Medallion in second colour. Wmk. Crown CA. (Single), Perf. 14. Plate No. 1. Approximate numbers printed in parenthesis.

½d pale green and grey-black (120,000).
(a) Watermark inverted.
1d carmine and grey-black (150,000).
2d chestnut and grey-black (24,000).
2½d ultramarine and grey-black (12,000).
4d olive-green and grey-black (35,000).
6d mauve and grey-black (30,000).
1sh grey-black and blue-green (20,000).
2s6d brown and grey-black (10,000).
(a) yellow and grey.
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of the foregoing stamps was taken
use, distinguished by the new Mult
Crown CA watermark, and by April
the following year the entire se
(omitting the 10sh) had appeared in
form. Again there appears to have
but one printing upon ordinary pa
except as regards the 1d and 2d va
which exist in distinct shades; the n
bers printed were, on the whole, slig
in excess of those of the Single
issue, save for the three highest val

1904-05. Design, etc., as before. W
Multiple CA. Perf. 14. Dates o
sue in parenthesis. Approximate n
bers printed in column.

½d pale green and grey-black (July '04) 200,000.
1d carmine and grey-black (June 2 '04) 315,000.
(a) rose and grey-black.
2d orange-brown and grey-black (J '04) 70,000.
(a) orange-brown and pale grey.
2½d ultramarine and grey-black (18th, '05) 12,840.
4d olive-green and grey-black (Apr. 1 '05).
6d mauve and grey-black (Dec., 12,480.
1sh grey-black and blue-green (J 28th, '04) 60,000.
2s6d brown and grey-black (Apr. 1 '05).
5sh yellow and grey-black (Mar., '05
£1 violet and green (Jan., '05) 1,200.

"Chalkies."

As is the case with several o
Colonies, some of the rarest varieties
the Edwardian stamps of Southern
geria are to be found in the "chalk-
faced" printing, which the catalogues
to differentiate. The scarcity of
printing is further enhanced by the
that almost immediately after its app
ance, the South Nigerian stamps w
partially retired from currency to a
of the remainders of the former La
series to be used up, and as a result
were out of issue from July, 1906, u
the latter part of 1908. Very sho
after their re-issue they were superse
by a new series in standardised colo

The "chalky" series included the
value whilst omitting both the 2d
2½d, and a new denomination, viz.,

1905-08. Surface-coated paper. Oth
wise as before. Dates of issue
parenthesis.

½d yellow-green and grey-black (N 18th, '05) 400,000.
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3d purple and orange (Aug. 18th, '07)
4d olive-green and grey-black (Dec., '0

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(a) pale olive and grey-black (1908).
mauve and grey-black (Dec., '05) 12,360.
(a) bright mauve and grey-black (1908).
grey-black and blue-green (Sept. 19th, '07).
brown and grey-black (Apr. 30th, '06) 1,120.
yellow and grey-black (Dec. 10th, '07).
purple on yellow (Sept., '08).
iolet and green (June 20th, '06).
(a) pale violet and green (1908).

versal Colors.

ingle colour printing was introduced the ½d and 1d stamps in 1907-08 in r to bring them into line with the tal Union standard, whilst the adop- of the universal colour scheme for- ated by the Crown Agents for the onies in 1909 was quickly reflected in changing colours of the other values he Edwardian series. These served postal needs of the Colony until the ent of the first Georgian stamps in early part of 1913.

and after August, 1910, the 1d stamp Southern Nigeria was printed from a plate of 240 subjects, constructed n a Die incorporating both the King's d and the frame design in one. mps printed from this combined plate be readily recognised by the figure value, the "1" being thinner and the broader than on the original border e. The pearls on the crown above royal profile are also more clearly ined and show a distinct dot in the re of each.

7-10. New colours. Design as be- ore. Surface coated paper (3d and pwards). Wmk. Multiple Crown A. Perf. 14. Dates of issue in pa- enthesis.

green (Jan., '08).
(a) pale green.
(b) blue green (1910).
rose-carmine (Aug. 12th, '07).
carmine red, Die II (Aug., '10).
pearl grey (Sept., '09).
d ultramarine (Sept., '09).

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U. S. ARROWS AND GUIDE LINES

By JOHN J. SPENCER.

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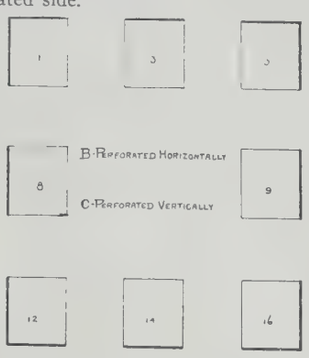
Third Period

The grouping of the varieties found composing the third period is comparatively simple, there being but eight major varieties as indicated in the following sketch. The letter B in connection with the number in the text indicates a stamp having a guide line on a perforated top or bottom and the letter C indicates a stamp showing a guide line on a perforated side.



1901. The stamps of the Pan-American series were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having vertical and horizontal guide lines, the sheets being cut horizontally on the guide line into two panes of 100 each. The horizontal guide line will be found on the unperforated top or bottom, while the vertical guide line will be found on the perforated side. No arrows are found on the stamps of this and succeeding series, for while the arrows appear at the ends of the guide lines on the full sheets of stamps, they have been so engraved that the point of the arrow falls outside the perforation and is removed with the perforated marginal paper. This series therefore yields, but eight varieties for each value, viz., Nos. 1c, 3, 5c, 8c, 9c, 12c, 14, 16c.

1902. In this series the stamps of the denominations 1c to 13c inclusive were printed from plates of 400 subjects, showing both horizontal and vertical guide lines. The sheets were divided by cutting on these guide lines into four panes of 100 stamps each. The arrow specimens being now eliminated we have but eight varieties for each value, 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16. The 15 cent stamp of this series appeared in sheets printed from both 400 and 200 subject plates, as a result we find the guide line on the top or bottom both in perforated and unperforated condition, giving us 14 varieties of this value: 1, 1b, 3, 3b, 5, 5b, 8, 9, 12, 12b, 14, 14b, 16, 16b. The 50 cent and dollar values of this series were printed from plates of 200 subjects, showing both guide lines and divided thru the vertical guide line into two panes of 100 each, yielding eight varieties of each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

Both the 1c and the 2c stamps of this issue appeared in book form and the single guide line book stamps are readily distinguished from the regular issue by the perforation on the horizontal guide line of the book stamp.

1904. The stamps of the Louisiana Purchase (St. Louis) series were printed from plates of 100 subjects, having vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets were cut vertically thru the center on the guide line into two panes of 50 stamps each, yielding right and left unperforated vertical guide line varieties and perforated horizontal guide line varieties. No arrows are to be found on the single stamps of this issue and we thus have but eight varieties of each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

1907. The series of stamps issued to celebrate the Jamestown Exhibition were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having both vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets of this series, like the Pan-American, were cut horizontally thru the center on the guide line, into two panes of 100 stamps each, producing unperforated horizontal guide line varieties and perforated vertical guide line varieties. As no arrows are to be found on the single stamps we again have but eight varieties of each value: 1c, 3, 5c, 8c, 9c, 12c, 14, 16c.

1908-1910. The stamps of these two issues, with the exception of the 50c and $1.00 values, were all printed from plates of 400 subjects, with vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets were divided by cutting on these guide lines into four panes of 100 stamps each. All guide line varieties thus being on unperforated edges, yielding eight varieties of each value: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

The 50c and $1.00 values were printed from plates of 200 subjects with the vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets were divided by cutting vertically thru the center on the guide line into panes of 100 stamps, producing unperforated vertical guide line varieties and perforated horizontal guide line varieties, or eight varieties for each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

The early 1c and 2c stamp books of the 1908 issue present some panes bearing a perforated horizontal guide line between the first and second row of stamps and the single guide line book stamp is readily distinguished by this perforation on the guide line. Later booklets when bearing a horizontal guide line show it on the lower edge of the pane and the

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In the issue of May 24th, we published a few observations on the five-cent Ericsson memorial stamp and purported to tell the story of the origin of this commemorative issue. It is seen from correspondence that has met our eye that there is a disposition to question the conclusions that were drawn in the course of the remarks, which were based on information that came from sources in which full credence could be placed. Pursuing the subject, as a consequence of various angles that have developed, we are enabled through the courtesy of the *Svenska-Amerikanaren* (Swedish-American) Chicago, to give the following translation of an article that appeared in the columns of its issue of May 20th: "News from Washington, D. C., of May 6, 1926, informs us that Postmaster General New has ordered the issue of fifteen million five-cent stamps as a memorial of the inventor of the 'Monitor,' Capt. John Ericsson, of whom a statue will be dedicated in Potomac Park on May 29th, in the presence of President Coolidge and the Swedish Crown Prince and Princess. As far as we know, this is the first time in history that any country outside of Sweden ever issued a postage stamp in honor of a Swede. Therefore, it should be of special interest to every Swede to know of this stamp and how it came about. We can now tell the story. In the summer of 1925, our ambitious countryman, K. A. Wallquist, started to interest members of the John Ericsson Memorial Committee in the subject of a special commemorative stamp for John Ericsson. The result of this movement was that Mr. Henry S. Henschen, treasurer of the Ericsson Memorial Committee, wired Congressman Carl R. Chindblom in regard to the stamp. Mr. Chindblom was then in New York on his way to Sweden and so the matter had to rest until his return to this country in the autumn. At the meeting in Chicago on October 17, 1925, of the Committee, the subject was brought up by Mr. C. G. Axell, and the Committee then instructed Mr. Chindblom to investigate the chances for an issue of the kind. The result was that we on May 29, 1926, could buy the 5c John Ericsson stamp at the Chicago Post Office."

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As indicating the magnitude of the forthcoming International Stamp Exhibition in New York, estimates are being made of the value of the stamps that will be on display. In the London *Daily Telegraph,* Mr. Fred J. Melville says that already over a million dollars' worth of foreign are booked for space, and without being unduly optimistic, we predict that when the returns are all in, this figure will have to be revised upward. Any prophecy as to the financial *quid pro quo* of the United States stamps that will be in place would astound the outsider but it is safe to say that in the complete stamp record of the issues of our country, there will be shown specimens that have a value beyond the dreams of avarice."

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An interesting cancellation is brought to notice by Mr. Harvey N. Fiske, Cranford, New Jersey: "Among some oddities I have is one written in 1837 from Far West, Missouri, canceled in red as per pencil copy attached. Of course, there are many letters of this kind in existence from various towns and cities but I am wondering if the philatelists ever heard of or saw a copy mailed from this place. I understand that Far West was first settled by the Mormons and afterward, they were driven out and that the town went out of existence." Evidently, Far West is an appealing example of "discontinued post offices" and the very name is almost poignantly suggestive of the frontier days in this country, whose fascinations are emphasized by the passing of time. As collecting develops on more intensive lines, the historical side of the old postmarks will claim more attention than is given at present, although there are not a few collectors who are sensible of the charm of them, today.

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The list of Americans in uniform on U. S. stamps in our issue of May 24th, as given by a correspondent, was all too brief, as Mr. T. Russell Hungerford, Washington, shows; he adds: "Washington on the 90c of 1857-60 and 90c of 1861 and Farragut on the $1 of 1902. It might be that Jackson, on the 3c of 1902, wears a military cloak, while Captain John Smith, on the 1c Jamestown, 1907, is clad in a coat-of-mail!"

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We find that no extended reference has been made in the WEEKLY to the movement seeking to signalize philately in Sulgrove Manor, England, the ancestral home of George Washington, which was purchased in 1914 by the British Peace Centenary Committee and is now a shrine to which thousands of people pay homage yearly. Mr. F. A. Bellamy, 28 Polstead Road, Oxford, England, is sponsor of the proposal to "exhibit for public gaze, the various portraits or effigies of George Washington, as adopted for postage stamps. Every gift towards the end, whether of stamps or money, will be a permanent gift towards honoring the ancestral home of Washington, towards the closer union of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations and to the praise and good of 'Philatelia'." The *London Philatelist* for December, 1925, included a full account of the interesting project, the success of which would redound to the advantage of philately, if we are to give attention to our concerns first. Mr. Bellamy's zeal must be commended and his idea is worthy of all respect. While the list of Washington stamp portraits, from 1847 to date, is not exactly a short one, yet it is not as formidable as may seem at first glance, although, if all the specimens are to be in the ideal condition for exhibition purposes, i.e., unused, the very first stamp, the 10c of 1847, is something of a poser. We trust that the results of the campaign will be comparable to the merit that the plan embodies.

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When that good old soul, Walt Mason, twangs his lyre and descants on stamps as "The Hobby," we say that philately has arrived. One of Walt's inimitable "odes" deals with Jimpson, whose love for stamps is his ruling passion and while the aforesaid Jimpson cannot understand why all men do not give ear when he spouts stamps, he is content to pursue his untroubled way, with the stamp album under arm, to speak figuratively. Other chaps may pursue the bubble, reputation, but Jimpson is unscathed by the lure of worldly excitements and marvels at the folly of the fatuous fellows who waste their time with small-talk, when there are stamps to occupy the waking thoughts. We are sure that Walt casts his vote for the Jimpsons who abide by the bright lights at home and dream the golden hours away, in company with canceled stamps from Asia Minor and Cathay.

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We have been favored by Mr. John W. Prevost, Springfield, Mass., with official data on the Shanghai Postal Agency, which he received from the late Mr. C. H. McBride, an employee of the Post Office Department in Washington and a member of the Springfield Stamp Club. Here are the references as copied from the records:

"Sec. 7, of the Act of July 27, 1868 (15 Stat. Chap. 246), authorized the establishment of the General Postal Agency at Shanghai, as follows:

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In the Annual Report of the Postmaster General, John A. J. Creswell for the year ending June 30, 1869, appears the following:

"I have not considered it expedient, the present condition of the service, to establish a general postal agency at Shanghai, with branch agencies at other ports in China and Japan, as authorized by the 7th section of the Act of July 27, 1868. The United States Consuls at Shanghai and Kanagawa (Japan), still continue to act, with the consent of the Department of State, as resident mail agents at those ports, in connection with their regular consular duties."

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ANTIGUA

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Remainders Burned, 1924.

In accordance with circular instructions from the Colonial office, early in 1924, there were burned at St. John's, Antigua, on April 19, 1924, the remainder stock of the ½d, 1d, 3d and ½d War Stamp, in the Presidency Seal type; the 5s King George (1913), and Leeward Islands 2d post cards, 1d wrappers, and 2½d envelopes.

Watermark Changed (3d) and new shades (2d and 6d) 1925.

Early in 1925 a further lot of 2d, 3d and 6d stamps was ordered, and in their Bulletin of July-September, 1925, the Crown Agents announced that the 3d had been printed, for the first time, on yellow script CA paper. (Yellow script CA paper was first used for the 5c Federated Malay States issued March 1, 1922.) This was a surprise to the local authorities who had expected it to be printed in blue, representing as it did, the foreign letter rate.

The 2d and 6d in this lot differed in shade from the earlier printing, the former being slate, and the latter, brown violet and bright violet. These three varieties were issued July 23, 1925. They were printed from the same head and duty plates as before, but the head plate number (1) appears only in the lower margin of each pane in the usual positions (under the 2nd stamp of the left, and the 5th stamp of the right panes), instead of in both upper and lower margins.

July 23, 1925. King George V. and Presidency Seal. "Postage & Revenue." Engraved and typographically printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Comb perforated 14.

3d and 6d, chalk surfaced.
Plate 1 (headplate).
2d slate.
3d violet on pale yellow (C).
6d brown violet and bright violet (C).

New Colonial Postmaster, 1925.

In September, 1925, Mr. F. de Freitas (since 1922 Asst. Postmaster at St. John's), succeeded Mr. A. C. K. Tibbits, as Federal and Presidency Postmaster, on the latter's promotion to be Magistrate and Warden of Nevis.

Foreign Letter Rates Reduced, April, 1926.

By Statutory Rules and Order No. 5, 1926, made by the Governor in Council on 1st March, 1926, with effect from 1st April, many changes were made in the postal rates on matter for delivery within and without the Leeward Islands Federation. The foreign letter rate was reduced from 3d to 2½d, and that to the British Empire, and the U. S. A., from 2d to 1½d. Post cards pass within the Colony at ½d single (1d reply), but for all other destinations at 1½d single (3d reply). Future printings of the 2½d will revert to the original color, blue. The 2½d of Antigua, printed in orange, was issued Sept. 27, 1923.

Local Post Office Establishment.

There are eleven sub-offices in Antigua, which are in daily communication with the head office at St. John's, through 12 rural postmen. Two deliveries of mail are made daily (12 noon and 4 p. m.) in St. John's, and additional deliveries are made at 8 a. m., following the receipt of mails from off the island. In St. John's 28,214 letters and 6,154 book packages were delivered by the two city postmen, in 1917-18. In the same year, 49,687½ letters and 29,683 book packages were dispatched from St. John's to the country districts, and 12,318 letters and 942 book packages, from the country districts.

During 1917-18, 190 mails (120,222 letters and 42,775 packages) were received from off the island, and 185 dispatched (110,823 letters and 15,845 packages). The receipts and dispatches being in the majority from and to the U. S. A. 5,023 parcels were received from abroad, and 671 dispatched. Money Orders to the total of £2661.14.6 were issued, and £5448.11.5 paid in Antigua. In that year there were 195 telephones in operation, and 325 miles of wire.

1902-1903	
Presidency revenue,	£72374. 0.8
Presidency expenditure,	64890. 0.8
P. O. revenue, including telephones and telegraphs,	3071.15.6
P. O. expenditure,	3653. 0.1
1903-1904	
Presidency revenue,	£68191.16.0½
Presidency expenditure,	54699. 0.8½
P. O. revenue, including telephones and telegraphs,	2920. 6.4½
P. O. expenditure,	3681.12.0
1917-1918	
Presidency revenue,	£66768.
Presidency expenditure,	64398.
P. O. revenue, including telephones and telegraphs,	2157. 0.0½
P. O. expenditure,	1325.11.8

The surplus in 1917-18 is explained as resulting from "non-payment of contribution to the Intercolonial mail service, to revenue derived from War Tax stamps, and stamps sold for passports." The sale of stamps, wrappers, etc., amounted to £1987.1.0½, and £78.19.0 was paid for the cost of stamp manufacture.

Postal Statistics.

Receipts and dispatches, Antigua, 1919-1924.

	Letters and Post Cards	Newspapers, Etc.	Parcels
1919	379,323	63,877	6,787
1920	417,128	89,846	9,304
1921	425,893	93,582	10,625
1922	405,893	91,503	13,389
1923	397,188	93,792	13,866
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Straits Settlements Post. Due, 4c green .05
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2.40c pale green ..... .30
Portugal, 96c rose red ..... .12
2.40c pale green ..... .30
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HAWAII

I recently acquired a small collection of postage stamps of the Hawaiian Islands, which is being broken up and will be sold generally on a basis of 40% discount from Scott's prevailing figures. I mention below a few of the scarcer pieces which are in fine condition. Most of the other less expensive varieties are present.

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SHANGHAI ON U. S.

Two stamps that are missing from many collections are the two varieties of Shanghai locally overprinted under authority of the U. S. Post Office located in that city. There are only two values, namely, the 2c and 4c, Scott's #3298 and 3299. They have never been over plentiful and catalog $1.50 each or $3.00 for the pair. While the greater portion of the lot were badly centered, I have been fortunate in acquiring some few in exceptionally nice condition, which I offer at $1.50 a set, with pairs or blocks on the same basis.

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"Antigua, B.W.I." at the bottom. Date in two lines in center DE 13—16. Date set low, month and day being on a line with the first "A" of "Antigua", and the "I" of "B.W.I."

2. Single lined circle, 25mm similarly lettered, and with date set low. Letters slightly larger than in No. 1. Used concurrently with No. 1 in 1918. Probably an old cancelling stamp reconditioned.

3. About October, 1921, a new cancelling stamp made appearance, single lined circle 26mm, but with letters of "St. John's—Antigua, B.W.I." taller and thinner. Date set higher (OC 27-21) than in Nos. 1 and 2.

4. "Official Paid" (at top), and "Antigua" (at bottom). Single lined circle 24mm. Date in three lines in center—*-OC 18-18.

5. "R" within oval, measuring 25mm high by 20mm wide. Badly dented at lower right, which peculiarity dates back to "FE 2 20", or earlier.

6. Registration labels of the regulation Colonial type, single lined horizontal rectangle, 41x16mm, a large "R" at the left separated by a vertical line from "Antigua, B.W.I.—No. . . . . ." at the right in two lines. These labels have not been used since the latter part of 1918.

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United States

Washington Notes

As we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of our birth, quite naturally each day is an anniversary of some important event which took place in our early history. Many vicinities where such events took place are endeavoring to have Washington issue special stamps commemorating the activity. In addition, St. Louis is in hopes of having a stamp issued in behalf of Thomas H. Benton, the famous statesman, through whose good work the Sante Fe mail trail was opened. There is quite a possibility that at least one of these delegations is likely to be favored but I am informed that the stamps, if issued, will probably not make their appearance until the Fall.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of June 10th, Acting Postmaster General Bartlett issued an advertisement inviting proposals for the operation of a contract air mail route between Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan, and return, with such intermediate stops as may be agreed upon later. This action supersedes the advertisement of May 25th for this route and is due to the action of Congress fixing the rate of not more than $3.00 per pound for the carrying of air mail instead of granting the contractor not more than 80% of the revenue for transporting the mails. In other words, the mail will be carried on a weight instead of a count basis, and it is quite possible that all future contracts, as well as when old ones are revised, will be on such a basis. Bids will be received at the Department at Washington up until noon of July 26th.

On the first day of the recently inaugurated Twin City to Chicago contract air mail service, one of the planes out of St. Paul, piloted by Elmer Partridge, met with difficulties, due to high wind. Partridge presumably lost control of his plane, which crashed to the ground and the pilot was killed. Covers from this route have been returned and were described in this column last week.

The headquarters of the Air Mail Service, which, since October 1, 1924, have been maintained at Omaha, Nebraska, will be removed to Washington, D. C., on July 1, 1926. Announcement to this effect was made June 15th by Acting Postmaster General Bartlett. It has been found that the continuance of the headquarters of the air mail service at Omaha is no longer necessary and that this branch of the Post Office Department can better be administered from this city. The Omaha headquarters are at present in charge of Stephen A. Cisler, Superintendent of the Air Mail Service, with D. B. Colyer, Assistant Superintendent. There are about fifteen clerks at the Omaha office who will be brought back to Washington when the transfer is completed.

I could not understand when the office was first transferred why it was necessary to have the airplane activities directed from a middle western city when the balance of the postal affairs were directed from Washington.

Canal Zone

The Nassau Stamp Company inform me that they learn of the existence of the new 20c stamp with an overprint reading "Canal Zone" with "Zone" inverted. They have not seen the variety but the information comes to them upon excellent authority. If this variety exists, there is no doubt but what a similar variety will be found on the 17c for they were both recently overprinted in Washington at the same time.

Heretofore we have seen the 1c and 12c with the same overprint in addition to the 3c, 5c and 1c Postage Due with overprint reading "Zone-Zone." It is possible that several other values will be found which are as yet unchronicled and we would be glad to hear from our readers having any of the other denominations.

Revenues

Several weeks back mention was made in this column of the finding of several copies of the 25c blue and black second issue in an unperforated condition, all canceled during April and early May of 1872.

Mr. P. J. Gauff now writes that he has a copy of this stamp, which he purchased over thirty-five years ago from a New York dealer, and that his copy is also canceled during the same time, his bearing date of April 17, 1872. While there is not the slightest doubt, but what these stamps were issued in imperforate condition, this additional copy which was found many years back helps to give further standing to the variety.

AZORES. — Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 3 escudos, noted under Portugal, with the usual surcharge for use in this colony.

BAHAMAS.—We are informed by Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. of the appearance of the 1 pound, King George, in green and black on script watermarked paper. Also the 1sh, in black and carmine, also on script watermark.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. — According to a *Times* correspondent, the first values of the projected pictorial stamps of Czecho-Slovakia (forecast in our issue for March 6th) to make their appearance will be those of 120 haleru red, 150 haleru violet, 200 haleru blue, offset-printed in a design by M. Simon showing a view of the Karlstein mountain. These will be followed by other denominations depicting the Hradschin of Prague, the Pernstein, and the Castle of Arva. We also learn that it is proposed to overprint the remainders of the Jubilee stamps of 1[illegible] upon the occasion of the forthcom[illegible] Congress of Sokols, to which, in [illegible] scribing some unofficial labels, refere[illegible] was made in *Stamp Collecting* for Ja[illegible] ary 23rd.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. ad[illegible] us of the appearance of the 2frs post[illegible] due in mauve color.

JUGO-SLAVIA. — Whitfield King & [illegible] send another value of the series with [illegible] head to the right in an oval; it is [illegible] 10d olive.

NETHERLANDS. — Mr. R. Roberts [illegible] ports the appearance of 5G in grey bl[illegible] engraved on unwatermarked paper. [illegible] the type of large format of the curr[illegible] issue measuring 22½x28mm.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. s[illegible] for the Chronicle the 3 escudos, in r[illegible] shade.

Mr. J. G. Graham, in sending us co[illegible] of several recently chronicled novelt[illegible] writes from Oporto that the 15 centa[illegible] (in four types) of the Pombal series [illegible] reissued from the 5th to the 15th of M[illegible] (both dates inclusive), supplementary [illegible] ordinary postage, for inland purp[illegible] only.

In a later letter Mr. Graham says [illegible] the Pombal stamps had apparently [illegible] out in Lisbon, as letters were arriving [illegible] Oporto (on May 6th) franked w[illegible] stamps issued for the various Colon[illegible] these doing duty — at any rate for [illegible] time being—without any surcharge.

The same correspondent kindly sh[illegible] us the current 16 centavos, Ceres, ad[illegible] sive in a new shade, *i.e.*, bright ult[illegible] marine.—*Stamp Collecting.*

SPAIN.—We have received from [illegible] R. Roberts copies of a new color sta[illegible] of this country. It is a 5c claret, in [illegible] current type. Also the 20c pale rose, [illegible] the "Expresso" series.

AUSTRIAN FOLK LORE ON STAMPS

(Clipping from C. C. Corbett)

Announcement made the other day t[illegible] the Austrian government is to issue [illegible] series of postage stamps engraved w[illegible] characters and scenes from the Teuto[illegible] epic poem, the "Nibelungenlied," will [illegible] of keen interest to all stamp collect[illegible] or, as they prefer to be called, "phila[illegible] lists."

The issue should prove not only int[illegible] esting but profitable, for a considera[illegible] portion of the initial printings undou[illegible] edly will be sold to collectors who will [illegible] attracted by the novelty of the themes a[illegible] the artistic and romantic merits of a [illegible] ries that celebrates not the present [illegible] any historical character or allegori[illegible] depiction, but the folk myths and po[illegible] fables of a great people.

Beautiful as a postage stamp may [illegible] and possessed of however strong aesthe[illegible] appeal, still, in this country and ma[illegible] others, it usually conforms to the conv[illegible] tional in subject and design, and depa[illegible] therefrom only upon very special oc[illegible] sion. Certain of the Latin-Americ[illegible] countries, and some African states, ha[illegible] employed attractive historical and g[illegible] graphical themes in the decoration [illegible] their postage, and the philatelist kno[illegible] well the content with which he looks u[illegible] these specimens, that are not yet rare, [illegible] are obviously beautiful, beautiful inde[illegible] even to the inexperienced layman.

As for the poetic cycle, the "Nibelun[illegible] enlied," it was all but lost to the G[illegible] manic peoples, in whose modern art it [illegible] been splendidly effective (as in the ope[illegible]

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SO. NIGERIA—EDWARDIAN

(*Continued from page 337*)

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U. S. ARROWS AND GUIDE LINES

(*Continued from page 337*)

single guide line book stamp is distinguished from the regular issue by the nearness of the guide line to the bottom of the engraving.

1912. The guide line varieties of the stamps of the regular series of 1912 only differ from those of 1908-1910 in that the 50c value was printed from plates of both 200 and 400 subjects giving us fourteen varieties of this value: 1, 1b, 3, 3b, 5, 5b, 8, 9, 12, 12b, 14, 14b, 16, 16b.

1914-1916-1917. The stamps of these three issues, with the exception of the dollar values, were printed like their immediate predecessors from plates of 400 subjects and divided in the same manner, yielding eight varieties for each value: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16. The dollar values were printed from plates of 200 subjects, with vertical and horizontal guide lines and after division through the vertical guide line produced eight varieties of each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

The Lincoln commemorative stamp was printed from 400 subject plates. The Alaska-Yukon and Panama-Pacific were each from 280 subject plates, while the Hudson-Fulton was from 240 subject plates. Each of these commemoratives were printed with both vertical and horizontal guide lines and the sheets of all were divided into four panes each by cutting along both guide lines. All guide line varieties were thus produced to appear with unperforated edges, yielding eight varieties of each value: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

The Parcel Post stamps of 1912 were printed from plates of 180 subjects, having both horizontal and vertical guide lines. The sheets of all values were divided into four panes of 45 stamps each, by cutting along both guide lines producing the eight guide line varieties: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

Of the Postal Savings Stamps of 1911, the 1c, 2c, and 10c values were printed from plates of 400 subjects having the two rectangular guide lines and the sheets were divided into four panes each, by cutting along both guide lines, thus yielding eight varieties of each value: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16. The 50c and $1.00 values were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having the two guide lines, and the sheets were divided into two panes of 100 stamps each, by cutting along the vertical guide line, producing eight varieties of each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

1918. It was during this year that the first Aeroplane series and the $2.00 and $5.00 bi-colored stamps appeared. All these being printed in sheets of 100 stamps and issued to the post offices in this way. They bore both vertical and horizontal guide lines and all guide line varieties are to be found fully perforated, giving eight varieties of each value, viz., 1bc, 3b, 5bc, 8c, 9c, 12bc, 14c, 16bc.

In 1918 also appeared the 1c, 2c and 3c stamps produced by the offset printing process. Sheets of these stamps bore the usual vertical and horizontal guide lines used for dividing the sheets into panes of 100 stamps by cutting on these guide lines. All guide line varieties of these stamps are therefore found with straight edges, viz., Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

1922-1923. Our present regular issue, values from 1c to 50c inclusive are printed from plates of 400 subjects with vertical and horizontal guide lines and divided into panes of 100 stamps by cutting on these guide lines, giving us eight varieties, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16. The $1.00 and $2.00 stamps are printed from plates of 200 subjects having vertical and horizontal guide lines and divided into panes of 100 stamps by cutting on the horizontal line only, giving eight varieties, Nos. 1c, 3, 5c, 8c, 9c, 12c, 14, 16c. The $5.00 stamps are printed from 100 subject plates having both horizontal and vertical guide lines and are issued in fully perforated sheets so that all eight varieties are found fully perforated, viz., 1bc, 3b, 5bc, 8c, 9c, 12bc, 14b, 16bc.

In 1920 the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commemorative series of three values appeared, printed from 280 subject plates, showing both vertical and horizontal guide lines, so that all eight guide line varieties of each value will be found, having unperforated, straight edges, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

The Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary issue of three values appearing in 1924, and the Lexington-Concord series, also of three values following soon after in 1925 were all printed from 200 subject plates having both horizontal and vertical guide lines and divided into panes of 50 stamps by cutting along both these guide lines, so that all eight guide line varieties of each value will be found having unperforated straight edges, viz., Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

Coming now to the Norse-American of 1925, we find something novel and different from preceding commemoratives in that stamps of both values are bi-colored and printed from plates of 100 subjects, bearing both vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets after printing were not divided, but issued in full perforated sheets of 100 stamps, so that there are no straight edges to be found in this issue. Eight guide line varieties are the result, viz., Nos. 1bc, 3b, 5bc, 8c, 9c, 12bc, 14b, 16bc.

Turning back to the Official Stamps of the various Departments printed by the Bank Note Companies we find that but few of the denominations were printed from plates of more than 100 subjects, with the consequent absence of arrows. The exceptions found are the 1 cent, 2 cent and 3 cent denominations of both the War and Treasury Departments and the 3 cent of the Post Office Department. These stamps were all printed from 200 subject plates, bearing arrows at both top and bottom of the plate similar to other Bureau emissions, giving us Nos. 2, 4, 13, 15.

Postage Due Stamps issued prior to December 4, 1895, were printed from 200 subject plates bearing top and bottom arrows and the sheets of stamps were cut vertically thru these arrows into panes of 100 each and we find varieties Nos. 2, 4, 13, 15. Since December 4, 1895, Due Stamps have been printed from 400 subject plates bearing arrows and guide lines and the guide lines specimens to be secured are the same as those found with the regular postage stamps with which they are affiliated.

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Since December 4, 1895, the plates have been made with guide lines and arrows and the sheets cut into four panes of 25 stamps each and the varieties found are similar to those of the regular stamp of the same issues.

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I have some of these interesting covers which will prove of historic value. I used the scarce 3c carmine error envelope No. 2662a with a horizontal pair of the new 10c aero, also a 5c Norse American. A special Pasco cancellation in violet is used bearing date of first flight "5.30 A.M. Apr. 6, 1926". My price is a very reasonable one, only **$2.00**

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each side and the sheets were divided into panes of 50 stamps. Thru these horizontal arrows and prior to 1895 we have four specimens of each value, Nos. 6b, 7b, 10b and 11b. It was during 1895 that the arrows disappear as they were now located so far back that they came off with the marginal paper. About this same time horizontal and vertical center guide lines were added and the sheets were divided horizontally on this guide line into two panes of 50 stamps so that the horizontal guide line should be found on a straight edge top or bottom and the vertical guide line on a perforated side, resulting in eight varieties for each value or Nos. 1c, 3, 5c, 8c, 9c, 12c, 14, 16c.

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The advent of the Rotary Press for printing stamps has brought a new process into being, so it is probable that in the near future, but few, if any, of our postage stamps will be produced showing guide lines. The collector of the future who takes up this side line of the stamps of our country must then necessarily be confined to emissions of the past, a field rich with treasure and undying interest.

NEWS BITS:—

IN the current number of the "Bulletin" published by the San Francisco Stamp Society is a highly eulogistic article describing the activities of A. F. Merell and his radio talks over KFRC. We have frequently commented on Mr. Merell's activities in this direction and his Radio Stamp Club is a great tribute to his interest in philately.

ALBERT E. GORHAM, of Washington, D. C., has shown us a large lot of first flight covers, used in the Chicago-Milwaukee service. There are numerous cancellations or postmarks of interest. One is postmarked Washington, Chicago, Milwaukee and backstamped Milwaukee; "likewise" and backstamped St. Paul; Minneapolis May 29 and June 7 and La Crosse June 7 backstamped St. Paul June 7; New York and Milwaukee and backstamped Minneapolis. Mr. Gorham enclosed two Denver covers postmarked May 31 6.30 A. M. and 5.30 P. M., which were returned for explanation of the two hour dates. If the dealer had turned the cover over he would have found one backstamped Colorado Springs 11.00 A. M. and the other backstamped Pueblo 11.30 A. M., thus making the round trip within 11 hours. Another Denver cover minus postage, Denver to Cheyenne, received two first flight cancellations of 5.30 P. M.—an oddity.

MAC BURTON sends us a clipping from the Baltimore *Sun*. It gives the particulars of a letter which reached Baltimore from Spitzbergen after having been carried over the North Pole by Byrd in his airplane flight.

A VERY attractive Ericsson cover has been shown us by E. J. S. Halvorsen of Salem, Mass. At the present time Salem is celebrating its 300th anniversary and Mr. Halvorsen has provided a cover in keeping with the event. A fine sketch of the famous Salem witch astride a broomstick has been painted in colors on the face of the envelope.

THE last regular meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held Tuesday June 15. A. F. Brewer exhibited his collection of U. S. cancellations. It will be exhibited at New York in October. Informal meetings of the club will be held as usual during July and August.

WE supplement our chronicle of Chicago-Twin Cities First Flight covers as given last week, with yet another received from Albert E. Gorham of Washington, D. C. This cover left Chicago 5.30 A. M. on June 7th and bears a Minneapolis receiving marking of 5.30 P. M. June 8th. The newspapers recorded the death of the pilot making this first trip and the 36 hours in transit is doubtless connected with this accident. A melancholy interest will be attached to this envelope in view of the circumstances.

AS previously recorded, the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, recently held a stamp exhibition, in which the entries were limited to juniors. C. W. Fenton secured first honors on his U. S. stamps and Ben Zucker took first place in the general collection competition.

A CLIPPING from a Philadelphia paper, sent in by Benj. Cadbury, states that Federal agents have seized counterfeit revenue stamps to the value of $250,000 in a New York raid. A lithographing company on Rose St. is implicated.

WE are advised that the K. Lissiuk Philately Co. has removed its offices to 1476 Broadway, cor. 42nd St., New York City.

BELGIAN OCCUPATION OF GERMAN EAST AFRICA

By FRANCIS P. RENAUT, F.R.P.S.L.

At the outbreak of the World War the Germans of German East Africa commenced hostilities against the British territory of Uganda and Belgian Congo, though the whole basin of the Congo River was neutralised since the Treaty of Berlin (1885). They remained masters of Lake Tanganyika and crossed it, but their progress was soon checked by the Belgian forces under General Tombeur, who at the end of 1915 took the offensive and repelled the enemy. While the British forces drove back the enemy into his own colony in the Kilimajaro region, the Belgians did the same around the Tanganyika and compelled the Germans to evacuate the N. W. provinces of Ruanda and Urundi early in 1916. Kigali, the chief town, was taken in May, and the advance into Central German East Africa was pursued; all the eastern shore of the Tanganyika fell into the hands of General Tombeur (Kigoma on July 29, Ujiji on September 2, and Karema on October 9); the chief town of the interior (Tabora) was occupied on September 29, 1916. At the end of the same year the Germans were in full retreat toward the southern region, and were decisively defeated in 1917, the Mahengue base being taken in October and Colonel Tafel capitulating in November; the last German forces took refuge in the Portuguese colony of Mozambique.

On the arrival of peace the colony was not given back to Germany; the greater part of it was incorporated in the British Empire, and the northwestern region (Ruanda and Urundi provinces) came under Belgian rule under the name of Katanga.

Almost immediately after the conquest of the Ruanda and Urundi provinces a postal service was organised by the Belgian forces. General Tombeur promulgated an ordinance regulating the matter on June 11, 1916, and putting into use in these districts the stamps of Belgian Congo overprinted "RUANDA" or "URUNDI." The overprinting was done by means of handstamps bearing the name in narrow capitals with a full stop, and it was applied in black or grey-black. It falls usually at the top of the stamps covering the inscriptions "CONGO BELGE"; only one instance is known where the overprint obliterates the Flemish inscription (at the foot of a 15 centimes stamp).

All the current stamps of the 1916 issue of Belgian Congo were overprinted. The number of stamps thus overprinted is unknown, and the figures given from time to time are fanciful. It is said that a first stock of 2,500 sets was overprinted in each district, but the lower values were overprinted later on as required. They were, of course, largely used—by civilians only—the 1 franc is uncommon and the 5 francs at the time was almost unobtainable. It must be noted that sometimes stamps overprinted "URUNDI" were used in Ruanda and vice versa, as the field post offices were irregularly supplied. Kigali was the only chief post office.

As the Belgian forces gained the interior of German East Africa, occupying town after town, especially in the Tanganyika region, it occurred frequently that military postmasters used German postmarks for cancelling stamps. Such cancellations have been often mistaken for overprints, though they have this character when stamps without the "URUNDI" or "RUANDA" overprint were used, but such practice was directly contrary to the ordinance of June 11, 1916, and must be considered as unoffici Thus two handstamps were used in K goma bearing the name either in La or in Gothic letters. In Karema a sin lar handstamp in Latin letters was fou and used.

The handstamped series was consider as purely provisional. A minister *arreté* ordered the creation of a definiti series obtained by overprinting the cu rent set of Belgian Congo (1916 issu with the following inscriptions on fo lines:—EST AFRICAIN ALLEMAND — OCC PATION BELGE. — DUITSCH OOST AFRIKA BELGISCHE BEZETTING.—overprint in sm capitals applied in blue ink. The *arre* is dated September 15, 1916, and as ear as November, 1916, a first supply stamps was ready, sent to the colo and put on sale at Sainte-Adresse, t seat of the Belgian Government at th time.

This first supply—though it was print by Messrs. Waterlow — showed slig errors in some values: a large "T" "OCCUPATION" (BELGE) is known on t 15, 25, 50c and 5fr; a small "R" "AFRICAIN" on the 5c (3 stamps per she Nos. 31, 33 and 38), and a large "H" "DUITSCH" also on the 5c (one stamp p sheet: No. 27). The first variety is t only one of real interest and easily reco nised; it is really scarce and must occ on one or two stamps per sheet. On t other hand, it is very doubtful if t reported errors "OCOUPATION" or "O GUPATION" really exist, as it is mo probable, from the copies I saw, th some dirt adhered to the "C" closing giving it the appearance of a "G." A the errors were corrected in the follow ing printings.

The stamps belonging to the first prin ing can easily be identified in almost a the values, as the words were closer tha in the other printings, giving to the ove print a total length of 21¼mm again 22mm. An easy identification is th space between the words "OCCUPATION and "BELGE," being an upright rectangl in the first printing, and a perfect squar in the other ones. The 5 and 15c of th first printing are rather common, but a the other values, and especially the 5fr are scarce, as is to be seen from th figures given below:—

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15c, 25,000	295,000
25c, 21,000	295,000
40c, 20,000	170,000
50c, 10,000	120,000
1fr, 10,000	170,000
5fr, 5,000	70,000

Shade varieties are not numerous.

The 10c of the first printing is known imperforate, postmarked on the 20 December, 1916.

These occupied territories received, at the same time as Belgian Congo, Red Cross stamps, obtained by overprinting the Red Cross stamps with the two capitals "A.O.", denoting "AFRIQUE ORIENTALE"; it must be pointed out that the Belgian Government declined to satisfy the Flemish element by adding the letters "O.A.", standing for "OOST AFRIKA." The overprint applied in black is always at the top in the middle. No special variety is known; only the shade varieties found in the series of Belgian Congo are to be met with, especially the 50c, with blue and dark ultramarine centre, and the 1 and 5fr with red-orange overprint.

The number of stamps issued is given below:—

5+10c, green,	250,000
10+15c, carmine,	250,000
15+20c, deep green,	200,000
25+25c, blue,	150,000
40+40c, lake-red,	150,000
50+50c, purple-lake,	100,000
1+ 1fr, olive-bistre,	50,000
5+ 5fr, orange,	15,000
10+10fr, green,	7,500

Though a very small part of German East Africa remained under Belgian control after 1919, the series issued in November, 1916, was used in Ruanda and Urundi till the beginning of 1925. But some provisional stamps appeared in 1922 to meet the change of rates and colours ordered by the U.P.U. at the Madrid Congress. The 5c was surcharged 10c, the 10c 30, and the 25c 50; two other values met the same fate, the 50c becoming 5c, and the 40c 25c. The same type of surcharge as that of the similar issue of Belgian Congo was applied, but the position of the figures was altered on the 50c (new) owing to the previous overprint, the figures being placed in the centre instead of at the top of the stamp. No variety is known.

5c on 50c, black surcharge,	10,500
10c on 5c, red surcharge,	45,000
25c on 40c, red surcharge,	38,000
30c on 10c, black surcharge	30,800
50c on 25c, red surcharge,	85,000

These surcharges were applied both in the colony and in Brussels; the overprintings can be distinguished by the ink used, a brilliant ink in Brussels, a dull one in the colony. The stock surcharged in the colony must have been rather small.

The Belgian Government took the opportunity afforded by the issue printed in 1924 by the American Banknote Co., to eliminate the last trace of the former German colony's existence. These new stamps were overprinted in black with the words "RUANDA URUNDI" in two lines, in small capitals. They were introduced in the two provinces in January, 1925.

No special Postage Due stamps were issued before 1925, when the new series printed in New York was overprinted with "RUANDA URUNDI," similarly to the postage stamps. The ordinary postage stamps from 1916 to 1924 were used as Postage Dues and cancelled with the usual postmarks, bearing the word "TAXE," or "TAXES" in a frame.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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THE FORUM

(*Continued from page 335*)

It seems to be printed on paper that is as thin as our present day hinges are made from, tho the paper is not flat, being so wrinkled that one almost mistakes it for the texture of grill markings all over the back of the stamp. It does not show a grill distinctly, tho I believe it must have been grilled.

I have never seen mention of this thin paper; but it is a distinctly unusual paper, and no doubt other readers may have some of these stamps in their possession. They are rare.

Mr. Thacher also sends record of a 3c 1869 cover pmkd. "N. Y. & WASH. R. P. O." in black.

On a 3c '67 comes a sheep, that is, it looks rather sheepish, having four feet, a tail, and what looks like a sheep's head. Has anyone any verification of this animal? I have made a tracing of it, and you'll see it later on. The farm yard group is well along now, with dogs, cat, chicken, pig, and now a sheep. Too bad they are not arranged into a nice friendly family group.

A lot of different patriotics have come to hand; but they are most all of the commoner kind, flags, cannon, soldiers, and the loyal states group, etc., etc. It is the seldom seen designs that are wanted for recording in the Forum, and anyone having anything distinctly unusual in this patriotic division will lend us some interesting reading by sending them in.

I presume that after the International Exhibition is over, there will be so much to mention in the Forum and everyone will start a scrap book to keep records in. I have enjoyed the various clippings of odd cancels and records that have been sent in to me, and much thanks to the senders. The drawings are again accumulating, and there are so many that I'll include in our next series of twenty groups just the rarer cancellations.

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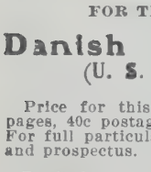

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HIS name, as it comes back to us through veils of childish recollection, was Sir Rowland Hill . . . Others might spell that first name otherwise. . . But this ancient party wore a full beard of the Rutherford B. Hayes pattern, and so we connected him with Rowland's Macassar Oil. . . That's the way kids aid the memory . . . One thing brings up another and thus you retain both. . . .

Sir Rowland, however, was otherwise ever-to-be-remembered . . . He had been Postmaster General . . . In that capacity he had inaugurated penny postage . . . Two cents or two pennies in our reckoning . . . If it hadn't been for Sir Rowland little boys would have had to collect something else besides stamps . . . There would have been no album to stick 'em in, no exchange and barter . . . When pocket-money was flush, a highly exceptional condition, no stores on High Holborn where one might buy for a quarter or less envelopes bulging with treasures . . .

In that remote day everybody collected stamps and the habit developed to the point where it acquired a Greek name "philately," had its own bands of experts, its duly quoted market and was advanced to the status of a useful branch of comparative history . . .

Later along our private hoard sold for a hundred and odd dollars . . . It would easily top ten times that figure in this day of renewed and better-trained curiosity. . . .

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THE greatest collector in the world today is George of England . . . The Prince of Wales flirted with the pastime for a season, but quickly discovered that his old man could outbid and outscience him . . . Whereupon, like the wise and dutiful lad, he is, H. R. H. withdrew . . . George began in the kindergarten stage, as we did, but with certain advantages we did not share . . . There was the Colonial Office and the Indian Office, to say nothing of the Foreign Office . . . There was the Post office itself and H. M. Stationery Bureau that did the printing . . . And then likely George had more pocket money than came our way . . . Didn't the Mint belong to Grandma? . . . Wonder did she ever, like ours, expatiate on what could be learned from a proper familiarity with the postal issues of the world . . .

The collector, to be sure, thinks only of the rarities, the specimens, the various "states," the unattainable perfection . . . He gloats over a black penny, third year of Victoria, an ultra-extraordinary find . . . He must have the triangular Cape . . . And we learn that the Cape is going back to that form which was, we believe, its single distinguishing peculiarity . . . He delights in the German stamp superimposed Helgoland . . . He dotes on the Mulready envelope, a work of art no respectable gallery can afford to be without. . . .

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AN UNCLE of ours was agent-general for the Sandwich Islands while yet they were a kingdom . . . When Kamehameha wanted to take a trip and the treasury was low, a constant condition, London was asked to provide a new layout of stamps . . . No expense was spared, more than one color was used in the printing, and collectors bid for them greedily . . . We imagine that an unbroken set would bring a tidy sum in the auction rooms . . .

How familiar one became with foreign currencies and the permutation of foreign dynasties . . . The Balkan principalities were a study in themselves . . . Switzerland, with its "rappen" and its francs, the bear of Berne and the cross of Geneva, opened up a number of vistas . . . Italy before 1870—Modena, Parma, Venice, the Papal States, Naples—what a singularly instructive confrontation . . . Russia with its kopeks, British India with annas, Egypt with piastres, China with what have you, Brazil, sometimes an empire and sometimes a republic, with milreis . . . Decidedly, if one failed to acquire a working knowledge of national exchanges and their values, it could only be excused on the score of a chauvinistic, John Bull preference for pounds, shillings and pence—not to mention ha'pence. . .

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WHEN it came to art, however, one started in Paris and stayed there . . .

How graceful is the swaying figure that sows and may serve to remind one that La Belle France feeds herself . . . And not many others can do likewise . . . Not in Europe at all events . . . And how stiff and ugly were the American designs produced for memorial purposes . . . It may be that the Sesqui-centennial will do better than Columbian . . . It can afford to .

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NOT a childish pastime by any m ner of means . . . The surpr ing thing to us is that our acqu tive youth, learned in values and nim at trade, seem to have passed it up . Once again, we learn, cigarette beaut so keenly sought after in the days Della Fox, are back among us . . We have nothing against them . . They are perhaps less interesting a ornamental than steins . . . These had imagined were gone for ever . But they may stage a come-back . Before they do we hope Philately will list some enthusiasts . . . We co give them a lift . . .

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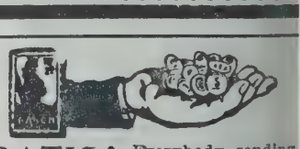

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For convenience these may be divided into four parts, viz.:—

I. Stamps and labels issued before February, 1922.

II. British stamps with Prov. Govt. overprint.

III. British stamps with Irish Free State overprint.

IV. The permanent series of stamps.

First, then, from 1845 (not 1840) to February 17, 1922, the postage stamps of Great Britain were the official postage stamps throughout Ireland.

During this time, so-called stamps, without official status, were issued, and some types actually used, and I refer, of course, to the Sinn Fein labels.

These labels do not appear in most stamp catalogues and but scant references to them have appeared in the philatelic press.

The late President Griffith, the pioneer of the Sinn Fein movement, was instrumental in bringing into use about 1906, two so-called stamps, rich in colour and design for use as propaganda labels. These were quite unofficial and were not available for franking postal matter, though some specimens, used in conjunction with Edwardian ½d stamps, were postmarked by favour. The original printings are on toned paper and tête-bêche pairs of the harp and greyhound type are known to exist.

A third and larger type of label, depicting a female figure playing a harp, is believed to have appeared during the 1916 rebellion. This is not certain, however. These labels, at any rate, are perf. 11, ungummed and are not known postmarked.

During the same rebellion the Celtic cross design reappeared for postal use.

I should perhaps include in category 1—the rebel stamps prepared for issue in July, 1922.

Much detailed history surrounds these "stamps". Suffice it to say that due to a shortage of stamps in the South of Ireland in July, 1922, the I.R.A. (i.e., the Irish Republican Army) ordered a supply of stamps from a Cork firm and they intended that such stamps should bear a portrait of one of their leaders, but the Cork printing firm were apparently unable to manage this and so they were printed in the design as issued. Three values were prepared, viz., 1d, 2d, and 6d, all of the same design.

These "stamps" were never issued, as the Free State Troops won the day and the I.R.A. left Cork, having set fire to their headquarters, where the stock of stamps was. But a small quantity is believed to have gone to West Cork and specimens were given to I.R.A. friends, and so I believe there are in existence now some 1,500 copies altogether—the 6d being by far the commoner.

As the Irish Republican Army were the only authority in power at the time, these stamps will, I suppose, have the status of a series of stamps prepared for use, but not issued, and they certainly have a better claim to be recognized as stamps than the labels of 1906 and 1916, which, after all, were propaganda labels.

All values were printed on wove paper and exist both imperf. and perf. 11, but the 6d was *also* printed on laid paper, perf. 11 only and ungummed.

Second.—British Stamps With Provisional Government Overprint.

The Government of Ireland Act of 1920 resulted, as we have seen, in the formation of a Provisional Government, which, realizing that some months must elapse before a permanent series of stamps could be issued, decided to use temporarily, British stamps, and to have them overprinted.

Essays for a suggested overprint were submitted to the authorities by the Dollard Printing House, Ltd., of Wellington Quay, and Essex Street, Dublin. This firm, by the way, was not new to stamp printing, having carried out this class of work for other governments, including, I believe, Chile.

The proofs were on ordinary white paper, some in red, and some in black, ink.

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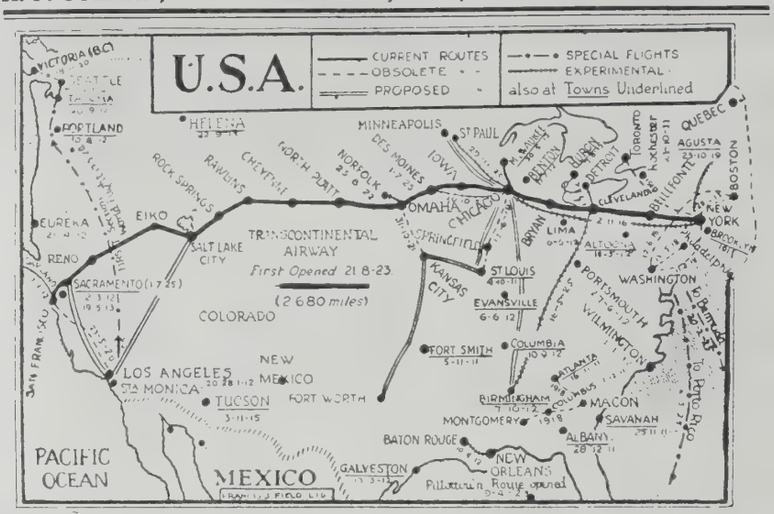

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acteristic differences in the type used by the two firms.

The Dollard overprint measures 15x16 mm while that of Thom was 14½x15 mm, both being initially in black ink on all values. The Dollard overprint on high values measures 21½x12 mm and is also in black ink.

Here I would like to refer to the great credit which is due to these firms for the thoroughness of their work in such a short time. Out of nearly 50,000 sheets in Dollard's first printing there were less than 30 sheets rejected by the supervisors. Nevertheless, errors did occur to which I will refer later.

Some of the examples of the Dollard 9d used have a very faint overprint. This faintness of impression occurred on most values and has been attributed to faulty inking or feeding on the machines, but I think can be more rightly attributed to the use of a separate kind of ink. Intermediate printings fall in this category while in late printings the overprint is a heavy dead black.

Passing now to March, 1922. Complaints regarding the difficulty of distinguishing the overprint on some values due to the colours of stamps—as witness in particular the faint 9d overprint I have just referred to—led to orders being given to Messrs. Dollard to submit proof overprints in red and such were duly submitted for ½, 2½, 4 and 9d values. The ½d was rejected and the red overprint on the last three values was approved and these appeared on April 1st.

Later printings of these three values were in carmine instead of red, but this is very difficult to distinguish except on the 4d, and even this is not easy by artificial light.

In June, 1922, overprinted stamps in roll form appeared. As no Irish firm had suitable machinery for overprinting stamps in roll form, the work was entrusted to Messrs. Harrison of London, who overprinted about 3500 rolls of the ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2d, values with the Thom type of overprint, but having the "R" in Rialtas over the "Se" in Sealadach and a measurement of 16½x15 mm, and these two features are the chief distinguishing characteristics of this issue, others being the brighter black ink and the bolder type. The 2d Die II did not, I should add, appear until late in 1922, Die I only being issued in June. All values were found in horizontal and vertical rolls, and in all 4556 rolls were overprinted, including only 118 of the 1½d.

An outbreak of mutiny occurred in the Republican forces in the summer of 1922. It was during the Civil War following this mutiny that the famous battle of the Four Courts took place, in July, and during this battle Messrs. Dollard's works were destroyed, and Messrs. Thom took on, at once, the overprinting of all values.

It might be of interest to say here that Messrs. Dollard, between February and July, overprinted a total of roughly 179,000 sheets of stamps or about 42,500,000 stamps.

During the battle the 3d value was overprinted by Thom in black and during the ensuing three or four weeks the ½d, 1d, 5d and 10d values also appeared overprinted by Thom in black. I draw special attention to this quite scarce little series of five values, the ½d of which is catalogued at 10s6d, but the 5d is not priced. I seized upon the pair at a stall at the London Exhibition for 10s. I am informed that this series arose from some Thom proof sheets being later put into circulation.

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the first Thom blacks. The issue calls for only two special comments, first, that the ink was changed in colour from black to blue-black, this is best seen by allowing the light to shine on the stamps; secondly, this issue includes both colours of the 9d, agate and sage green, with of course red overprint. The 9d sage green is rather scarce, as it had a life of only seven weeks and the number overprinted was quite limited. The point of special interest regarding the high values is that they were the only values overprinted by Thom in the Dollard "type" i.e., with antique numerals. The difference between the two types is that Thom had a narrower space between the h and e of "heireann" than Dollard.

The issue of a totally new overprint was now (Nov., 1922), in the wind, and preparations so far advanced that the plates for the overprints we have so far been discussing were destroyed, when a sudden shortage arose in five values, the ½, 1, 1½, 2d and 1sh. This shortage necessitated a hurried and limited printing of these values from the master plate. The overprint measures 16x15½ mm. This measurement is the characteristic of this series and gave rise to the name "Wides" by which the issue is known.

This issue is very free from errors and varieties, due to printing from the master plate. In fact there are no errors, and the only variety of any constancy is a broken figure 2 in the date. There was a printing of the ½ "wide" with black ink instead of blue-black and this is quite a scarce item also.

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CONGRESS OF BOLIVAR, 1826-1926

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In a letter dated December 7, 1824, Simon Bolivar, the South American Liberator, invited the American Republics to send plenipotentiaries to a Congress to be held in Panama for the purpose of forming a confederation "that should act as a council of appeal in times of conflict and common danger and which, moreover, would be a faithful interpreter of public treaties when difficulties should arise, and, in short, a conciliator in all our differences."

As the scene of the famous Congress, which assembled June 22, 1826, the National Assembly of Panama, by Law 5 of 1925, authorized the Executive to invite the Republics of the New World to join with her in a congress commemorative of that first centenary which was the "genesis of all later Pan-American conferences held in various countries with the object of achieving a closer Inter-American understanding."

The Commemorative Congress will be in session in the City of Panama from June 18 to 25, 1926, and one of the subjects to be deliberated upon is that of organization of the future Bolivarian Pan-American University. The Third Pan-American Scientific Congress held in Lima in 1924, recommended that there be established and organized in Panama a Pan-American University as a means of joining together all the countries of the continent. Law 5 of 1925 ordaining the holding of this Commemorative Congress, gave the President of Panama authority to proceed in accord with the other Pan-American nations, to establish such a University in Panama.

Commemorative of the First Centenary of the Congress of Bolivar, and in aid of the proposed Pan-American University, a special series of stamps has been authorized by Executive Decree No. 89 of June 1, 1926, to be placed in circulation on June 10, 1926, and to remain on sale for 60 days. The series is to comprise twelve denominations, ½c to 50c de balboa inclusive (a total of 1,715,000 stamps), in three designs, viz., Bust of Bolivar (½c to 5c), Monument to Bolivar (8c to 20c), and the Sala del Congreso de Bolivar (24c and 50c).

When Bolivar's Congress was convened in 1826, Panama had only four years previously achieved her independence from Spain (November, 1821), whereupon the two Isthmian provinces of Panama and Veraguas joined the Colombian Confederation as the Department of the Isthmus, and continued as a part of it until the revolution of November 3, 1903.

Few countries start out on a national career with a Treasury so well supplied with funds as Panama, for within four months of its separation from Colombia, a treaty with the U. S. A. was and ratified (Feb. 26, 1904), by wh latter acquired the right to const Canal across the Isthmus, and a st land ten miles wide, five miles on side of the Canal route, but excludi cities of Panama and Colon, exc matters pertaining to sanitation quarantine. For this Panama re ten million dollars and an annual pa of $250,000 after nine years.

But this fact was not at once apparent in the stamp issues, and the latter part of 1906 the stamps Colombian regime, and picturing of the Department, continued in us "Colombia" at the top barred out "Panama" overprinted at the sides. these would have lasted much long it not been for the hundreds of thou overprinted for use in the Canal subsequent to December 12, 1904, the Taft agreement became effectiv

It had at first been proposed to the new issue of stamps (600,000 through private channels, the succ bidder receiving in payment a c number of sheets of canceled st An Order to this effect was issu the Secretary of Government & J (Eusebio A. Morales) on Januar 1904 (a more detailed decree fol on February 18, 1904), but was co manded by a further decree of Ma 1904.

In August, 1904, three labels for s uses, i.e., 10c Registration, 5c Ack edgment of Receipt, and 2½c Re engraved and printed by the Am Bank Note Co., made appearance, a the following February (1905), 1c 2c postage stamps, in the so-called manent type (Map design of the C bian series adapted to a new fram scribed "Republica de Panama", an date of separation from Colombia Noviembre de 1903"). The 1c ar postage stamps (the greater pa which were overprinted "Canal Z exhausted at the end of 1905, when charging was resorted to on su stocks of the 20c, 50c, and 1 peso C bian design stamps, to provide 1c, 2 5c stamps, respectively.

Towards the end of 1906 (Noven a complete new series of pictorial st line engraved and recess printed b Hamilton Bank Note Co. of New was brought into use, comprising nominations, ½c to 50c; of these the 1c, 2c, 5c, 8c and 10c were overpr for Canal Zone use.

In 1909 a new series appeared (1 2½c, 5c, 8c and 10c) produced by American Bank Note Co., with the subjects but in improved designs. was added in 1911 in the so-called manent map design of 1905.

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Three higher values, 12c, 15c and 24c re added to this series in 1918, fol- wed by the 50c and 1 balboa in 1920. ese are in the same general design as stamps of the 1915 series, and depict enes along the Canal. The 12c, 15c d 24c were brought into use in the nal Zone as early as 1917.

On August 15, 1919, the fourth cenary of the founding of Antigua Pana was celebrated, and 50,000 of the c stamps of the 1915 series (Cathedral Antigua Panama), were overprinted 519-1919, 2 centesimos 2".

A series of twelve denominations, ½c 50c, was issued in November, 1921, to rk the first centenary of liberation m Spanish rule. The ½c, 2½c, 3c, 8c, d 20c were not taken into use in the nal Zone.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary the birth of Manuel J. Hurtado, 0,000 commemorative stamps, 2c, were ued on sale November 28, 1921.

In 1923, the remainder stock of the c of the 1915 series was surcharged 923—2 centesimos 2".

Early in 1924, a common Arms design r all denominations, ½c to B. 1, was ought into use. The 1c and 2c overinted "Canal Zone" were issued in pril and March respectively, but with- t the overprint the stamps were not on le at the Panama Post Offices until ay, 1924.

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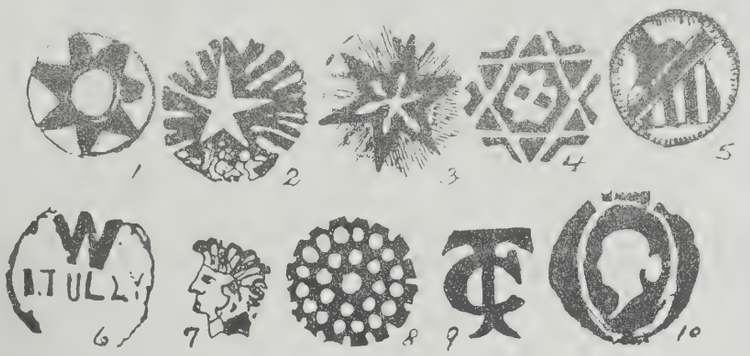
(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

No. 1. Seven-pointed star, or is it meant for a flower? It is on a 2c 1894 and was sent by Ralph A. Beny. No. 2. An elaborate star on 3c green owned by Samuel Bennett. Nos. 3 and 4 were sent by K. N. Woodward. No. 3 is in purple and on a 3c green, is about as gorgeous a cancellation as one could imagine. No. 4 is also on a 3c green and is the only example of a star of this type (design in the center) that has come to my attention. No. 5 is on a piece of a cover bearing a 2c red brown 1883, postmarked Far Rockaway, Queens Co., N. Y., in blue. It is not a rare cancellation in black and was used in several towns, but in blue it is decidedly unusual and attractive. M. N. Stone sent it with a number of other nice items, among them being a pair of the same stamp canceled by this shield in black from South Woodbury, Vermont, and a single also canceled by this shield from Utaliville, Pennsylvania, in black. Dwaarskill, N. Y., also used this shield, and it is known on several other stamps.



Nos. 6, 7, 8 are also the property of Mr. Stone. Fortunately they are all on covers. No. 6 ties the stamp. The postmark is Logans & Keokuk R. P. O. No. 7 was used at Head Tide, Maine, and both postmark and cancellation are in purple. No. 8, in black was used at Troutville, Pa. The stamps are all 2c red-brown. No. 9 is another of Mr. Bennett's offerings. It is on a 3c Post Office Department stamp. No. 10 is a real gem—a cameo. It was sent by Arthur Bledsor, and is in black on a 2c green 1887. Unfortunately it is not on a cover. Reminds one of the portraits of Queen Victoria on so many of the British and Colonial stamps. Its history would be most interesting.

Mr. Stone, whose covers and cancellations are noted above, sent some other nice items. He confesses to a liking for odd things in later day covers and from the descriptions he sends can't be blamed for liking them. Visualize what follows, and hope you'll be able to gather in some like them.

A cover with a 2c red-brown 1883 stamp postmarked Baltimore, Md., Mar. 8, 1886, and addressed to Norwood Nelson Co., Va. The postmark "Norwood, Mar. 81," is also present. Of course the postmaster got the cart before the horse when he set up his date and it should be 18. "DUE 2" is handstamped on the cover, and two 1c Postage Due stamps are present. And on the lower left side is the word, "STEAMBOAT" in large letters which strikes me as being extremely unusual at that late date. I'd be pleased to have some one tell me why it's there and over what route that letter traveled, for Nelson County is in the west central part of the state, just east of the Blue Ridge Mountains which mark its western boundary, and while the James River flows along its southern border, steamboats don't traverse that stream above Richmond.

Then there was a large cover with a 12c Mexican stamp tied by a large oval mark of "Express Wells Fargo y Cia, Eue 11, 1887 Guayamas, Mexo." This is repeated at the lower left. It is addressed to New York. At the center of the top is a pair of 2c redbrown 1883 canceled by a smudge. At the upper left is "Express Wells Fargo y Cia. Franco en la Republica Mexicana y portadas las lineas de la Compania" and below this handstamped in one line in red "Para cartas 1oz á los Estados Unidos exclusi varnente." The last two words are not clearly impressed and some of the letters may be wrong, as I have no Spanish.

A cover with a 3c green 1871 from St. Louis, Mo., canceled with a face representing a smiling son surrounded by rays. Mr. Atherton is going to show this to you one of these days.

A stamped envelope, 3c green with "Prov. & Wor. R. R." in red.

A 3c Continental with blue oval "M. & E. R. R. PIKE ROAD May 13 1878."

A cover similarly canceled bearing two 3c green and a 2c brown addressed to Spain.

A vertical strip of four 3c green on a cover to Spain.

Why was the postage on one of these 8c and on the other 12c? It should have been 12c on each one.

A pair of 3c green tied by a red Vienna, Ill., May 9, 1881, postmark. The back is covered by a block of eighteen 5c Postage Due stamps and a 3c P. Due. "It would have made a wonderful cover fully paid and canceled in red," Mr. Stone remarks, and no doubt everyone will agree.

A cover with a pair of 3c vermilion and a single 4c carmine from New York to London, June 12, 1889, with the London receiving mark, and each stamp tied by a supplementary Mail cancellation! Add these to your list. The specialized catalogue don't specialize this far—yet.

A 90c 1890 with a 10c to Germany, June 12, 1893, tied twice with Supplementary Mail cancellation! Why didn't they use a dollar Colombian?

Another nearly complete cover with a horizontal strip of three 90c 1890 and in addition a 15c and a 30c of the same issue dated Oct. 4, 1890. Pretty early date. Some pretty nice items in that list. May be not as popular as some of the "classics," but certainly as interesting as some of them, and deserving of a place in any collection of U. S.

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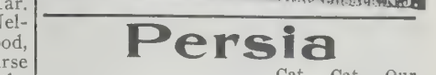

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The Canadian post office department has a set of commemorative stamps in the course of preparation that will depict incidents in Canadian history; and in this connection, through the courtesy of Mr. Wm. Butler, Toronto, Canada, we are enabled to quote from a letter that he has received from Mr. Glover, the financial secretary of the post office of Canada: "I have to say that no definite date has yet been fixed for the issue of these stamps to the public. As regards precancellation, I may say that the question has not been considered, but it is not likely that these stamps will be precanceled as they will never be used in large numbers and there is always a risk in issuing pre-canceled stamps of the larger denominations." In addition, we find the following statement by Mr. Glover on the subject of the Toronto-Winnipeg air mail, a service that has been proposed, according to press notices: "At present, there is no intention of establishing a Toronto-Winnipeg Air Service under Departmental control. If such a service is established, it will be a private enterprise and the question of using it for mail service will have to be considered later."

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The itinerary of Mr. F. Hugh Val-lancey, proprietor of *Stamp Collecting*, our alert and admirable weekly contemporary of London, discloses that he will arrive in Montreal on August 6, 1926, and then proceed west through Canada to Vancouver. From there he goes to Los Angeles, *via* Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco, after which he works eastward to New York by way of Kansas City, Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo. Mr. Vallancey says: "I have received invitations from practically every city *en route* and I am bringing with me my slides of Great Britain and if by chance, you or your local society care to arrange a meeting and would supply a lantern, I should be pleased to give a talk." Mr. Vallancey shows a neighborly disposition in thus offering entertainment to his friends and we know that his many readers on this side will welcome him warmly. Mrs. Vallancey will accompany Mr. Vallancey on his extensive trip, which will have its climax in New York at the Exhibition, where he will remain two weeks.

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Several letters have come debating the propriety of exalting the very minor variety into a position of importance in our paper; and if we were inclined to exaggerate the number of these protests, we could say that there were signs that a drive against minor varieties was in the offing. For instance, "Stampsane" gives voice to these words: "I note with alarm that somebody has just discovered the freckle on Nathan Hale's nose or was it his cheek? No doubt, cosmeticians were scarce in those days or perhaps poor Nate did not have the price of a bottle of freckle eradicator. I wonder that someone has not sighted the wart behind Christopher Columbus' ear on the one-cent Columbian. This is the stuff that makes the average person think that all stamp collectors are somewhat 'nutty.' I am a collector of twenty years' standing, but do not collect the wart or freckle variety. There are plenty of *bona fide* varieties to collect without resorting to such insignificant accidents of the engraver." We do admit that it is not logical to elevate the minor variety above the stamp itself, but there is a quirk in many minds that inclines their owners to look upon these small things as most desirable. It is true that the outsider is puzzled by the mental processes by which enthusiasm is aroused by differences that to him are vague and pointless. However, minor varieties have a value in the way of research and sometimes afford a clue for discoveries of moment; and the students of this class have a number of such instances to their credit. There are so many cross-currents in collecting today that it is inadvisable to try to stem any of them that has the sanction of custom or is based upon a sound idea, such as study. Finally, collectors will collect just what they like, without asking our permission!

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Our attention has been called to the necessity of speaking on the question of stamp credits as applying to the interchange of business between the dealers of Europe and this country. Some years ago, when we were president of the American Stamp Dealers' Association, the number of complaints that were received from foreign dealers made an unpleasant impression; and while some of the unsatisfactory relations were a consequence of a misunderstanding due to a difference in business methods, others were a result of an unwise extension of credit. As for controversies, arising from view-points that were in opposition, they sometimes could be whipped into adjustments that were fair, even if they were in the nature of compromises, but the evils hinging on promiscuous credit were serious. Dealers in Europe should give very careful scrutiny to references before credit is offered. If they are to avoid unsatisfactory experiences, the preliminary period of getting acquainted should be undergone, in the stamp as in other businesses that are founded on trust and good intentions. Those who seek far-flung trade should exercise the utmost caution in pursuing it and the reliability of customers should be established before stamps are entrusted to them. A further consideration is that the trade-seekers should have the permission of the dealer to send his goods; and some time ago, there were all too many foreign dealers who sent their wares unsolicited to collectors and others in this country.

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Mr. Joseph Steinmetz of Philadelphia embodies sentiment in his stamps, as is known particularly to those who have seen his holdings, among which are the famous covers, each with a story to tell. Our resourceful friend is now working on an idea that is almost romantic and will be met with sympathetic approval. We learn that he intends "making a memory section to the great stamp collectors of the world in the form of securing from their estates, at the time of sale of their collections, privately or at auction,"—a sheet or two of the original pages. Particularly when there is a mark of identification, such as some little clipping or note does Mr. Steinmetz want to be remembered. The monetary value of the pages is to be small and in time, the memory pages will be bound and the memory of the departed collector will be subscribed to. He has about twenty-five of these memorials that have been secured in this country and he is extending his idea to include collectors abroad. Mr. Steinmetz hopes to have, say, one hundred pages in tribute to the collectors who have passed away.

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From Mr. Arthur W. Line, Dunkirk, New York, a suggestion has been received that is passed along in the hope that it will meet favorable attention at Washington, as his proposal seems reasonable on its face. In view of the fact that collectors are very liberal patrons of the Stamp Agency at Washington, they deserve to have the stamps that are on the letters that they receive from the nation's stamp shop canceled in an acceptable manner, philatelically speaking. In order to secure this favor, he reque that a special cancellation be used, e ploying "Philatelic Agency, Washingto with year date, in a distinctive desi It may be added that it would be des able to have the day and month incorp ated in the marking for reasons t appeal to the collector. Such a postma would nicely link the special functi of the Agency with collectors, in addit to providing an effective obliteration.

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The death of Virgil M. Brand, Chicago, on June 22, 1926, at the age of 64 ears, removes a collector of many years anding; and while Mr. Brand was most mous as a coin enthusiast, he was interested in stamps. He founded the hicago Numismatic Society and his collection of coins, especially in specialized ies, was known all over the world. In e late nineties, Mr. Brand was freiently seen in Chicago stamp circles, but tterly, Mr. Brand may have been said have lived in semi-seclusion, a condion that allowed him to give much time his collection.

Mr. Arthur W. Line, Dunkirk, New ork, writes: "There seems to be much nfusion and lack of uniformity in namg coils. Some cataloguers and ads are ard to understand. It seems to me that orizontal' and 'vertical' are the two best rms. The Philatelic Agency lost an pportunity when it designated coils as idewise' and 'endwise.' We know where e perforations are on a coil if we are ld the make-up. Some dealers and catlogues talk about the position of the rforating instead of that of the stamps."

The specialist is helped by this clipping eceived from Mr. Henri I. Baer, East illingly, Conn.: "An Austrian scientist as developed a form of glass for specacles used by dyers and textile experts enable them to determine the true ades of delicate colors regardless of rrounding light."

The Swedish government will send a stal exhibit for the Stamp Exhibition rough the good offices of Mr. Hans agerloef, a member of the New York ollectors Club. The Postal Museum Sweden is looked after by the Friends the Postal Museum, grouped together, ather than by the government itself. Mr. Lagerloef is an Honorary Vicesident of the Friends, as is the Crown rince of Sweden—and they alone are id to have this distinction.

Mr. Ruel W. Smith, Auburn, Maine, ends us a half-page from the Lewiston *aily Sun*, June 2nd, occupied by over ree columns devoted to a stirring acount of the historical and other suggesons based on the collection of Mr. aniel H. Day, "who has collected for many years, he has lost the record." The Lure of Philately" is the heading nd all in all, the interview is one of ne best that has ever had place in print. ewiston's enterprising band of philatelists and their king-pin, Mr. Day, score heavily as instigating this readable publicity.

The Newark *Evening News* of June 15, 1926, comes out in a burst of philatelic glory in its "Just for Boys" column. Illustrations and helpful stamp information make a thing of interest and we congratulate the editor-in-chief of the department and trust that he will give us further anniversary celebrations.

Then comes California as the movie title would have it, with a clipping, *via* Mr. J. H. Brackett, Berkeley, from the Oakland *Tribune*, telling of the desire of the Boys' Stamp Club of Oakland, California, numbering forty members, that has outgrown its quarters in the Oakland Free Library, to engage larger quarters. The club was formed some weeks ago "at the suggestion of a Boy Scout troop leader."

The June 17th meeting of the American Philatelic Society Convention Committee was held at the Collectors Club, New York, and attended by most of the members in the metropolitan area, who had been appointed to aid the main convention committee. As chairman of the Hotel Committee, Mr. Joseph Hoffman reported that the Waldorf-Astoria had set aside all sorts of rooms and wished to know how many were to engage rooms. Elliott Perry reported; and likewise, Messrs. A. E. Pade, Geo. Reichelt, Chas. Curie, N. R. Hoover, Major Camp, Harry M. Konwiser, Baldwin Schlesinger, Harry Lindquist and that important functionary, the bursar, Harry M. Lewy. We learn that the convention souvenir program will be produced by Mr. Lindquist and it is needless to say that it will be a work of art; and who but our old friend, "M. T. Dome" or Mr. R. L. Hustis of Milwaukee, will design the badge! This is great and glorious news; and to top it all, our correspondent *de luxe*, Will Wedge says: "Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, as chairman of the Convention Committee, outlined the prospective program and it does appear as if every A.P.S. member who attends this convention will have a wonderful time." It soon will be time to start packing up in order to see the curtain rise on this show of shows.

The annual outing of the New England Philatelic Association and American Envelope Society, Consolidated, we say without an abbreviation, held June 19th, at Nantasket, should have been a joyful occasion, as no doubt it was.

Perhaps, here we have an example of cause and effect. The facile writer, Mr. Clifton L. Chalfant, is on the staff of the Warsaw, Ind., *Daily Times* and in a recent issue of that commendable newspaper, we find the leading editorial, headed, "A Good Move" and followed by the text:—

"Within the past few years the United States government has adopted a plan which does much towards refreshing the memory of Americans in the history and traditions of their government. That is the issuing of special postage stamps in honor of certain events in our history.

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This year 1926, starts out with two special postage stamps. The two cent 'Liberty Bell' which is in recognition of the Sesquicentennial exposition now being held at Philadelphia, the cradle of American liberty. The other is a five cent postage stamp in honor of John Ericsson, inventor of the Monitor, which saved the federal fleet during the Civil War, when Confederate ironclads nearly wrecked the federal fleet. Instead of the monument a picture of the 'cheese box on a raft,' as this new ship was called because of its construction of an iron-clad revolving gun turret on a flat boat would, we believe, have been better appreciated by the citizenship than the picture of the monument to the inventor.

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United States

Washington Notes

The Department has decided to open in connection with the model post office at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition a branch of the Philatelic Agency, where collectors visiting the exhibition may purchase the current series and other varieties now in the hands of the Department. Arrangements are being made to open this Agency as soon as practicable.

In addition, the 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp will be printed on the ground. As they will not be prepared to set up the Bureau power press used in Washington for printing these stamps, they will make up smaller plates and print them on the hand press. As arrangements will not be made for gumming and perforating on the ground, these stamps after being printed will be returned to Washington for finishing and then in turn sent back to Philadelphia, where they will be sold. It is expected that a notation in the margin of these plates will state that they were printed at the Sesqui-Centennial grounds. Outside of the Exposition, they will only be sold through the Philatelic Agency at Washington, where collectors may obtain them.

It is also contemplated that like the Centennial of 1876, the envelopes will be manufactured so that one may see their envelopes made with the proper embossed stamp and send their letter out while the envelope is new from the press. There is hardly sufficient time to engrave a new envelope die, but it is quite likely that one of the current dies will be used with some slight addition to the stamp to indicate its special printing.

The Post Office Department is anxious to show the citizens of the country how stamps and envelopes are made, for few have seen the actual stamps printed and even a less number have seen our official envelopes produced.

1879, 2c Vermilion

Mr. William West has shown me a very unusual stamp, namely, a used copy of the 1879—2c vermilion—a distinct double print. This is not a shift, but the stamp undoubtedly went through the press a second time. It is surprising that the variety had not been discovered heretofore.

1916 Coil, Plate Variety

Mr. Howard C. Buttermore submits for inspection a horizontal pair of the 1916 to 1917 2c carmine sidewise coil, Scott's No. 491, wherein one stamp shows three very distinct diagonal lines immediately under the lock of hair in front of the ear of Washington. These lines are sharp and distinct and if the normal stamp was not attached, I would be led to believe that it was a transfer roll variety. It is my impression that a slight defect in the plate at this point was corrected in this manner. Of course, it is impossible to state as to what plate upon which the variety is located, but it is most interesting and is well worth looking for.

Air Mail Notes

We recently called attention in this column to the fact that the Postmaster General had been authorized to contract for the carrying of mail by air on a weight basis. The following order No. 4356 dated June 16th is an amendment to the postal laws and regulations:

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Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter in writing from Zone states that he is informed that 2c Sesqui-Centennial variety overprin "Canal Zone" will be placed on sale the Zone very shortly. Three hund thousand we are told are to be ov printed.

His letter is posted from Panama w the postage paid by means of a new stamp, which on first appearance sembles closely the issue of Venezu with portrait of Bolivar. Mr. Car writes that this stamp was placed on s in Panama on June 11th and is one o new series issued by the Republic Panama, commemorative of the Brazil Congress, which starts its sessions week of June 14th. The variety seen in orange with portrait of Bolivar in center, Republica de Panama across top, with value in both figures and wo at the bottom. Below the portrait, find the dates 1826-1926, "Congreso Bolivar." The stamps are the product Waterlow & Sons of London.

BULGARIA.—We learn from Cont ental sources that the 50 stotinki gr black pictorial, chronicled in our is for April 24th, has been withdrawn the whole stock on hand consigned the flames by official order. It will remembered that the central subject the Cathedral of Sofia, the scene of Communist bomb horror of last ye and it was considered that the pres is an inopportune time for the circulat of such a mournful souvenir. As Amiens friends, Messrs. Yvert & Tell remark, it is to be regretted that authorities did not come to this decis before the stamp was issued, especia as it was withdrawn by sudden orc after a life of only a week or so.

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MONACO.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have sent us copies of the 1fr 25c, Crown Prince type, in blue. Whitfield King & Co. also advise of the appearance of the 75c carmine on cream, in the same design.

NEW ZEALAND.—Messrs. J. H. Smyth, Ltd., have been informed by a New Zealand correspondent that several sheets of the current 5d stamps have been unearthed with the top four rows of each sheet entirely imperforate. The 1s value has been for some time known in this condition, but we believe that the 5d thus is quite a new discovery.

The *Victorian Record* has noticed a recurrent variety in the 4d Dunedin Exhibition stamp, the first stamp of the bottom row of the sheet, showing the error "POSTAGF" at the right.—*Stamp Collecting.*

PANAMA.—Mr. John E. Ohlson sends us copies of the ½c red orange and 1c green of the series of stamps that were placed on sale on the 10th of June last. They bear the portrait of Bolivar and beneath his name is the inscription "1826 Congreso de Bolivar 1926". The name of the country is at the top and the figures of value in each lower corner with the words of value between. Mr. Ohlson also sends a clipping taken from the *Panama Star and Herald* which he translates as follows: "The stamps will commemorate the Centennial of the first Bolivar Congress and will be in use for sixty days only. The proceeds of the sales for stamps other than postal use will be for the benefit of the projected Bolivian University". Mr. Ohlson further adds that to prevent monopoly a decree has been issued which limits any purchase to a ten dollar amount.

PERSIA.—The stamps now obsolete, bearing the portrait of Ahmed Mirza Shah, without overprint, are still available for postage, but letters posted bearing these stamps are treated in a manner which is quite without precedent. The portrait of the ex-Shah is carefully obliterated by means of pasting on an oblong piece of white paper which covers nearly the whole stamp.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.*

PERU.—Mr. Emil J. Rall has shown us the 10c red of the current issue with the surcharge "Plebiscito" across the centre of the stamp in black.

SIERRA LEONE.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts send for chronicle the 10p, on script watermarked paper, color purple and red.

SYRIA.—The current ordinary postage and Air Mail stamps have been overprinted "Secours aux Réfugiés" and equivalent in Arabic, also supplementary value representing a premium. There are 15 denominations of a total face value of 96½ piastres, also a similar set for Grand Liban, making a total of 30 different stamps. The total issue was 40,000 sets and only limited supplies have been obtainable. The overprinting was done by order of the French High Commission in order to help the numerous refugees scattered all over Syria, and especially the Lebanon, as a result of the war with the Druzes and Damascus. The proceeds of the sale of the stamps will be distributed by the Government.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.*

TANGANYIKA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that he has received the 1sh, 2sh, 5sh, 10sh and 1 pound stamps line engraved, Giraffe type, with watermark upright instead of sideways. These were engraved and printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson, and is the last printing of this design. The 3sh value does not appear to have been printed with the watermark upright.

THE YURAKUKAI

(The Philatelic Society of Japan.)

Reported by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

An interesting Exhibition was held in Tokyo from the 1st to the 4th of April last in the rooms of the Museum of Communications and was a complete success. I am told that 3000 visitors attended and it is expected there would have been fully 4000 if it had not rained the last day.

The Museum of Communications exhibited a set of commemorative stamps intended to be issued on the occasion of the wedding of the Crown Prince which, however, did not take place on account of the printing plates being destroyed by fire after the earthquake of the 1st of September, 1923. About 600 sets of these were returned from the South Seas, to which place the stamps were dispatched previous to the disaster. These stamps are now rather sought for amongst Japanese collectors and they are about $50.00 per set.

A very interesting fact comes out in the report of this Exhibition that I have received. Many years ago, in London, we learned that there was a considerable remainder in Japan of early Japanese stamps in full sheets. The well-known American specialist, the late Mr. Wm. Moser, was looking forward to a visit to Japan and had received special introductions from British high-placed officials, when his death unfortunately intervened.

I now learn that the Museum exhibited complete sheets of early issues, among them a sheet of the 500 mon blue green of 1871, sheets of 1874, ½ sen brown, 1875, 15 sen violet syllabic "2", 1877, 45 sen carmine. These sheets are said to be the only survivors from the great quantity of these stamps that were stored in the strong room in the building of the Department of Communications, which was destroyed at the time of the earthquake.

I think it will be interesting to all specialists in early Japanese stamps to know that this big remainder coming on the market was entirely removed by this great disaster, and this, more than anything I have heard of in recent years, establishes the value of the early issues of Japan.

The Government Printing Bureau exhibited original dies and plates of current issues and some original dies of old issues.

Mr. Kojima showed amongst other things, a set of the 20 sen lilac of 1874 with syllabics 1, 2 and 3, with syllabic number 1 being a specimen stamp.

Mr. Magasawa exhibited rarities of Japan, amongst them being the 10 sen yellow green on wove paper, a stamp priced by Scott's at $7.50 which I should like to buy at many times that price. The 20 sen lilac with syllabic 3 and other rare items.

Mr. Kimura, the President of the Society, showed a complete set of stamps of Japan arranged according to the date of issue.

Mr. Teramoto exhibited a complete set of all issues of Japanese stamp booklets and sheets of the Military Frank stamps issued since the earthquake disaster and also a map of Japan showing all the Air Mail routes together with actually flown covers.

Mr. Yamanaka exhibited a very fine lot of rare cancellations on early issues of Japan and many choice pieces on cover, Mr. Oshiba his highly specialized collection of Formosa and a portion of his fine collection of China and Mr. Takagi his fine collection of Shanghai.

I congratulate the Philatelic Society of Japan on the success of this first Exhibition and I am told it is the intention of the members to hold a larger and much more important Exhibition shortly. Fine views of different portions of this Exhibition are included in the official catalogue that I have received.

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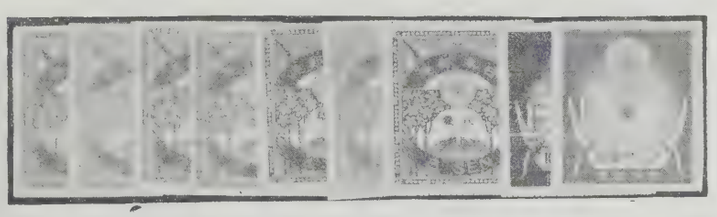

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"AN AMAZING ACTION"

(The current number of the "Philatelic Magazine", edited by Albert H. Harris, contains an editorial with the above caption, also the article reprinted below. The Stamp Trade Protective Association has decreed that every stamp publication from outside of Great Britain containing stamp illustrations shall be barred from the British mails. Editor Harris is highly indignant at the action taken by the S.T.P.A. It will be strange indeed if the dealers and collectors of Great Britain sit idly by and permit such a revolutionary and idiotic measure to prevail.—W. O. W.)

WHAT IS THE MOTIVE?

The following correspondence has taken place between the Secretary of the Stamp Trade Protection Association and the Editor of *The Philatelic Magazine*:—

"Dear Sir,

With reference to your application for my subscription for 1926-27, I should be glad to know, before paying this, whether and in what circumstances the Stamp Trade Protection Association has requested the postal authorities to intercept publications from abroad containing illustrations of postage stamps.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ALBERT H. HARRIS."

The answer to the above, signed "G. C. Welch, Secretary," is marked "Private and Confidential." Our own attitude, however, is quite public, and is expressed in our categorical reply:—

"Dear Sir,

With regard to the action of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, taken by the executive, apparently without consulting its members, in requesting the Postmaster General to prevent publications containing illustrations of postage stamps entering this country from abroad, I wish to protest in the strongest possible manner against such unwarrantable interference with Philately by a body which exists, ostensibly, to protect its interests.

Please accept my resignation forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ALBERT H. HARRIS."

The Stamp Trade Protection Association (Ltd.) does not seek, and certainly does not receive much publicity; it works in secret. Once a year it has to call a meeting to comply with the Companies' Acts, and it issues a statement of accounts, with a Report which seldom contains anything worth notice in the press; but it holds no other meeting during the year which members can attend. Any good it has done the trade in the past ten years is "wropt in mystery."

According to the latest Report we can trace, there were then 77 ordinary members, among them several private collectors. Clearly, therefore, it is not representative of either the stamp dealers or the stamp collectors of Great Britain. Clearly, too, it is hopelessly out of touch with trade opinion, for we cannot imagine anything more absurd than this surprising attempt to restrict the circulation of illustrated news and information, upon which the welfare of philately, and the prosperity of the stamp trade so much depend.

We say, unhesitatingly, that to pretend that the stamp dealers or the stamp lectors of Great Britain desire the e sion from this country of journals works illustrating stamps is a refle on the trade as a whole, among whic such desire exists; and such pretence only make British philately ridiculou the eyes of the world at large.

As is well-known, stamp illustratio this country is forbidden by law, but cessive generations of responsible latelists have convinced the Postal aut ities that, as a considerable trad stamps exists, their illustration is d able, with the result that it is permi subject to certain simple formali The attitude of the S.T.P.A. impli contradiction of these arrangements; if it is undesirable for illustration stamps to enter this country from abr it must be equally harmful to other c tries to receive those published in G Britain: logically, they should all abolished. Could anything be absurd?

For the honour of the stamp trade, in a matter so vital to their interests, invite readers to express their opinion

Who is it that seeks to place a ba the free interchange of philatelic publ tions; what is the motive behind it; what have the 77 members of the S.T.P to say about this action of their offici

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PHIL. A. TELLICK,
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Dear Sir:

I have a U. S. 1898 1c green whic precancelled "I. R." in red. Also a same issue with a blue "I. R." these not valuable Precan Errors? not the "I. R." inverted for "R. meaning Rhode Island?

Yours,
PETER OUTT

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Dear Mr. Outt:

Not a precan. The "I. R." stands "Infernal Restrictions" or "Indestru ible Resolutions" and was put on as Congressional slogan. Foreign collect thought it stood for "Irish Republic" this was later disproved.

Yours,
"PHIL."

PUNKALOOSA, TE
July 2, 19

P. A. TELLICK, A. S. P.,
Dear Phil:

I have a grayish lilac 24c U. S. i the 1861 stamp which I would like tell my friends is a "steel blue." Ca I do this? Some dealers might,—a get away with it.

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On June 18th the Cincinnati Collectors lub closed its very successful program or the year with a banquet at the Club louse in the Cincinnati Zoological Gar- en, Dr. L. D. Peaslee the President cting as toastmaster. Thirty-eight mem- ers, wives and friends were present.

After a sumptuous dinner, the menu of hich was philatelically arranged, came very interesting program. The first em was entitled "Watching the Market". he present catalog value of twenty-five ell known stamps was given and each ne guessed what he thought the cata- g value was twenty-five years ago. A eavily canceled damaged but otherwise ne copy of the 1922 2c red beautifully ounted, was the prize.

An address "Stamp Nuts" by Mrs. lorgan, president of the Stamp Hinge ollectors Club, gave some valuable in- ide information on the trials and tribu- ations of a stamp collector's wife, and er idea of the hobby.

A series of one minute "Talks on leepers" told of some interesting finds; ne by Mr. Cost was a book "Reveries of Stamp Collector" by R. M. Byland. his turned out to be a clever fake.

Number four on the program "Corre- pondence" was a scream. It consisted f a number of letters supposedly written y members. One to the president signed lmer C. Pierce was of a serious trend; expressed the desire of the writer to e a club booster and told of a beautiful olor chart which he had made and was ending under separate cover. The chart hen opened turned out to be a crude atchwork of vari-colored rags, mis- amed and roughly labeled in small boy ashion. Another letter was from Clem . Schmalz, the newly elected Secretary f the Club, apologizing to the previous ncumbent for having voted for himself nd winning the election by one vote. He begged forgiveness and asked for in- ormation about watermarks. He was ublicly forgiven and presented with a uge pan and a gallon jug of benzine. A etter presumably from Claude D. Millar told of a terrible quarrel he had had with his bride. She dreamed he loved his Maltas more than he did her and in- sisted upon his choosing between them. He pathetically begged help in his di- lemma and was given a pair of tin stamp tongs about two feet long.

President Wm. L. Doepke of the So- ciety of Philatelic Americans gave a brief account of the coming national conven- tion at Cincinnati.

The last item upon the program was a very interesting talk upon, "The Postage Stamp" by Mr. A. L. Behymer, Post- master at Cincinnati. He was introduced as Cincinnati's foremost collector who specialized in mint United States and collected them in sheets of one hundred only. He gave many interesting side lights upon the history of the postal system and upon Uncle Sam's side of the postage stamp business. The talk was enjoyed by all.

It was the universal opinion of all present that the banquet was a great suc- cess and a fitting climax for the year's program.—L. D. PEASLEE, *President.*

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The U. S. issues and covers from 1900 to date are those being arranged at the present time, altho earlier issues will be taken care of as occasion demands. It is planned to have from two to four sheets appear each week altho this program will be governed by the time required for each sheet, since the scope of the work is one that will require an immense amount of time. To date some 20 sheets have been printed and arranged by the originator and the 1922-26 issues and covers will be handled and kept up to date, with the working in of previous issues as time permits to those participating in this service.

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FRANK L. COES has received from the Worcestershire Philatelic Society of England a letter of thanks for the recent lot of Worcester philatelic material donated to the British society.

W. C. LYNCH of Waverly, N. Y., is using a rubber stamp impression upon his mail matter in the center of which is placed the stamp which pays the postage upon the letter. In the marking at the top are the words "Collect Stamps" and at the bottom, "It's a Great Hobby". We know of no provision of the postal laws which prohibits the use of a device of this kind, and have passed the matter on to Mr. Ward.

IT is reported that counterfeits exist of the overprinted Malta. Mr. Forbes-Bentley writes that the 4d, 2sh and 2sh6d have been discovered. One of the differences between the originals and the forgeries is that in all the government overprints the letters start on the same vertical line. The forgeries are evidently made by a small handstamp and one end of the word POSTAGE is usually more heavily inked than the other.

W. B. GOULD writes us that the stamp collecting interest in Bangor, Me., is very keen at present. The Penobscot Valley Stamp Club is meeting regularly. At the last meeting, June 15, a sheet of the 6c current U. S. was shown in the same color as the 4c.

WHEN the Crown Prince of Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, visited Worcester, he was presented a souvenir booklet containing copies of the John Ericsson memorial stamp. Five covers bearing stamps cancelled May 29, 1926, from New York, Washington, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Worcester, were included. Frank E. Wood, president of the Worcester Stamp Club, informs us that the booklet was presented by Paul W. Savage, president of the Worcester Club. The Prince made a cordial speech of acceptance and extended to the Worcester Stamp Club the greetings of the Royal Philatelic Society of Sweden, of which he is a member. The Worcester Club displayed enterprise in getting unused copies of this stamp sufficiently early to enable them to secure the May 29 Worcester marking.

WE have received from Leslie E. Schumann a clipping from the New York *Times*, which deals with the stamps of Hawaii. Special reference is made to Sanford B. Dole, who died recently at the age of 82. Mr. Dole's picture appears on the 25c blue of the 1894 issue. The article gives large credit to Mr. Dole for the influence manifested by him in the annexation of the islands by the United States in 1900. He was the first territorial governor.

AFTER nine years at 1318 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Eugene Klein has just moved to No. 200 South 13th Street where he has a large second floor salesroom, 1200 square feet of floor space with front windows opposite the St. James Hotel. An excellent ground floor show window serves the purpose of street display. Thousands of our readers and the trade generally will congratulate Mr. Klein upon these tangible evidences of prosperity.

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THE Manila Post Office issued and sold on May 13 and 14, 1926, the first Philippines commemorative stamps, on account of the arrival at these Islands of the Spanish aviators, Capt. Loriga and Capt. Gallarza accomplishing their Madrid—Manila Flight. The postal authorities used the current stamps surcharged them in black "Air Mail—1926—Madrid—Manila" with airplane.

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(Continued from page 347)

With this issue concludes the five line or Provisional Government Overprint and before proceeding I would mention the varieties of the five line Provisionals. Of course the errors we all regard as in the front row of the orchestra stalls are the inverted overprints, and also possibly the so-called PENCF error, i.e., the British 1½d stamp on which the word in English PENCE (part of "threehalfpence") was spelt PENCF. This occurred once on certain sheets of the original 1½d stamps and a few sheets were overprinted and issued. The error is really in the British stamp, but on account of the very few sheets overprinted it is really a rarity thus.

The remaining principal five line varieties are as follows:—

I. *R over S.* The normal setting has the letter "R" of Rialtas over the "e" of Sealadac. This variety does not occur on Dollard printings at all nor on the Thom red overprints, except 9d sage.

II. *R over Se.* Far more common and occurring in every issue and all values except the Thom "wides" on which, as I have indicated, the master plate considered himself superior to producing errors.

III. *Out of alignment, se tenant Pairs.* This variety in common parlance, is simply that in the unseparated horizontal pairs one overprint is lower or higher in position on the stamp than its neighbour.

IV. *Short 1 in date.* This is a self explanatory variety and occurred on the 20th row on about 11 values, but on none of the Dollards.

V. *Date omitted and date at top* are simply due to misplaced overprints and examples of these latter are shown.

VI. *Raised c in scaladac.* This occurred on Dollard overprints only, and again is a self explanatory variety.

Broken letters exist in hundreds and are far too numerous to treat seriously unless one is an ultra specialist, and I will not bore you with them.

III. British Stamps With Free State Overprint.

In December, 1922, the constitution of the Irish Free State received British Government approval, and at once the 2d map stamp appeared, as the first of the permanent series.

All philatelists following "Irish" stamps, supposed, quite naturally, I think, that overprinted stamps were done with. But no! On December 11th, five days, mark you, *after* the first permanent stamp has appeared, the now well known Saorstat issue begun to appear and the 2d was first. This issue was overprinted by Messrs. Thom in blue-black ink and the overprint is again in Gaelic and means "Irish Free State 1922".

It may be noted that the high values are still current, but values ½d to 1sh are not now available for postal use in Ireland.

Messrs. Harrison were again entrusted with the three line overprinting for stamps in roll or coil form. They were issued on March 7, 1923. The overprint was in the same type as that of Thom, but in black ink, and with perhaps rather bolder characters. The 2d was in die II only. About 1200 rolls were overprinted altogether, including only 48 rolls of the 1½d.

The principal three line varieties are:—

Missing Accent. The acute accent over the second "a" in Saorstat was, in the first printings, omitted from the last stamp in the 17th row on some low values and the second stamp of the 3rd and 8th rows in the high values. The error was soon rectified, but initially it was put right on the ½d, 1d, 6d and 1sh values by the sheets being returned to the printers and the missing accent added by hand, a procedure of an unusual character surely in the history of stamp printing.

This procedure naturally results in these four values being scarce without the accent, the present catalogued value of the 1d, e.g., being £10.

Some sheets of the 1d also had the final t of Saorstat missing and this was also inserted by hand.

Reversed Accent. This occurred on high values only and is, of course, where the final a in Saorstat has a grave instead of an acute accent. This occurred once on each sheet of 40 of the first printing only, and is a rare item.

Line over Saorstat. This consists of a bar line over the word Saorstat and occurred on some sheets of the ½d, 1d, 9d values, and I believe also on the 2½d.

S over E. The one variety corresponding to R over S varieties in the five line overprint, is the letter S of Saorstat over E of Eireann and this variety is quite scarce.

Blanket Prints of Overprint on back. Some sheets of stamps have appeared with the overprint on the back of the stamps and I believe the explanation is this: The overprint is received from the type whilst the sheet rests upon a pad or blanket. It is presumed that the type was allowed in some cases to be impressed on the pad or blanket without the intervention of a sheet of stamps as should have been the case. Naturally the pad would receive an inking and if not cleaned, as is also presumed in these instances, the next sheet of stamps would necessarily, if placed on sufficiently soon, receive an impression on both sides. This seems quite a feasible explanation, but one for which I cannot vouch as no official statement has been forthcoming so far as I know.

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Now a word on Controls. It must be nembered that all the controls known British stamps to have been issued ring the currency of the overprinted ies, were not necessarily repeated with Irish overprints, as in some cases, en supplies were sent across, only top f sheets were sent, i.e., of course, ius the control.

Obviously the controls on the sheets h inverted overprints are scarcest, but have risen steadily in value.

Before passing on to the Permanent ries, it should not be forgotten that, loughout the various overprinted is- s, Ireland has maintained that high ilatelic standard which we accord to ntries which, when they issue stamps, I so for the one and sufficient reason lt they have a genuine postal need to et.

IV. The Permanent Series.

This issue, strange to say, began to ear about the same time as the 3 line rprinted series.

All values to 1sh have now been issued various dates between December 6, 2, and December 21, 1923, and con- m to four totally distinct types. The r designs are:

I. *Map of Ireland,* designed by . James Ingram and adopted for the ½, and 2d values, these being the first ee values to be issued.

II. *Celtic Cross,* designed by Miss . Williams and adopted on the 3d, and 10d values.

III. *Sword of Light,* designed by Mr. J. O'Reilly and adopted on the ½, 6d 1sh values.

IV. *Arms of the four Provinces,* de- ned by Miss Girling and adopted for 2½, 4 and 9d values.

The high value design most probably in lime-light for adoption will be a pictorial one by Professor Atkinson of Dublin. Recently the ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2d values were issued in roll form.

In August, 1925, it was noticed that a setting of the overprinted on the 2s6d, 5sh and 10sh values in which the date, 1922, was shorter, had occurred and on inquiries being made, it transpired that the overprinting had been taken over by the Government Printing Department from Messrs. Thom, who had done the work before, with this result. The change was made without any public intimation and the difference between the two overprints although quite definite is not great.

Postage Dues. Until recently the British Postage dues have been used, the stock of these evidently having been heavy, but now the Irish Post Office has issued these in the 1d, 2d and 6d values. The design is rather ineffective.

I have so far omitted to mention that a quantity of 1d and 2d five line overprinted stamps was captured during a raid on South Irish Post Offices on January 6, 1923. Presumably they were left out in the rain and spoilt, but were afterwards dipped in gum, dried and re-issued by the rebel forces.

Regarding postmarks, the overprinted series contained normal postmarks and also slogan postmarks which first appeared I believe about June, 1922, when we were invited to *"Learn Irish".*

The pronuciation of the words appearing in Gaelic on the overprinted stamps may be of passing interest. They are pronounced thus:—

Rialtas	*Ree-ull-thus*
Sealadac	*She-lud-ugh*
na	*nu*
heireann	*haer-awn*
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MORE UNUSUAL COVERS

Last week we advertised foreign rates on covers of the issues 1851 and 1857. This week our offering of U. S. covers includes items from our stock of the issues of 1861, 1867, 1869 and the Bank Note series. These are truly bargain offerings, representing in the main unusual items picked up by us at important auctions during the last six months. We do not believe the offerings could be duplicated from any stock in the world.

1861 ISSUE

24c August: Superb, deep violet shade on cover to London, Eng., neatly tied on with Boston Paid postmark; a beauty $125.00
5c Buff, No. 67: a pair and single on cover to France; stamps well centered, the pair tied to cover with red French receiving postmark, stamps cancelled with red grids, a very fine little cover 175.00
5c Buff used with two 1c No. 63 and one 3c No. 65, New York to Montreal; a very neat cover, though 5c Buff is straight edge at right 17.50
5c Chocolate, the bright shade on part of face of cover to France, tied on with red grid 5.25
5c Chocolate, the very dark shade; hor. pair on cover to Prussia, tied on with "New York Paid All" in red, clean and fine 12.50
5c Brown, No. 76, fine copy on entire letter to St. John's, N. F. 6.00
5c Brown, No. 76, 2 nice copies on cover from New Orleans to France 10.00
5c Brown used on cover from San Francisco to New York via Panama; 6c rate is made up with the 1c, No. 63, which escaped cancellation 3.00
5c Brown, No. 76, from Columbia, Calif., to Nova Scotia, 3 copies 6.00
5c Brown, No. 76, with 10c, No. 68, from San Christian to France, via New Orleans —a very nice cover 8.00
10c, No. 68, on cover to Vienna—very interesting postmarks—cover very fine 2.50
10c, No. 68, on cover to Brazil, very fine 1.50
10c, No. 68, on cover to Guatemala 1.50
15c, No. 77, on cover to France; covers are neat, stamps fresh but off center 3.50
15c, No. 77, on cover to Baden; nice cover 3.00
22c rate to Portugal; pair of No. 68 used with 2c Black Jack, left stamp of pair clipped when envelop was opened 2.00
24c, No. 78, with 3c, No. 65, Boston to Antwerp; very neat cover, eight route marks on back 10.00
24c Steel Blue, No. 70b; a very fine copy used **with pair of 3c, No. 65,** unusual domestic rate; legal size envelop 50.00
2c Black Jack used with 10c, No. 68, from Black Hawk Point, Colo., to Surrey, England, a nice cover, though the Black Jack is defective 3.00

ANOTHER SUPERB COMBINATION

A beautiful **24c Steel Blue** with very fine **30c, No. 71,** and **3c, No. 65, on cover** from Boston to Shanghai, China; the 24c tied to cover with red London Paid, three stamps tied together with Boston Paid grids—a beautiful piece 125.00
45c rate from New Hampshire to Swatow, China, made up of 5c, No. 76, 10c, No. 68, 30c, No. 71, each stamp with neat black grid; fine cover, though two stamps have straight edges 17.50

1867-68 ISSUES

Pair of No. 94 on 3c Pink stamped envelop, tied to cover with red New York Br. Transit 3.00
10c, No. 96, from Brooklyn to Shanghai—stamp and cover very fine 4.50
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10c, No. 96, from Philadelphia to Caibarien, W. I. 7.50
15c, No. 98, from New York to Naples, the cover fine, stamp good 2.00
12c, No. 97, a nice pair on cover from Matawan, N. J., to Surrey, Eng., the stamp fine though centered N. 7.50

1869 ISSUE

2c Horseman used with **1c Grill, No. 134** 2.00
1c on insurance receipts 1.50
6c Blue on neat little cover from Hamilton, N. Y., to Georgetown, Ont. 7.50
6c Blue, domestic rate; a fine cover 7.50
10c Orange on cover to Santiago, Cuba; very fine 12.50
10c Orange, very fine pair on cover with **1c Brown Orange, 21c Domestic rate** on legal cover 20.00
10c Orange, New York to Shanghai, China, via San Francisco 4.00
12c Green to Leeds, England 10.00
12c Green, a pair on torn cover to Surrey, Eng., one stamp defective, a rare pair 10.00
15c '69 on **3c Pink** stamped envelop—**18c Registered rate;** stamps and cover fine .. 15.00

BANK NOTE ISSUES

15c Grill, No. 141, with **3c, No. 147,** on forwarded cover to Washington; the grill strong, stamp well centered 10.00
6c, No. 148, Violet Carmine; very fine copy on cover from Carson City, Nev., to Quebec 3.00
6c, No. 148, on cover to London, England 1.50
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By F. L. APPLEGATE.

The State Inspection Stamps. — The *motif* of the Inspection stamp is the collection of a nominal fee to pay the cost of state inspection of certain commodities, for the protection of the consumer.

Florida was the first state to use adhesive stamps for this purpose which she did in 1889. Commercial fertilizer was the commodity and the stamps were neatly engraved with engine-turned border at top, right and bottom with a gargoyle occupying the fourth side. The size, 37x22mm, the signature of the Commissioner of Agriculture and the inscription, "This tag must be attached to the guaranteed analysis" are typical of this class of stamps. This stamp bears no face value, either monetary or quantitive. Although in use until 1902, when they were replaced by a set bearing value in pounds, they are quite rare now. Similar stamps for stock feed inspection were issued by Florida in 1905.

In the same year Georgia issued a set for stock feed, but these bear the monetary value at the rate of 20 cents per ton. During the succeeding years this form of tax rose rapidly in popularity especially among the Southern states so that by 1918 fully fifteen states were using adhesive stamps for collecting inspection taxes on one commodity or another. North Carolina had a set of feed stamps consisting of eight different denominations in as many colors for each of the years from 1909 to 1921 inclusive when she discontinued their use. Other states have also discarded them or greatly restricted their use of later years.

The Georgia feed stamps were in denominations of ½c, ¾c, 1c, 1¼c, 1½c, 1¾c and 2c. North Carolina added a ¼c, and Tennessee a ½ mill and a 1 mill on the same rating. In Virginia the rating was 15 cents per ton, hence 3/16c for 25 lbs., ⅜c for 50 lbs., ¾c for 100 lbs., 1 1/20c for 140 lbs., 1⅛c for 150 lbs., and 1 5/16c for 175 lbs. In South Carolina the rate per ton was 25c, hence ⅝ mill for 5 lbs., 1¼ mills for 10 lbs., 3⅛ mills for 25 lbs., 6¼ mills for 50 lbs., 9⅜ mills for 75 lbs. and 1¼c for 100 lbs. All these add up to 20 denominations of feed stamps.

In 1909 Tennessee put a similar tax on cereal seed, also one of 5 cents per bushel on grass and clover seed, and gave us among other values a 3c stamp for ½ bu., a 5c stamp for 1 bu., a 10c stamp for 2 bu., a 12½c stamp for 2½ bu. and a 35c stamp for 7 bu. In 1918 the rate was reduced to 2c per bu., hence a 14c stamp for 7 bu., and others accordingly.

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⅜c plus 1c, case of 1 doz. pt.
1⅛c plus 1c, case of 2 doz. pt.
1⅜c plus 1c, case of 3 doz. pt.
2⅝c plus 1c, case of 2 doz. qt.
6c plus 2c, case of 10 doz. pt.
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3c plus 1c
4c plus 1c for use on ¼ ba
8c plus 2c for use on ½ ba
16c plus 4c for use on 1 ba

The latter values were issued on t sumption that a barrel of beer co 32 gallons, and it was not until 190 the rates were changed to conform 31 gallon barrel, which was found the one in use, hence

1 7/16c plus 1c on ⅛ barrel
3⅞c plus 1c on ¼ barrel
7¾c plus 2c on ½ barrel
15½c plus 4c on 1 barrel

One-half of 3⅞ is of course 1 but the 1 7/16c stamp was issued theless, perhaps in error. These through several issues remained until prohibition and add twelve d nations to our inspection list maki

In addition to the beer tax anot spection tax was levied by Miss 1917 on non-intoxicating drink syrups. The rate is not given face of the stamps, but the denomi are. They are in type set form, square and range in value from to 25c, of which the ⅔c, 1⅓c, 1⅔ 2½c are new, making our total no

In 1909 North Carolina saw fit an inspection tax on illuminating one-half cent per gallon. The are large forms about 9x4 in. in si still bear the face value and are su to be pasted on to the container. range in value from a ½c stamp one gallon can to a $25.00 stamp 5,000 gallon tank car, and include 23c stamp for use on a 46 gal. dru a 26 cent stamp for a 52 gal. dru 1917 the rate was changed to ha above giving us among other valu 11c stamp for a 44 gal. drum, a 1 a 52 gal. drum and a $12.50 for a gal. car. Furthermore we were gi 1918 a 2½c stamp for a 10 gal. $1.25 stamp for a 500 gal. tank $15.00 stamp for a 6,000 gal. car. in the same year this inspectio widened to include gasoline, at th rate. Stamps were issued in the

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Also in 1909 Missouri broke into the game with an inspection tax of $12 r bbl., which unfortunately does not ow on the stamps although the Mo. amps run to a great many varieties, and ve a charm all their own.

In 1916 the State of South Carolina ok a fling at the same business, her oil x being but one-eighth cent per gallon, nce among other values we encounter r the first time a 3⅛c stamp for 25 ls. a 6c for 48 gals., a 6¼c for 50 ls., a 6½c for 52 gals., a 6¾c for 54 ls., a 6⅞c for 55 gals., a 62½c for 500 ls., and $6.25 for 5,000 gals. Although e design is pretty crude the stamps are mmed and perforated and each denomination has its individual color, many them being quite brilliant. The yellow of the 6c is especially striking. outh Carolina oils give us eight more, making 62 inspection denominations in all, of which 38 are in addition to the 82 nominations of state revenues tabulated my notes of May 17th, making a total 120; also 33 are new to our list of nited States revenue denominations, making 158.

If now to this total of 158 we add the postage denominations which are unique -not covered by revenue values—viz., 1c 9c, 17c, 48c, 84c, $1.92, $9.00, $24.00, 36.00 and $48.00 we get a grand total f 167 different values of adhesive postage and revenue stamps, which have been sed to date within the confines of the ood old U. S. A.

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1888,	5fr gray, #12	..	2.25	40c brown red, #59	.30 .30
1894,	5c blue, #14	..	.45	50c brown lake, #60	.30 .25
	10c brown, #15	..	.45	1915, 1fr olive bistre, #61	.18 .07
	25c orange, #16	.20	.20	5fr ochre, #67	.75 .30
	50c green, #17	.20	.20	1921, 5c on 40c green, #64	.12 .12
	1fr lilac, #18	..	.65	10c on 5c green, #65	.04 .04
1895,	5c brown, #20	.08	.08	15c on 50c olive, #66	.05 .05
	10c blue green, #21	.08	.08	25c on 15c ochre, #67	.15 .15
1896,	15c ochre, #22	..	.08	30c on 10c carmine, #68	.10 .10
	40c bluish green, #23	..	.25	50c on 25c blue, #69	.12 .10
1898,	10fr yellow green, #25	..	.65	1fr carmine, #70	.20 .20
1900,	5c green, #26	.10	.08	3fr red, #71	.45 .45
	10c carmine, #27	..	.08	5fr carmine, #72	.75 .75
	25c light blue, #28	..	.10	10fr green, #73	1.25 1.00
	50c olive, #29	..	.12	1922, 5c on 50c brown, #74	.25 .25
1901,	1fr carmine, #30	..	.12	10c on 5c green, #75	.08 .08
1908,	5c green, #31	.15	.12	25c on 40c brown red, #76	.12 .10
	10c carmine, #32	.20	.15	30c on 10c carmine, #77	.10 .10
	15c ochre, #33	.15	.15	50c on 25c blue, #78	.15 .12
	25c light blue, #34	.30	.20	10c on 5c green, #80	.15 .15
	40c bluish green, #35	..	.25	25c on 40c brown red, #81	.35 .35
	40c bluish green, #35a	.60	..	10c on 1fr bistre, #84	.60 .70
	50c olive, #36	.25	.10	25c on 5fr ochre, #85	.65 .65
	1fr carmine, #37	..	.10	25c on 30c on 10c, #86	2.00 2.00
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	5fr carmine, #39	..	.70	1923, 5c to 1fr, #88 to 96	.65 ..
	10fr yellow green, #40	..	.65	3fr gray brown	.24 ..
1909,	5c green, #41	.08	.08	5fr gray	.40 ..
	10c carmine, #42	.12	.12	10fr gray black	.80 ..
	15c ochre, #43	.60	.60	1925, 30c olive green	.05 ..
	50c olive, #44	.25	.15	40c violet	.06 ..
1910,	10c carmine, #46	.05	..	50c buff	.08 ..
	15c ochre, #47	.05	.05	60c carmine	.06 ..
	25c light blue, #48	.06	.05	75c dull blue	.10 ..
	40c bluish green, #49	.30	.30	1fr blue	.08 ..
	50c olive, #50	.30	.25	1920, Air Post	
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No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1861	?	Blue	H. V. Swallow
2.	3c 1861	?	"	H. V. Swallow
3.	3c 1867	New York City, N. Y.	Black	R. V. Rice
4.	3c 1861	Metamora, Ill.	"	R. V. Rice
5.	3c 1861	?	Blue	H. V. Swallow
6.	3c 1861	?	Black	H. V. Swallow
7.	3c '57, T. II	Hatfield, Mass.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
8.	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
9.	6c 1869	?	Red	S. C. Rogers
10.	3c 1851	Chicopee, Mass.	Black	Dr. R. W. Payne

Here are a few Stars. This is one of the most popular of all obliterators, and there are hundreds of varying forms, many being framed. N. Y. City alone used perhaps 50 different star forms during the '57 to '70 period, and they kept right on, as is shown by a set of the "New York Foreign Mail Cancellations" just received from Mr. J. M. Bartels, some thirty or more of which are in star forms. No. 7 is quite patriotic, as the 34 indicates the Regiment number of troops from Hatfield in the Civil War. The No. 8 form is seen with the word UNION, a letter in each point of the star, also PAID 3 etc., etc. No. 10 was used from several towns, Ashleyville, Mass., having one of same size, while Barton Landing, Vt., used a smaller one hit with blue ink.

From Mr. J. L. Howe we have a very interesting "Saw-tooth" perf on 3c of 1857 inking clean cut, and very well made, the town using this being undetermined. He also sends a 3c '69 cover going to Albemarle Co., Va., and pmkd in 26mm ring "S. & M. R. R.", who knows this one?

Mr. J. H. Conley has sent in a Campaign cover with likeness of J. C. Breckinridge. This is framed in a circle with a delicate palm tree at either side, an eagle atop the picture, flags below, with a shield bearing the names of the Candidates, "President J C Breckinridge Vice-President Joseph Lane." Along the top of envelope is "The Constitution and the equality of the States. John C. Breckinridge". The stamp is a bright blue, No. 211, Confederate, the completed die, neatly pmkd. HAVANNA JUN 27 ALA., and is mailed to Tuscaloosa, Ala.—a very unusual cover.

Another (nice 3c '61 cover this time) is pmkd. MOBILE, ALA JUL 1, while overlapping the Gov't pmk. is a blue Steamer mark reading STEAMER SALLIE LIST JUN 29 1867, this being a double ring, and about the same size as the pmk. An 1851 3c cover has a neat little dark blue ellipse, "laying down," showing a colorless cannon pointed East, with a single star at each end of the cannon, and above GEORGIA MILITARY, below INSTITUTE. Very unusual and handsome.

Going back to our May 17 Forum, No. 7 is sent in on covers from Northampton, Mass., in purple, and from Port Discovery, Wash., in black, by Mr. W. L. Richmond, the former dated 1877, latter 1882. He sends an almost exact duplicate from Union Springs, N. Y. (our No. 8), tho the star is a trifle smaller.

Mr. W. I. Kelsey sends in some Washington and Boston Star in Circle cancels, one of the Bostons having 9 points, made by three interlaced triangles, so that the center makes a nine sided affair.

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EDITORIAL

It is known that serious suggestions addressed to the post office department are received by the officers of that busy division in the spirit in which they are conceived, but the time of the staff is too valuable to be wasted on the consideration of preposterous ideas and questions that are trivial and unworthy of attention. We say this not because stamp collectors have been offending in this particular, perhaps as much as the general public, but for the purpose of strengthening the respect that the department has for the interest manifested by philatelists in its working. The recent issues of commemorative stamps seem to have made an impression on many minds and probably have inspired much correspondence on the part of outsiders as well as collectors.

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One has warrant for saying that the name of Ferrari is the most romantic one that has been associated with stamp collecting. Men, now gray in philatelic service, remember when in their youthful days about the only publicity that collecting received in the newspaper press were more or less fantastic allusions to the activities of this great collector. References to Ferrari and his collections were stock items that made their way around the world in the newspapers; and we suppose that in the aggregate the space given to them would put the Sunday edition of a metropolitan daily in the shade. Dealers who were admitted into the Ferrari presence have tales to tell that make the eyes of listeners big with wonder and some of these stories are among the classics of our pursuit. In the New York *Times* for June 27th, there is an article based on Ferrari and his collection whose sale at Paris has been one of the epochal events of philately and the story is singularly interesting and, it may be added, authoritative. The explanation of this favorable aspect may be seen in the sentence: "Among the few intimate friends of the famous collector was Charles J. Phillips of London, now a resident of New York."

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Speaking of valuable collections, something may be said of the Wolters' collection, which was formed by the late H. Wilhelm Wolters of Honolulu; and from the Honolulu *Advertiser* of June 13th, we take the following: "Wolters Stamp Collection Cost Honolulan $125,000: To be Sold. Judge Edward K. Masse in the circuit court yesterday signed an order permitting Jose Caetano, C. C. von Hamm, James L. Cockburn and John L. Fleming, temporary administrators of the estate of the late H. Wilhelm Wolters, to dispose of and to sell to the best advantage of the estate the big and valuable Wolters' stamp collection. Wolters, according to the petition filed for authority to sell, spent during his life approximately $125,000 on his stamp collection. The stamps, which are all hinged and arranged in the order of their issue and by countries, are contained in fifty volumes of approximately sixty pages each. In the will of Wolters, who died during the World War, the collection was left to the city of Bremen, Germany. The entire estate remains unprobated, a contest of the will having been instituted." Commenting on this news, which was sent by Mr. W. F. Slusser, who is now stationed at Fort Kamehameka, Hawaii, he says: "Mr. Wolters' collection was refused by the municipality of Bremen as funds are not on hand to care for the collection! The judge here then ordered that the stamps be sold for the benefit of the estate now in litigation through the efforts of a number of heirs."

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While the portability of stamps is an advantage that is generally recognized by collectors, yet the housing of a large collection in a museum or public institution presents a problem that has confronted a number of benefactors who have given thought to the advisability of placing their stamps in such a building. The compactness of stamps, so to say, gives them the call over many other objects that are collecting favorites, but nevertheless, it is incumbent that an intending donor of philatelic treasures make provision for the care of the stamps when once they are immured in their resting-place. We understand that collectors who have had the disposition to present their stamps to art museums, sometimes found that restrictions that were imposed on the acceptance of the stamps were too burdensome to assume; and this condition may account for the scarcity of stamp collections in publicly-owned institutions.

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In "Madrid Filatelico" for May, there is an interesting article on the somewhat familiar subject, embraced in the words, the educational advantages of philately. The theme is ably handled and in speaking of portraiture, any claims are borne out by the recognition of newspaper men and others of the picture gallery that is afforded by stamps of rulers and other prominent persons of many countries. Every now and then, there arises the necessity to have the picture of some one of them for use in connection with newspaper work, for instance; and several of the workers have found that a stamp saved the day for them. The world range of the stamp album is such that its sweep cannot be matched by any other volume when the question of pictorial completeness is considered.

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Some years ago, we printed a little notice to the effect that we had learned that the *New Englander,* a quarterly published by A. H. Maltby, New Haven, and printed by B. L. Hamlen, printer to Yale College, of January, 1848, contained several articles of interest on postal subjects of the times. Months slipped by, but now we have received from a friend in Boston a bound volume of this magazine for 1848. The donor, who evidently hides his name under the nom-de-plume of "H. I. Storian" says that he hopes that the articles will meet our expectations. At any rate, we find "Postal Reform" and "British System of Postage" in the index and we are sure that the examination of these studies, somewhat formidable in length, will be attended by profit.

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From our own experience we know that there is a growing interest in the post office workings of the United States on the part of business men and that they are willing to listen to a talk on the subject at a business luncheon, for instance, such as may be prepared by the philatelist. In this connection, we think that an effective opening statement may be made on the words of a distinguished educator as uttered in 1808. He predicted the speedy failure "of our federal system from the want of contact of the national government with the people. He said that the post office was the only tie that connected the government with the people, and the only branch of the government of which the people had any personal experience. At that day, the post office system was in its infancy, comparatively, and its value and importance as a piece of the governmental machinery, and as a source of benefits to the people, were but imperfectly realized." Let the inarticulate business man, with philatelic leanings, find his voice and take his turn when it comes to him. He really can compose a talk that will be every as interesting as some of those tha has to listen to; and then, he will the satisfaction of giving, in passin boost for stamps.

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A THEFT of stamps is reported b E. Hadley, 112 John R. St., Det Mich. It occurred Tuesday, June when two sample set books of four dred different sets, Denmark to Zanz were stolen. Mr. Hadley urges dea to be on the lookout for offerings will be grateful for any co-operation may lead to the detection of the thief the return of his property.

THE 5c and 20c present pictorial i of Newfoundland are all now ou stock at the G. P. O., St. Johns, supplies are expected very short FRANK G. WILLS.

THE first flight Boston-New York mail was inaugurated July 1. Co were received on that day from Al E. Gorham, E. J. S. Halvorsen, and R Brook. They all bear the New Y marking of 5.00 A. M. and the Boston ceiving mark of 11.00 A. M. Our tha are due these subscribers for their c tesies. The Halvorsen cover is especi unique. Instead of the horizontal

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VE are advised by Harry E. Bryant, president of the Huntington, W. a., Stamp Club, of the death of Fred A. artlin. Mr. Gartlin has been District gent for the Union News Co., a Mason, iwanis Club member, and active in the untington Stamp Club. He specialized U. S. and B. W. I. The loss of Mr. artlin falls heavily on the members of e Club.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the card of Eugene N. Costales, announcing the severing of his business connection with the Scott Stamp & oin Co., with which he has been long sociated.

THE matter of bi-lingual stamp issues for Canada is being discussed by the ople of the Dominion. Answering a estion in the Canadian House of ommons a French-Canadian P. M. was formed that before such could be considered the large supply of current issues hand would have to be exhausted. Edard E. Goodchild sends us this information, as well as a clipping from a French-anadian publication which upholds the oposed change. We quote from Mr. oodchild's letter as follows:—"As to a -lingual issue, this we already have in e current Canadian revenue stamps and will be noted that with the issue of the rst series the effigy of His Majesty ing George ceased to appear as on the ostage stamps."

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For MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

LA FERRIERE, HAITI

By HARRY E. HUBER

About 20 miles to the southwest of Cap Haitien in the Department of the North, there stands, on the top of a precipitous mountain, Bonnet a L'Eveque (Bishop's Cap), one of the wonders of the Western Hemisphere. This is La Ferriere, or Cristophe's Citadel, eight miles back in the mountains from Milot, the site of another remarkable pile, the ornate palace of Sans Souci, both of which were built in the early days of the 19th century by Henri Cristophe. The Citadel is pictured on the 10c carmine of the Haitien pictorial series of postage stamps of 1924, and Sans Souci on the 4c carmine lake of the 1906 series (changed to olive in July, 1913).

Cristophe was born in 1769 in the island of St. Christopher, and prior to the first general uprising in Saint Dominique of the slaves against their French masters, worked as a waiter at Cap Francais (now Cap Haitien). He speedily achieved a conspicuous place as one of the trusted lieutenants of Toussaint L'Ouverture who successfully led the slaves in their revolt against the French. On January 1, 1804, Jean Jacques Dessalines (L'Ouverture's successor) promulgated a declaration of Haiti's independence with himself as Emperor.

Throughout the strife Cristophe was especially prominent, so that when Dessalines was assassinated on Oct. 17, 1806, he was elected President, under a new constitution establishing the Republic (Dec. 28, 1806). This honor he refused, however, and forming a constitution to meet his own desires (Feb. 17, 1807), was elected President of the State of Haiti (comprising the Departments of the North and Artibonite), and in March, 1811, proclaimed himself King of Haiti, with the title of Henri I. Alexandre Petion was elected by the Western and Southern Departments as President of the Republic of Haiti (Mar. 9, 1807) and ruled until his death on March 29, 1818. He was succeeded by Jean Pierre Boyer, and on the death of Cristophe in October, 1820, Boyer became President of the whole country, and extended his authority also over the Spanish end of the island, now the Dominican Republic.

When in 1804 Dessalines assigned his military leaders to various parts of the island, he instructed them to build strong forts in inaccessible places where munitions and provisions might be accumulated, and where they might defend themselves should the French attempt to reconquer the country. Cristophe to whom was assigned the Department of the North, immediately set about building what is variously known as La Ferriere, Citadelle Henri, and Cristophe's Citadel. Just how many years were consumed in its construction is not known, but it was completed some little time before Cristophe's suicide on October 8, 1820.

The elevation at the foot of the citadel is 2,600 ft., to which must be added the height of the different walls to ascertain the elevation of the whole. The wall at its highest point is 140 ft. from the ground, and at others it ranges from 80 to 130 ft.

The building has a prow formation, pointing to the north, and the average number of floors is four. On the east side (which is the longest—270 ft. at one stretch) is located the main battery of heavy guns, giving absolute command of the most dangerous approach, that from the direction of Grande Riviere. With the meagre facilities available in the early 19th century, and especially in Haiti, one wonders how these guns (the largest of which are 11 ft. 6 inches long, of bronze, and dated 1786) were brought up the precipitous mountain trail to their present position. The difficulty in reaching the citadel is not so much due to its elevation as to the eight miles of mountainous country, which have to be traversed, and the approaches, all of which are very steep.

Although granite blocks are to be found throughout the building, most of it is built of red fire brick. These average 15" long, 6" wide, 2" thick, and were apparently manufactured on the spot.

The entire structure is still in an excellent state of preservation, except that the floors in the prow were shaken down in the earthquake of 1842, which destroyed Cap Haitien, and even these are not impossible of repair with comparatively little labor.

It is believed that the plans for the structure were drawn and the work of construction supervised by two captive French officers possessed of the highest degree of technical training. Inspection of the site of the citadel commands unbounded admiration for the master mind that recognised its possibilities, aside from conceiving and constructing the edifice, for Bonnet a L'Eveque could not have been more ideally located for its purpose had it been made to order. The citadel commands every neighboring mountain peak, and approach, and a spring of water inside the building supplies that prime necessity of withstanding a long siege.

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United States

1898, 10c Brown

It will be recalled that several years back through the studious efforts of Mr. B. W. H. Poole, two types of the $1.00 1894 to 1895 and the 10c 1898 were noted for the first time. As there was only one plate, namely number 176 made for the $1.00 stamps, the two types may be found together. This plate of two hundred subjects contained one hundred fifty stamps of type I and fifty stamps of type II and while pairs or blocks showing the types together are rather scarce, they may nevertheless be found.

In the case of the 10c, all that have been noticed heretofore show the one type on a single plate. The type I, which was the first printing, comes in the deep brown and is not known in the yellow brown and orange brown which are found in the second types. These latter stamps may almost be classed as 20th century varieties because they did not make their appearance until after 1900. While the 10c type II in the dark brown is found, it is scarcer than the type I or the other two shades of the type II.

Mr. George W. Linn now announces in the *Philatelic Gossip* that he has located a pair of this dark brown variety showing the type I and type II together. While I have not seen the pair in question, I am chronicling it on the authority of Mr. Linn.

2c Sesqui-Centennial

Rev. Leslie A. Boone kindly submits for my inspection two copies of the 2c red Sesqui-Centennial on an unusually thick paper. I have noticed that the paper on a number of our stamps varies, but in this case it is the thickest that I have ever seen used on our current varieties. The two samples submitted bear the postmark of Austin, Texas.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of June 22nd, the Second Assistant Postmaster General announces that effective July 1st the transcontinental air mail schedule will be changed in order that connection may be made at Chicago in both directions with the Chicago-Dallas, Chicago-Minneapolis, Chicago-St. Louis, and Chicago-Detroit, contract air mail routes.

As an illustration of what this will mean to users of the air mail service—under this schedule air mail posted on Monday in St. Louis, Minneapolis, Detroit, Dallas, or any point along the four routes named in time to connect with the plane for Chicago, is due to reach San Francisco at 4.30 P. M. Tuesday; and air mail posted in San Francisco in time for dispatch east Tuesday for points on these contract routes is due to reach point of address in time for delivery Wednesday, except for cities on the southern end of the Chicago-Dallas route where the plane is scheduled to arrive too late for delivery of mail that date.

The communication further gives the exact schedule by hours.

On June 16th, Acting Postmaster General Bartlett announced that bids would be opened at noon on July 1st for the establishment of a route between the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia and Washington, and that it was expected that shortly thereafter, the contract would be let for carrying on this service. Landings will be made near or at the fair grounds and the dispatch of mail will be to and from the Model Post Office which has already been established at the Exposition. The schedule will provide for not less than six round trips per week and the contractor will be permitted to carry passengers as well as mail. The duration of the contract will extend over the period of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition. Airplane distance between Philadelphia and Washington is one hundred twenty-three miles and it is contemplated that the plane can make the trip one way in less than half an hour.

Mitten Management which operates the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company expects to receive the contract for performing this service.

Under date of June 28th, the Second Assistant Postmaster General placed the Chicago-Dallas contract air mail service on a weight basis, effective June 20th. Heretofore, letters have been paid for on the basis of the number carried. Arrangements have also been completed for placing several other services on a weight basis, effective July 1st. This refe the Boston to New York, Chicago t Louis, Salt Lake City to Los Angele Cheyenne to Pueblo.

ALGERIA.—We have received copi the new stamps of this country Whitfield King & Co. They are of different designs and perf. 14x13½ 13½x14. The values and designs ar (in red) on 1c olive, 1c olive, 2c c 3c orange, 5c green, 10c purple, all i Great Mosque design; 15c brown, green, 25c green, 30c blue, 35c viole with a street scene in Algiers; 45c pu Casbah design.

BOLIVIA.—Mr. Mervyn G. Palme lieves that the Tihuanacu issue wi put on sale in Bolivia, but not unti stamps have been provided with a sp control overprint. This, Messrs. St Gibbons explain, will automatically der valueless all the sets without co which were sold in Europe before stamps were issued in Bolivia. A date of writing (March 28th) the st had not yet been put on sale.—*S Collecting.*

FINLAND.—It is proposed to issu tirely new ordinary and air mail st in the near future, the designs bein subject of a public competition.—*S Collecting.*

FRENCH INDIA.—The 1fr green blue stamp of the current issue has surcharged "1 Roupie" in two lin red. Whitfield King & Co. have s us copies for chronicle.

GREECE.—A stamp of the value o lepta has been issued to commemorat centenary of the battle of Missolo which was fought in 1826, during war of Greek independence. The s is oblong in shape and shows a figu Victory lamenting on the tomb of a soldier. We are informed that two values, 1 and 2 drachmae, were prep but the execution was so inferior the Greek Government refused to them in circulation.—*Whitfield Kin Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.*

INDIA.—We have received from M Roberts the following values of the Security printing: 3p slate, ½a gree brown and 3a blue. Mr. Roberts nishes the information that the st are printed by the Security Printing at Nasik from plates supplied by Me De la Rue. The paper is rather and of non-curling variety, and the is white and clear. The stamps are

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LITHUANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of two new Air Post tamps, both of the same type. They are he 20c red and 60c ultramarine and black. n the centre is a flying bird with a letter n his beak, above the figures and word f value while below are the words "Oro Pastas".

NORWAY.—Like England, Norway has o internal air post; nevertheless we are nformed that a set of aerial adhesives s being prepared for the Land of the Midnight Sun. They will, of course, not e related in any way to the Polar souenirs, huge quantities of which repose n the Amundsen-Ellsworths vaults.—*Stamp Collecting.*

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—This Colony eems to have gone "off the line" with he perforation of some of its stamps. We have already chronicled imperf. arieties of the ½d and 6d values, and ve now hear from Mr. Gerald Butcher hat the current (but obsolescent) 1½d as been found *perf.* 14½. Our correspondent believes, however, that this particular variety is merely the result of aper shrinkage.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Great Britain.—A reader shows us a strip of ½d stamps purchased from a slot machine in the City, in which the right-hand stroke of the first "N" of "PENNY" is missing. This variety was repeated at intervals in the roll, but not in later rolls from the same machine. As there has apparently been damage to the plate, this variety should be worth looking for.

Canada.—Penny postage will be restored in Canada on Dominion Day, July 1st. This refers to letters within the country and to the United States. As our readers frequently send us understamped letters, we trust they will inform themselves of the correct postage rates to this country, in case any change has been made.

A suggestion has been put forward, says Mr. J. P. Byrne, that future Canadian stamps shall be bi-lingual, as a large proportion of the populace of Quebec and Eastern Ontario speak French. We note that bi-lingual announcement cancellations are already in use in some districts.

Gambia.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. point out minor variations in the paper of the current 5s. The first printing appears to be on pale yellow, the centre being printed in black. The later printing is in grey-black on paper of a deeper yellow.

India.—Travancore. Mr. E. B. Aiyar states that the current stamps are now being printed on machine-made paper, instead of hand-made paper as previously. He shows us a new setting of the "On S.S." overprint (on the 1¼ chuckram) in which the following varieties occur:

First row, 9th stamp, no "S" at right. Fourth row, 9th stamp, right "S" inverted. Fifth row, 4th stamp, space between "S" and "S" 9mm instead of 11mm.

On the whole the spacing of the new overprint is more regular, and the general appearance of the work is improved.

Jamaica.—With reference to the 1s, black on green, with dull purple centre, Mr. Lewis May has shown us a block of these stamps in which two of the stamps have the purple centre and the others are in the normal black. He states that he produced the difference by damping the stamps. Evidently the centres were printed in ink of a different quality from that used for the borders, as the latter did not change colour.

Malta.—The Opposition, backed up no doubt by disappointed speculators, is loudly demanding the head of the person responsible for the so-called "Stamp Scandal," which consists in the fact that certain gentlemen got supplies of the 4d and 2s stamps overprinted "POSTAGE" and others did not. The success of the former is alleged to be due to leakage of official information. We do not suppose the result would have been any different for stamp collectors, whoever had cornered the stamps, but the outcry may make the authorities a little more careful to issue future stamps in supplies sufficient to give everyone a share. *We warn our readers against forgeries of the "POSTAGE" overprint on the scarcer values.*

Seychelles.—Several well-known Georgian specialists have written to query the existence of the 25c, Die I, on pale yellow (S. G. No. 96b). Can any reader show us an undoubted mint copy of this stamp? If not, it must be deleted.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Afghanistan.—Major Frank Young kindly shows us some interesting items in the recent issues which we place on record:

"*Ministry of Education*" design, Type 95. The 30 paisa, in a pale lilac shade, instead of in bright magenta, which is a better description of the catalogued shade. Our informant has the 10 and 30p and 1r in sheets of 2; also 1r in block of 3 (two below and one above at left), the vertical pair being *tête-bêche;* and 30p in pair, *tête-bêche.*

Arms Type (Type 55), small size. A range of shades in the 10p, pink, dull rose, rose, and carmine-red. 20p, sheet of 16 (4x4), complete with margins. 30p, apple-green, sheet of 16 (4x4), bottom left hand stamp inverted. Same value in deep blue-green. *Large size.* 10p in vermilion instead of the normal pink.

These recent issues of Afghanistan are extremely fascinating, but owing to the difficulty of getting material, it is hard to form a good specialised collection.

Faqir Hussain Zahid sends us a block of 4 of a 2 paisa stamp, printed in black, the central arms device being similar to that of the postage and parcel stamps of 1909, with inscriptions in a scroll below. This stamp is mainly for use between Kabul and the new city of Darul-aman which is under construction about three or four miles from Kabul. The inscriptions read "Postage City of Kabul per packet 2 paisa," which leads us to assume that the stamp is a "local."

The 8th anniversary stamp, described last month, was printed in sheets of 8, the blocks of 4 being *tête-bêche* relatively to each other.

Argentine Republic.—Collectors will be glad to learn that the practice of overprinting stamps for use in the various ministries has been discontinued for over a year, and a steel obliterator is now used, similar to that of the automatic franking machines. This has created a keen demand for the overprinted stamps, which are rising in value.

Mr. A. H. Davis, who kindly gives us this information, also states that he has received the new 5c Rivadavia commemorative on letters from Uruguay, which tends to confirm the suggestion that this stamp was issued and used in both countries.

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31a	2.00	..	..	75	.01	.04	.10	116	.01	.04	.20
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40	.05	.25	..	87	.40	3.00	..	228	.03	.15	..
41	.10	..	..	88	.12	1.00	..	251	.04	.25	2.00
42	.01	.04	.15	89	.01	.03	.05	251a	.10	.80	..
42a	.20	1.00	5.00	90	.01	.03	.05	252	.25	1.75	..
43	.03	.20	..	*90a	.05	.40	3.50	253	.05	.30	2.25
44	.50	3.00	..	91	.01	.05	.30	*254	4.00	..	..
45 or a b	.50	3.00	..	92	.03	.12	.75	260	.07	.40	..
46	.18	1.50	..	93	.04	.20	1.75	261	.07	.50	..
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53	.01	.06	..	100	.12	.90	..	307	.01	.05	.15
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Bolivia.—Mr. Mervyn G. Palmer believes that the Tihuanacu issue will be put on sale in Bolivia, but not until the stamps have been provided with a special control overprint. This will automatically render valueless all the sets without control, which were sold in Europe before the stamps were issued in Bolivia. At the date of writing (March 28th) Mr. Palmer states that the stamps had not yet been put on sale.

Colombia.—The "CUATRC" error in the new 4c Provisional, listed last month, occurs regularly on the fourth and sixth stamp in every fourth row of the sheet. The stamps are printed in sheets of 160 (sixteen rows of 10). Mr. C. G. Higley is our informant.

Finland.—Mr. G. A. Fereday tells us that a competition is being held in order to secure designs for new Air stamps and postage stamps.

France.—Lt.-Col. J. P. Law states that he has shown the 30c on apparently laid paper (referred to in our March issue) to a leading French expert, who states that the appearance is due to the gum, which is applied in stripes. We have seen many stamps which might have been described as on "laid" paper by the tyro, but never one so deceptive as this.

Norway.—Mr. A. N. Jorstad states that the postal authorities are preparing an Air stamp, though there is at present no Air post service in Norway. It is intended to have the stamps ready in case a service is inaugurated.

Persia.—Mr. H. V. Donaldson suggests that Mr. R. W. Gray's figures for the Pehlevi overprinted fiscals (see February *M.J.)* are too high, as very few were issued. We agree with Mr. Donaldson that the number *issued* was small, but the balance of the 20,000 sets (not a large number in any case) is probably already on the stamp market. The price is steady and the demand keen, in view of the arresting history and personality of Persia's new ruler.

Peru.—Mr. Mervyn G. Palmer states that the large Tacna-Arica Plebiscite stamps were originally intended as patriotic labels only, and had no franking value. They were sold to raise funds to cover the cost of proceedings in the disputed territory. Later, however, their postal use was made obligatory on inland correspondence, the 5c being added to ordinary letters, the 10c to registered letters, and the 50c to parcels. They thus fall into the same class as other tax stamps, *e.g.*, the "ASSISTENCIA" stamps of Portugal, the "CASA DE CORREOS" of Ecuador, etc.

Mr. Palmer states that the Marconi Co. are now managing the postal service in Peru, and it is possible that they will also be asked to do so in Bolivia.

Siam.—Mr. A. Hendricks and other readers report the issue of a special Coronation series values 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 ticals, the design of which shows the ancient Coronation stone.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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LOG OF A WEEK

Mr. Henry Look, Detroit, sent copy of the Detroit *Free Press* of 17, 1926, with the news of the deat Judge Franz C. Kuhn, an eminent j and a business leader of that city. Kuhn was chief justice of the Mich supreme court some years ago and a time of his death was president of Michigan State Telephone Company. Kuhn was described as a man of surp ing ability in the different fields tha entered; and his philatelic activities known to the members of the De Philatelic Society of which he w member. Mr. Look says: "The De Philatelic Society again sustained a in membership in the death of one o most prominent and influential mem the Hon. Franz C. Kuhn, and I en for your information a biography of decedent. The death of Judge Kuh close upon the departure of our dear friend General Coolidge, is, to say least, very depressing upon the e membership."

The Scott Stamp & Coin Company nounces that the issue of the Adv Sheets of the new Standard Catal will begin about July 26, 1926.

We regret to hear that Mr. Theo Reinhardt, the Chicago dealer, has a been forced by illness to absent him from his office; and he is to undergo operation. Customers will please be vised of this circumstance. In the m time, Mr. Erwin Goetz will attend office duties and the local trade.

From Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, the lector and dealer who is remembered older philatelists as a prominent wo in the cause, sends an invitation to WEEKLY and its vast audience and r ers" to attend the Calgary Exhibition Stampede at Calgary, Canada, July 10, 1926, which, judging from the spir pictures of outdoor life was a h success.

Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchirc Malta, writes: "Referring to the in the WEEKLY of May 17th, I noti few slight mistakes which may as be corrected. Of the postage series was the 4 pence and 2 shillings that v sold out in an hour, the 5 shillings having been exhausted until May No official figures of the number sol overprinted have been published and Minister of Posts has refused to them. Unofficially, the figures are a 22,000 for the 4 pence and 7,000 to 8 for the 2 shillings. There will not another 1sh value as there is a reve stamp of this value now."

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One of the best review of new issues at we have ever seen appeared in the ew York *Times* recently; and beginning ith Jubaland, different countries are entioned, including Siam, Turkey, Per-a, Bulgaria, Germany, Russia and Egypt.

In the Louisville *Herald Post* of June th, we find a picture of that sterling ilatelist, Mr. L. C. Hassler under the ad, "Stamp Buyers May Organize in ouisville." Mr. Hassler, it will be remembered, disposed of his superb collection some years ago, but now it is ident that his interest in stamps is re-wed with a vengeance. The following text accompanies the picture:

"Efforts to organize a Louisville branch the American Philatelic Society are ing made by L. C. Hassler, 133 North irchwood Avenue, who formerly was easurer of the national body. At this me, there are but eleven residents of is city who are affiliated with the A. P. . Mr. Hassler believes there are a rge number of stamp collectors here, id he desires to form them into an or-anization for affiliation with the larger dy. This purpose was inspired by an ticle which recently appeared in the erald-Post, in E. A. Jonas' column, hrough My Spectacles.' Since publication of that article, it is said, the interest of those Louisville citizens whose bby turns to the collection of rare amps has received wonderful impetus. At New York, next October, the merican Philatelic Society will give an hibition of stamps — the largest and ost varied, it is said, to ever be shown ywhere in the world, and it is Hassler's urpose to formulate a local branch that ouisville may have official representaon at that gathering, with the view to ltimately have a similar exhibition here. he New York show will be attended by any thousands from all nations, including Japan, China, and Turkey. The nited States number approximately half million collectors, a few of whom were mong the earliest to adopt the fad, which arted in 1855."

Some weeks ago, the Baltimore *Sun* ontained an account of the purchase by fr. Percy W. Fuller, the dealer of that ity, of "a collection of old pony express tamps and franked envelopes, said to e one of the finest in the country." The accumulation is said to be worth more than $20,000 and there are over 2,000 pieces in it which represent almost every route covered by the pioneer express companies.

Mr. L. D. Peaslee, 763 Delta Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, is much interested in the Cincinnati Collectors' Club and he suggests that it would be interesting to exchange programs, such as has been issued by the Cincinnati society, with other societies, that have been published by other stamp organizations. He stands ready to act on his own proposal.

Mr. Victor W. Rotnem, Minneapolis, Minn., famous as a precancel authority and compiler of the standard catalogue of such stamps was a visitor recently in Chicago. The new edition of the precanceled catalogue is coming off the press and will soon be in the hands of collectors. Mr. Rotnem assumes the editorship of the *Gossip* and under his guidance, it certainly will give a good account of itself.

"New York City, likewise the entire Empire State," declared Dr. J. B. Chittenden, the eminent author and teacher of calculus and less intriguing forms of mathematics, "is to be the host of the A. P. S. convention, but will take no part in the politics of the convention,—if there is any such animal at New York this autumn." That is a statement of this expert on the issues of Mexico and Austria, which almost caused that demon editor, Mr. Lindquist, to intimate that if "there is any politics at the convention, once the convention committee had performed its task, up to the last penny contributed by the Easterners who are listed as the convention hosts,—after that both himself and Harry Konwiser could be expected to make motions and see that things went along smoothly." Our correspondent *de luxe* will have something to say next week about reservations and such practical things.

Here is high-class treatment from one of the greatest newspapers of this or any other day, the New York *Times* (Applause):

"Costly Stamps and Costlier Litigation.—From a Belgian in England was stolen a collection of stamps valued by him at £44,000. He brought suit against the underwriters on his policy of insurance. The lower court held that his claim was so enormous as to void the policy. The Court of Appeal, composed of three Lord Justices, heard argument for fourteen days, and reserved decision. Three stamp books, containing what was left after the robbery, were locked up in the strong-room of the court. This remnant was worth £5,000, according to the owner. One of the Lord Justices "was formerly a stamp collector of note." One wonders if he was tempted.

Whatever the cost of the stamps, they were cheap as dirt compared to that of the proceedings. This, in the lower court, is said to have been £40,000. The bill for the fourteen days added £20,000 more. The old Chancery bleeding was at least slow and moderate. Contemporary legal phlebotomy seems to be more violent. Two weeks are but a moment in the chronology of lawyers; and it is no new thing for costs to be speedier than justice.

The modern passion for stamp-collecting and the immemorial passion for litigation stand in no need of moral observations. If we have any loose change of sympathy, let us give it to the three Lord Justices. After fourteen days of argument, they "propose to read once more the whole of the 2,000 foolscap pages of typewriting which contain the transcript of the shorthand notes of the thirty days' hearing before Mr. Justice Branson." In justice to the claimant of the value of the lost stamps, it should be said that he regards the case as involving his personal honor. If the Lord Justices decide against him, he will take it to the House of Lords."

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prize is affixed tenaciously to the page. Again glue is coming into philatelic prominence, for these ultra de luxe copies are apparently glued in, and woe betide the enthusiast who hesitantly inquires if one of these little "nailed down" copies might be for sale! The answer sounds like, "Yes, over my dead body."

This purity wave is of recent and unexplained origin. One does not see photographs of the Acropolis at Athens, and of the Venus di Milo in the offices of all these collectors! Can the purity idea be accounted for by the beauty (?) of the recent issues emanating here and abroad? Possibly collectors are stirred to super-human endeavor for the beautiful, after seeing such sights as the Federated Soviet Republic of Armenia issue; or they may be imbued with the idea of trying to gather something more beautiful than our most recent Commemoratives, the climax being reached by our new stamp showing poor Mr. Ericsson, slumped dejectedly in that huge chair.

Why do we "want the best"? Is it the investment point of view? The Scott Catalog says "Condition", then in heavy type "The prices quoted are for specimens in good condition. In most instances extra fine copies bring far higher prices". See what that little word "far" has done for us! Some have memorized that paragraph, and others have pasted it into their hats. That's that.

Let's look at the other side of the question—some of the most interesting collections in this country, medal winners too, have items that the purists would pass with scorn. 'Tis well. These collections have items so scarce that no perfection items of similar nature are to be had, and the tried and true philatelists know this to be so, being old in the study of philately, and they are quite content to let the "with four wide margins" items fall where they will, while they annex the true rarities laughingly. Wise men, these, for everything has its swing, from purity to the rococo, and then back again. It was ever so.

The next time you show some friend one of your pet covers used back in the '50's, and going half way round the world to catch the intended one, let your helpful friend have his say as he hauls out his high powered monocle, and announces to the world that the third stamp from the left is cut right into the design; this will probably tickle him most to pieces, and you can heighten his glee by pretending you did not know it.

HERE AND THERE:—

WE have received greetings from the British Philatelic Congress at Liverpool, sent by W. T. Wilson of Birmingham. The distinctive feature is a cancellation reading "Philatelic Congress Liverpool".

CECIL F. BLOGG and others have sent us clippings dealing with airmail service which we have been unable to use. We are always glad to print items dealing with first flights, and especially where information is conveyed regarding special stamps or cancellations. Mr. Ward usually covers new services in sufficient detail to give all salient features.

FROM Stephen G. Rich comes a clipping from *Town Topics* August 25, 1898, which was found in some philatelic papers, which he was sorting for his father Joseph S. Rich. It is well sometimes for us to know what the other fellow thinks of us. It will serve our purpose to quote one sentence:—"Of all idiotic fads stamp collecting is the silliest."

EMIL J. RALL, who has been in Arica, Chile, as a member of the American delegation connected with the Tacna-Arica plebiscitary proceedings, has now returned to Ancon, Canal Zone. We are indebted to Mr. Rall for a set of the recently issued commemorative stamps of Panama.

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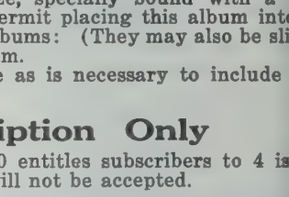

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Iceland happens to be my favorite country as a stamp collector. I do not claim to be an expert. No one realizes more than I do how little I know about stamps in general or about the stamps of Iceland in particular. But what little knowledge I do possess I shall try to give, through the air, to those of you who are interested.

First of all I am going to give a brief sketch of Iceland, since to know a country's stamps thoroughly you must also know something about the country itself.

Iceland is an island in the North Atlantic, its northernmost points touching the Arctic circle. The name is Danish, meaning "land of ice". It is 500 miles north of Scotland, 600 miles from Norway, and 250 miles from Greenland. It is of volcanic origin, composed chiefly of basalt. It has many hot springs and one or more active volcanoes. At least 20 of its volcanoes have been in eruption in modern times. The Geysir, one of the largest spouting hot springs of Iceland, has given its name to all other geysers of the world. Over 70 earthquakes occurred in Iceland during the nineteenth century.

The area of Iceland is 39,756 square miles, almost exactly the size of Kentucky, but only about 7,000 square miles are habitable. The extreme width is not over 200 miles. The circumference is about 900 miles, but because of the deep indentations of fjords and bays the actual coast line is over 2,000 miles. The interior is sandy, stony, high upland of little or no agricultural value, averaging 2,000 feet in altitude. Glaciers and icefields cover over 5,000 square miles, the highest of these rising to 6,466 feet.

Settlements are confined to a fringe of land about deep bays and firths. Farms are not more than fifty miles inland and these are really only garden patches, the total area being not over 300 acres. Potatoes, turnips and cabbages grow well. Nearly all the arable land is devoted to a wild rye, which makes excellent hay and gives fine pasturage to sheep, cattle and horses.

The Iceland pony, weighing about 900 pounds, is famous the world over. It is a sturdy, shaggy animal, resembling the Shetland pony, though larger. Most of the island's transportation on land is by pony, the interior having few if any roads, only tracks which countless ponies over long centuries have worn into deep ruts. This pony is seemingly tireless and the people of Iceland depend upon him for innumerable services. The Iceland dog is a cross between the Eskimo dog and the Scotch collie.

There is very little wild vegetation in Iceland and no forests at all. There is a growth of willow, juniper and birch in some places, particularly in the hills, but it is seldom more than twelve feet in height. Fuel is therefore scarce, and the natives are very careful to collect driftwood along the shores.

Iceland has numerous wild flowers, delicate and brilliant in color. It also has several wild berries, related to our blueberries.

The fox is virtually the only wild animal in Iceland and it is hunted for its pelt as well as to protect the young lambs. Water-fowl are unusually abundant, there being over fifty kinds in Iceland, including the whistling swan and eider-duck, from which comes the famous soft eider-down. There are also forty other kinds of birds, among them the Iceland falcon and an eagle. The ptarmigan is the only game bird of the interior.

Along the precipitous cliffs of the shore, some of them 2,000 feet high, cliff-nesting waterfowl abound, and there is a class of men, called fowlers, who do nothing else but catch birds for a living. They use a net, placed on a long, light pole branched at the end like the letter "Y". Then, clinging dangerously to the cliffs or suspended from ropes, they net the birds as they fly by. Some of these birds are salted down and thus preserved for future use.

The most important industry in Iceland is whaling and fishing, and fish is one of the main articles of diet. The rivers abound in salmon, while shoals of cod, haddock and halibut fill the bays.

The Gulf Stream flows past Iceland and the climate is therefore far milder than might be expected. At Reykjavik, the capital, the annual mean temperature is 39 degrees F. The summer mean is 53 degrees F. and the winter mean 29 degrees. At Akureyri, in the northern section, the annual mean is 32 degrees F. The air is exceedingly clear, mountains 100 miles away being easily visible.

The ports of Iceland are open to the whole world, but the Danes have a monopoly of the commerce, since the island is a Danish protectorate. The exports are whale and fish products, wool, eider-down, feathers, sheep and horses. The country is entirely dependent on outside sources for breadstuffs, groceries, tobacco, liquors and other commodities. You will

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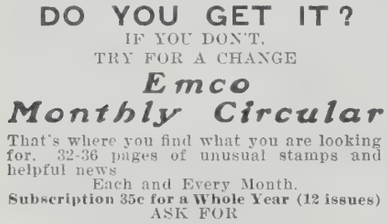

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Iceland was discovered and colonized by the Norsemen, or Scandinavian vikings, between 870 and 950, although they found a small colony of Irish, or Culdee, monks in possession, they having visited the Island from about 795 onwards. Christianity was established about the year 1000.

At first the Icelanders constituted themselves into a sort of aristocratic republic of franklins, but internal troubles about 1262 to 1271 caused the island to fall under the rule of the Kings of Norway. In 1380 it became a dependency of the Danish crown. Home rule, under Danish control, was granted it in 1902, when the Governor transferred his headquarters from Copenhagen to Reykjavik.

The population of Iceland in 1920 was 78,470. In 1924 Reykjavik had 18,000 inhabitants. The people are not Eskimo nor Laplanders, as many persons seem to believe, but particularly high-class Scandinavians. Lutheran is the predominating religion. There is little poverty and likewise little wealth. Icelanders are noted readers. There are public schools but most children are taught at home and there is virtually no illiteracy, something which few nations, better known, can truthfully claim. There is a small university at Reykjavik, the capital. There is but one policeman on the island. There are no saloons and no jails because there is no crime. Medical attention is free because the doctors are paid by the Government.

The Icelandic language, which is of much interest to scholars, is the ancient Norroena (northern) or Danish tongue, closely allied to the ancient Gothic. Iceland has an extensive literature, mostly of sagas, dating back many centuries. The language has undergone little change and Icelanders can read sagas a thousand years old as readily as they can read their modern books—something which is impossible for English-speaking nations.

There are few roads in Iceland and only a small number of vehicles. Boats are used in the fjords and ponies are used inland for both passenger and freight transportation.

So much about Iceland itself as a background for the story of the country's stamps. I do not pose as a philatelic expert and what I do not know about stamps far exceeds what I do know. So my story will be a simple recital, without technicalities.

Since January 1, 1873, when the first postage stamp bearing the name Iceland (spelled "Island" after the Danish manner) was sold to the public, Iceland has issued just 194 different postage stamps. Of these, 41 were issued up to and including 1900, and 153 have been issued since then. Of the 194 stamps, 144 have been regular postage and the remaining 50 have been official. Iceland has never issued any postage due, special delivery, charity, air-post, newspaper or parcel post stamps, and no pictorials until late last year, when a very pretty set of five values made its appearance.

If you will look at your stamp album or your stamp catalogue you will see that of all Iceland's 194 stamps there are only 10 major designs—the familiar numeral within an oval (employed also by Danish West Indies, Denmark and Norway); the portrait of King Christian IX, first appearing in 1902; the double portraits of Kings Christian IX and Frederick VIII, first issued in 1907; the portraits of John Sigurdsson and King Frederick VIII on the cameo issue of 1911-12; the portrait of King Christian X on the current issue; three views on the pictorial set of 1925, and the oval within a square type of official stamps.

You will note that there is only one stamp of Iceland cataloguing as low as 2 cents, the 1 eyrir of 1920, though there are 8 cataloguing 3 cents each and 10 cataloguing 4 cents each. The scarcest major variety is the 4 skilling official of 1873, perforated 14x13½, which catalogues $20.00, though there are two stamps in the surcharged issue of 1902-03 cataloguing $50.00 each.

Of the 194 varieties of Iceland stamps, by the way, 54 are formed by surcharges, 23 by changes in perforation and 7 by changes in watermark, leaving for the younger collector only 110 major design and value varieties to collect if he does not care to go further. Iceland has used only two types of watermark, the crown and the multiple crosses.

The first Iceland stamps, in 1873, showed the value in skilling, 100 of which equalled one rix daler. In 1873 the currency was changed from skilling to aur, 100 of the latter equalling one krone, or crown, about 26½ cents in U. S. money, and stamps with the new value made their appearance. These, like the first issue and nearly all others to date, were engraved and printed in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In October, 1897, the mail packet "Hjalmar", conveying to Iceland a fresh supply of postage stamps from Denmark, was delayed sixteen days. Meanwhile the stock of 3 aur stamps was exhausted and the authorities, having plenty of the 5 aur on hand, overprinted some of these with the Iceland word "thrir", meaning three, and also with the new figure. This word appears to be "prir" but what resembles a "P" is the Saxon letter "thon" or "thorn", the symbol for "th".

It was charged at the time that these surcharges were unnecessary and were issued only to swindle collectors, but this accusation was proved to be false.

In 1902 it became known that a new set of stamps were in preparation, bearing the portrait of King Christian IX, the first head of a Danish king ever to appear on a postage stamp. A large stock of the old stamps, both straight postal and official, remained in Iceland and the post office authorities decided to use them up by overprinting them "I Gildi—'02-'03", meaning "available during 1902-03", after which they were to be demonetized. Only one-half of each sheet of stamps was run through the press at a time, and the result was numerous interesting errors, some of which run into real money.

The 1907-08 issue, showing the double heads, was engraved at the State Print-

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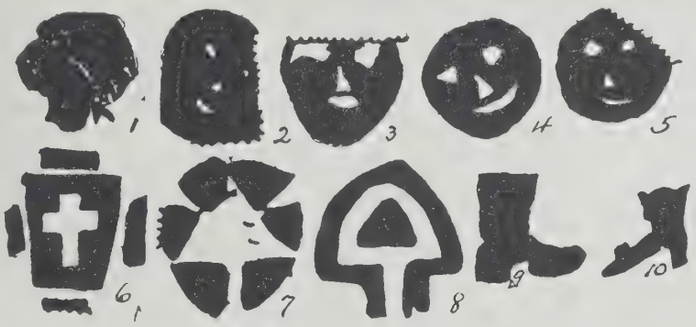
No. 1. The owner says this may be the missing link. It is on a 2c 1887 stamped envelope, cut to shape! No. 2, Mask. No. 3, Pumpkin Head. These are on 2c green 1887 adhesives and all three are the property of W. C. McAllister. Nos. 4 and 5, Pumpkin Heads on 2c 1894 or 1895 sent in by Ralph A. Berry, and doubtless extremely scarce on that stamp. No. 6, Cross. No. 7, Arrow Head. These two are on 3c green sent by K. N. Woodward. No. 8, Arrow Head, used at Muscatine, Iowa. Submitted by E. D. Emery. No. 9, Boot, on 3c green owned by W. J. Michels. No. 10, Ladies' Boot, on 2c red brown 1883. This is on a cover sent in by the Nassau Stamp Co.



It is postmarked West Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 11, 1883, and is a mighty nice item.

Delf Norona submits a number of interesting covers bearing Columbian stamps and Columbians combined with other issues. A number of these show registration markings and the registration handstamps used at that time certainly are interesting and have been neglected.

On one, an 8c Columbian and 2c 1894 are tied to a cover by a double oval 32x26mm. At the top is "Lafayette," at the bottom "Indiana" and in the center R E G. This is magenta. Another with the same stamps, one struck by the postmark the other by a large three-ring target having above and below these rings segments of two circles. "Registered—Mar 16 1895 Durango, Colo." in three lines unframed. Purple.

A 10c Columbian cancelled by a black smudge. "Registered Apr 1 1895 Demopolis, Ala." in an oblong frame 43x27mm. Purple. Another, 8c and 2c combination cancelled by the postmark and a bullseye below which is a similar device. "Registered Oct 10 1895 Pekin, Ill." in three lines, no frame. Purple.

A piece of cover on which are an 8c 1890 and 4c Columbian cancelled by four ring targets. "Registered #43 Sept. 30 1894 Muskogee Fla." in four lines. The #43 is below the ERE of Registered and the figures are part of the stamp, while the # is inserted with a pen. The frame is oblong 44x32mm, its sides being composed of little square notches.

A 10c Columbian on piece tied by "Registered Mar 19 1895 Waterville, Maine," in three lines unframed. Purple. Another ten tied by "Registered Jan 1895 Woburn, Mass." in three lines. Magenta. This is repeated below and to the left of the stamp and the date of the month "30" inserted in mss.

Another 8c and 2c combination, the two below the eight. Both cancelled by a small square opened at the corners, each side being composed of two heavy lines, the outer one rounded on the outside. Both also tied on by "Registered Sault de Ste. Marie Mich." in a double oval, the outer one 43x29mm and the inner 31x18mm. The date in a single line in the center. Magenta.

An eight and two tied to a piece by two impressions of "Registered Mar 19, 1895 Kingston N. Y." in three lines with a frame like the Muskogee, Fla. Magenta.

A 10c Columbian on piece cancelled with a black quartered cork. "Registered Apr 2, 1895 Mt. Airy, N. C." in a double lined oval 42x32mm. The letters follow the curves of the oval. The date is across the center, the figures 2 and 5 are in mss. At each end of the date line is a small 5 pointed star, and above and below between the date and the other words a line. Magenta.

A 10c Columbian on piece cancelled with "Piqua Ohio—Oct 2—W. Shipley, P.M." in three lines in an oblong 43x31mm., the sides being made by double lines, the outer one of which is much heavier than the inner. Magenta.

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left "Cleveland Ohio Oct 17 1894 Registered," in three lines framed by an oblong 40x20mm. Purple.

A 10c cancelled by a black smudge on piece. At the left "Registered Downingstown Pa." in two lines 8mm apart, and the date 3—20—95 in mss. between them. Purple. Another 10c on piece cancelled with black oval "Allegheny, Pa." At the left "Registered Apr 26 1895 Allegheny Pa." in 3 lines framed by an oblong 45x26mm. Still another 10c tied to a piece by "Registered Sep 18 1894 Staunton, Va." framed by an oblong 44x28mm. The sides of the oblong are nearly 1mm thick. Magenta.

A pair of 4c Columbian and a 2c 1894-5 each cancelled by a double circle, the outer one 17mm and the inner one 12mm in diameter. Postmarked "Middle Grove Ill Mar 11 1895." All markings black. There is nothing except the amount of postage to indicate that this cover was registered.

Mr. Norona also sends a number of 2c brown stamped envelopes of the 1884 series all postmarked "Smithsburg, Md." Up to July 15, 1885, the postmarks are round and after July 29, 1885, they are octagonal.

Mr. Norona writes that he is forming a collection of postmarks used in his home State from the earliest times to date, and finds it an extremely fascinating side line. The suggestion is passed along for the benefit of those who desire to take advantage of it.

Army Franks were mentioned in these notes a short time ago and from W. E. Whitnall comes the information that they have been proven to be entirely spurious. Mr. Whitnall states that this was printed in the WEEKLY some time ago.

NEW HUNGARY MONETARY UNIT

K. L. Manning sends us the following in regard to the new monetary unit of Hungary, based upon correspondence between the U. P. U. and Hungary:—

On January 1, 1927, the pengö monetary unit (1 pengö=100 fillers) will be introduced in Hungary. In order to accustom the public to it and facilitate the transition to the new monetary unit, the Administration of Hungary, on April 1, 1926, published its postage rates in crowns with the equivalents in the new money, and, since that date, issued new postage stamps with the value indicated in pengös.

"Meanwhile, and in the future, the following new postage stamps will be issued on the basis of 4 fillers to 500 crowns and 1 pengö 12,500 crowns:—

4, 8, 16, 20, 32, 40, 50, 80 fillers, 1, 2, 5 pengös.

Post cards of 4 and 8 fillers, and letter cards of 16 fillers, will also be issued. The present stamps and postcards will be valid, in the meantime, together with the new stamps in pengö currency. The postage rates fixed in Hungarian crowns, and their equivalents in gold centimes, published in the Table of Rates and Charges collected under the regime of the Stockholm Convention, will not undergo any change.

I have the honor to request you to kindly communicate the foregoing to the Administrations of the Union. I add that specimens of each of the new postal values enumerated above will be sent to you later on."

I also reproduce the letter which the International Bureau addressed to the Hungarian Office on receipt of the letter quoted above, as well as the reply of that Office:

"In order that we may be in a position to publish as complete information as possible it would be advantageous for us to know the equivalent in pengös and fillers of the following rates which appear in the Table of Equivalents (edition of January, 1926):

800 crowns (rate for prints, including those for the blind); 1,600 crowns (minimum charge for samples); 6,000 crowns (registry fee, and return receipt requested at time of mailing); 12,000 crowns (return receipt requested after mailing).

According to the new rates indicated in your letter above mentioned, we suppose that the equivalent of 12,000 crowns will be 96 fillers, and that of 6,000 crowns 48 fillers; but, on the other hand, we do not see what will be the equivalents of 800 and 1,600 crowns."

Reply of Hungary: "I have the honor to inform you that the rates for mail articles originating in Hungary and destined for abroad remain effective, as fixed in crowns, until December 31, 1926. Rates which can not be converted into fillers without a remainder may be paid wholly or partly by means of stamps whose value is expressed in crowns. For example, 800 crowns may be represented by a postage stamp of 4 fillers (500 crowns) and a postage stamp of 300 crowns; or 1,600 crowns by one stamp of 4 and one of 8 fillers (1,500 crowns) and one stamp of 100 crowns.

The old stamps still being valid, these rates may also be paid by means of stamps of 800 or 1,600 crowns. The equivalent of 6,000 crowns is, as you state in your letter, 48 fillers; and that of 12,000 crowns is 96 fillers."

FINEST ENGRAVED STAMP CHOSEN

At a meeting of the Cincinnati Collectors Club the most beautiful engraved stamp was chosen by a committee of Cincinnati artists, composed of John Rettig, Howard Sharp and James Niven. The stamp was selected from a lot of over fifty different varieties chosen by collectors from all over the world. After a two-hour session, the 8 Groschen blue Austria of the Charity set of 1926 was selected. The R. K. Thomson Memorial Medal given by the Cincinnati Collectors Club, will be awarded to the engraver of this stamp at the convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 9, 10 and 11. The Austrian Ambassador will appoint some one to accept the medal for the engraver. It is a very handsome affair. Upon the two bars suspended from chains are "Robert K. Thomson" and "Memorial." The main part is circular in shape with the name of the Society and a handsome representation of the triangular 1d Cape of Good Hope. Every stamp collector should make the

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF ICEL

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ing Works at Berlin. The 1915-18 is the same, except for the mu crosses watermark.

To my mind, one of the most bea stamps ever issued by any country land's cameo issue of 1911-12. S the 13 values bear the portrait of Sigurdsson, the Iceland patriot, the dredth anniversary of whose birth it memorates. The other seven values Frederick VIII. In their mint tion particularly, these stamps are tiful examples of philatelic art.

The stamp bearing the head of Ch X, first issued in 1920, is in use Various surcharges have followe first appearance, to use up old sto stamps or to take care of fluctuati the exchange.

The official stamps are very simi the regular issues, in different except that instead of the word merke" appearing on both sides frame, the word "Pjonusta" or ustu", meaning "official" is on one s

In addition to the straight variet Iceland, in my collection I also ha various town and route number ca tions, which are a most interesting line, particularly when one learns thing about the towns and vi There are 239 different cancellati Iceland. So far I have been able t about half of them.

I collect in loose-leaf, blank albu that I can place in my collections s errors and other minor varieties which no spaces are provided i printed album. Each page is give to one issue, and I take care n crowd the stamps. Since I collect mint and used, each issue shows o page the mint specimens, followe pairs, strips, and blocks; next the specimens, with pairs and so on. ticularly fine or rare stamps are mo against a square of black paper, one-quarter of an inch larger tha stamp all around. This shows o stamp very well.

I hope that all of you have en this little talk about Iceland an stamps, as sketchy as it has been.

Iceland is a fine country to collect stamps are not too easy to get; it given to useless issues, and, best o

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In closing I wish to pay tribute to Mr. Merell, the "daddy" of the KFRC Stamp Club and, as a matter of fact, the originator of the first radio stamp club in the world. Everywhere through the United States as well as abroad, the philatelic press is commenting most favorably on this club of yours and much praise is given Mr. Merell for his unselfish work, which is wholly a labor of love on his part. The work is not light—the duties have in fact become very heavy—and I want to add my word of thanks to Mr. Merell for all he is accomplishing.

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THE SURCHARGED STAMPS OF SIAM

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Fourth Provisional Issue

Issued in September, 1890

consisting of surcharge similar to preceding except that the stamp is that of 3 atts of the regular issue of 1887. The surcharge is in black and made by means of handstamps prepared by the Post and Telegraph Department. The remarks concerning the number of operations employed in making the surcharges of the preceding issue apply also to this. Two types are recognized as genuine, altho Gibbons records a third (S. G. No. 33) regarding which there exists some doubt. Approximately 110,000 stamps received this surcharge.

1 ATT ON 3 ATTS

Type I, (12), (Scott's No. 21)

One minor variety exists, with the English numeral double.

Type II, (13), (Scott's No. 26)

Type II is much rarer than Type I.

Description and differences between the two above types:

Type I.—Siamese numeral similar to that found in the third issue; the same remark applies to the Siamese character for "att". English numeral is longer and thicker with small base and long sharp upper serif.

Type II.—Differs greatly from Type I. Siamese numeral larger. The characters in Siamese word "att" are spread apart, comma being placed about twice as far above the other characters, and lies almost horizontally; the second character appears compressed laterally and is longer than in Type I. English numeral is thick and similar to Type I except that base appears broken off.

Fifth Provisional Issue

Appeared in January, 1891

and consisted of the surcharge "2 Atts" on the 3 Atts stamp of the regular issue of 1887. The surcharge is composed of the same components as the previous issue, with a similar arrangement. Three major varieties are recognized in this group without minor varieties.

Description of Surcharges—Type I.—Base of Siamese figure "2" usually is considerably below that of first character in Siamese word "Atts". English numeral approximately same height as second character, and has short serif. Type II: Base of Siamese numeral approximately level with first portion of Siamese word "Atts". Tail of comma inclined upward. English numeral narrower than in Type I, and without serif. Type III: Is the same surcharge as Type II printed on Type I of the 4th Provisional Issue.

Type I, (14), (Scott's No. 27).
Type II, (15), (Scott's No. 28).
Type III, (16), (Scott's, not listed).

Sixth Provisional Issue

Printed in March, 1891

Consisted of surcharge of numeral "2" in Siamese and English with Siamese word "Atts" between, upon the 3 Atts stamp of the regular issue of 1887. The surcharge was applied to the stamps by means of metal type, some 21,000 stamps being surcharged. Five major types with a number of minor varieties are recognized.

Type I, (17), (Scott's No. 29).

Two varieties are found in this type, one in which the comma above the Siamese word "atts" is horizontal, and one in which the comma is placed almost vertical. Variations are also found in respect to the size and shape of the English figure "2."

Type II, (18), (Scott's No. 30).

Slightly heavier surcharge than type I; Comma placed farther to the right, the head being level with the right margin of the first character in Siamese word "atts". Second character in Siamese "atts" heavier and broader than in type I. English figure "2" more angular than in type I.

Type III, (19), (Scott's No. 31).

This is the smallest and neatest of the five surcharges in this issue. Head of comma is slightly to right of center of first character in "atts" and placed a little higher than in preceding surcharge, its tail is directed upward at an angle of about 45°. The second character in "atts" is long and slender with a graceful curving upward top line.

Type IV, (20), (Scott's No. 31).

Surcharge composed of smaller characters than other types except Type III, which it resembles except for heavier printing. The comma is placed high with more acute angle between its tail and head. The English figure "2" is similar to Type III, in contour but slightly larger and much heavier.

Type V, (21), (Scott's No. 31).

Heaviest surcharge of this issue. Siamese figure "2" larger than in preceding types. Head of comma impinges on top of first character of "atts"; its tail is about twice as long as in other types, with small curve. Second character in "atts" taller, broader and heavier. English figure "2" heavy block type, about same height as in Type IV, but heavier and slightly broader; its upper end does not curve under but extends almost straight downward and ends adruptly.

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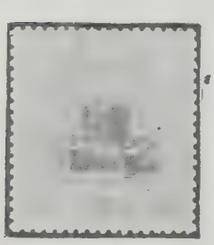

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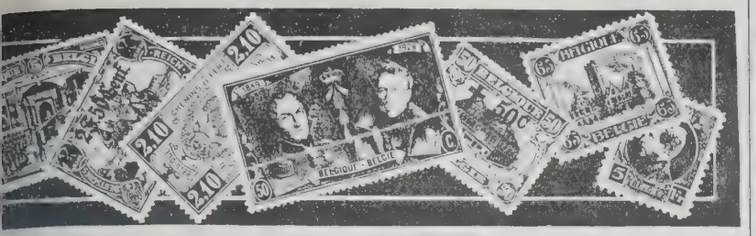

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2,	40c green, No. 98*, scarce	.40	
	40c green, No. 98, scarce	.35	
	2fr violet, No. 101, used or*	.40	
2,	1fr orange	.05	
	5frs plum*	.75	
3,	5frs, No. 120*, very rare	5.00	
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	Helmet, 2frs violet*, rare	15.75	
	Helmet, 5frs lake*, rare	5.50	
	10frs claret, rare, used or*	4.75	
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9,	25c deep blue, No. 122*	.03	
0,	5frs blue, No. 137*	.40	
1,	Pair No. 143a*	.13	
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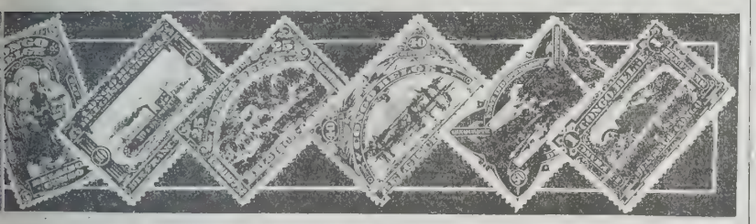
Congo Free State



The obsolete issues of this country are jumping fast in value and wholesale prices some items are double and triple Scott's cat. prices, which mean nothing at all on ny of these stamps. Our prices on these beautiful stamps are based on cost, and in ne cases we are paying double what we got the same stamps for three months ago. we have said in the past, you had better fill in your Congo spaces.

		New.	Used
8,	5c or 10c, each*	.10	..
	50c reseda	.45	..
8,	5c green, No. 8	.03	.03
	10c red, No. 9	.05	.04
	25c blue, No. 10	..	.08
	50c gray, No. 11	.30	.30
4,	5c blue and black,, No. 14 (scarce)	.55	.55
	10c brown and black, No. 15 (scarce)	..	.55
	25c orange & black, No. 16	.25	.25
	50c green and black, No. 17	.22	.22
	5frs red and black (cat. $1)	..	1.25
5,	10c green and blue	.07	..
6,	15c ochre and black	..	.10
	40c green and black	..	.40
	10frs green & blk. (cat. $1)	..	1.20
0,	50c olive and black	..	.20
8,	5c green and black, No. 31	.15	.15
	10c red and black, No. 32	..	.20
	40c green and black, No. 38	.40	..
	3frs 50c red & black, No. 38	..	1.50
	10frs green and black, No. 40 (cat. $1.25)	..	1.35
9,	10c red and black, No. 42	.10	..
	50c olive and black, No. 44	.25	.20
0,	5c, 10c	.07	..
	15c ochre and black	.06	.06
	25c blue and black	.12	.09
	40c green and black, scarce	.40	..
	1fr carmine and black	.25	.07
	3frs red and black, No. 52	.60	..
	5frs carm. & black, No. 53	.85	..
	10frs green & black, No. 54	1.50	..
5,	25c blue and black	.05	.06
	1fr olive and black	.13	.06
	5frs ochre & black, No. 63	.65	.25
1921,	5 on 40c, No. 64	.10	..
	10c on 5c, No. 65	.03	.03
	15 on 50c, No. 66	04	..
	25c on 15c, No. 67	..	.15
	30c on 10c, No. 68	.10	..
	50c on 25c, No. 69	.15	.15
	1fr red and black, No. 70	.20	.20
	3fr red and black, No. 71	.40	.40
	5fr carm. and black, No. 72	.65	.65
	10fr green & black, No. 78	1.00	1.00
1922,	5c on 50c, No. 74	.18	.18
	10c on 5c, No. 75	.07	.07
	25c on 40c, No. 76	..	.12
	30c on 10c, No. 77	.10	.10
	30c on 10c, No. 77a	.25	..
	50c on 25c, No. 78	..	.10
	No. 80	.25	.25
	25 on 40c, No. 81	.40	.45
	10c on 1fr, No. 84	.50	.50
	25c on 1fr, No. 85	.60	..
	25c on 30c on 10c, No. 86	1.45	1.65
	25c on 30c on 10c, No. 87	1.45	1.65
1923,	Nos. 88 to 93	.25	..
	50c blue, obsolete	..	.15
	75c red orange, obsolete	.15	.20
	1fr brown	.10	.12
	3frs gray brown	.30	.40
	5frs gray	.50	.60
	10frs gray black	.95	1.20
1925,	30c olive	.03	..
	40c light purple	.05	..
	50c red orange	.06	..
	75c blue	.07	..
1918,	Nos. 201 to 206	.70	.70
	1fr, No. 207	.50	.50
	5frs, No. 208	1.95	2.00
1919,	10frs, No. 209, rare	7.00	7.00
1920,	50c, 1, 2, 5frs, Nos. 301-304	1.25	1.50

Uruguay

Always the most popular of all South and Central American countries, its stamps are very attractive and desirable. Scott's prices on many of the 20th issues are away off, and we are pricing on a cost basis. We offer you some nice medium priced material in this list. Send us a list of any you want you do not see offered here. We have most of them.

		New.	Used
1866,	1c black, No. 29	.80	..
1867,	10c yellow, No. 37	..	1.00
	20c rose, No. 38	..	.75
1880,	1c brown, No. 44	.30	.20
1897,	2p bistre & carm., No. 128	..	.50
	3p lilac & carmine, No. 129	..	.60
1904,	1, 2, 5c, No. 167 to 169	.80	..
1906,	7c brown, No. 172	..	.05
	50c rose, No. 173	..	.28
1908,	Jub. 1c red & grn., #174, sc.	.40	.40
	Jub. 2c green & dark green, No. 175, scarce	.60	.60
	Jub. 5c orange & green, No. 176, scarce	.90	.90
1909,	Jub. 2c brn. & blk., No. 177	.30	.30
	5c red & black, No. 178	..	.30
1909,	8c on 10c, No. 179	..	.05
1910,	Jub. 2c carmine, No. 182	.06	..
	Jub. 5c deep blue, No. 183	.08	..
	5c on 50c, No. 185	.12	.12
	5c on 50c, No. 186	.50	.50
1910,	5m to 1p, Nos. 187 to 195	..	.50
	20c brown, No. 192	.45	..
	1, 2, 5, 8c	.40	..
1911,	2c on 7c, No. 197	.50	..
1912,	50c orange, No. 209	..	.20
1913,	2c brown orange, No. 211	.12	.10
	4c yellow, No. 212	.15	.12
	5c blue, No. 213	.18	.15
1918,	Jub. 2c grn. & red, No. 214	.12	..
	5c buff & blue, No. 215	.20	..
1919,	Peace Comm., 2, 4, 5, 8c	..	.35
	Comm., 20c olive & black	..	.50
	Comm., 23c green & black	..	.60
1919,	5m to 20c, Nos. 225 to 231	..	.25
	23c green & brown, #232, sc.	..	.40
	50c brown & blue, #233, sc.	..	.38
	1 peso red & blue, #234, sc.	..	.95
1920,	2, 4, 5c, Nos. 235 to 237	.30	..
1921,	5c slate, No. 243	.20	..
1922,	8c salmon pink, No. 260	.45	..
1923,	Artigas 2, 5, 12c, #264-266	.40	..
	Bird 5m to 20c, #267 to 274	1.20	.25
	Bird 36c green, #275, rare	1.25	..
	Bird 50c orange, #276, rare	1.75	..
	Bird 2p green, No. 278, rare	6.75	..
1923,	Sarandi 2c green, No. 279	.20	..
	5c scarlet, No. 280	.25	..
	12c dark blue, No. 281	.45	..
1924,	Olympic Games 2, 5, 12c, Nos. 282 to 284	1.75	..
1925,	Jub. 2, 5, 12c, Nos. 300-302	.50	..
	Jub. 5c pink Rivera	.15	..
	Jub. Sarandi 2, 5, 12c	.50	..
1922,	Special 2c red, No. 352	..	.05
1924,	Special 2c blue, No. 354	.05	..
1924,	News 3c on 2c, No. 382	.06	..
	6c on 4c, No. 383	.10	..
	9c on 5c, No. 384	.15	..
1924,	Aero 6, 10, 20c, Nos. 404-406	1.10	..
1922,	P. P. 20c rose, No. 509	..	.20
	30c green, No. 510	..	.25
	50c blue, No. 511	..	.75
	1p orange, No. 512	..	1.50
1908,	Off. Nos. 702 to 708	2.20	..
1915,	Nos. 727, 728	..	.40
	8c blue, No. 725	..	.07
1920,	Nos. 730 to 737	..	1.75

HANDSOME FRENCH COLONIAL PICTORIALS

A comparison of your 1925 and 1926 catalogs will show you what has happened to many of the values in these sets, and this is only the beginning. In fact, changes are so rapid we ourselves do not know just what is current and what is obsolete. Prices on obsolete issues are based on cost and even if they seem high, we advise you to buy, as they are going much higher before long. You'll make no mistake in filling your spaces NOW.

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Dahomey 1906, 1, 2, 5, 20, 25, 30, 45, 50, 75c, 1, 2, 5frs*	7.75
1913, 5c to 2frs*	1.75
1922, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50c*	.31
French Colonies 1924, 25c on 2fr and 5frs—30 var. comp.	2.75
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French Equatorial Africa on Ubangi, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 38 to 55*	1.50
French Equatorial Africa on Gabon, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 59 to 75*	1.50
Fr. Guiana 1905, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35c, 1fr, 2fr*	.80
Fr. Guinea 1913, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45c*	1.00
1913, 1fr, 2fr, 5fr*	1.65
1922, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50c, 5fr*	.95
Fr. India 1914, 1c to 5frs* complete, scarce	4.50
1922, 2, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50c, 5frs*, scarce	1.90
1923, 1c to 2r, Nos. 54 to 70*	3.75
Fr. Oceanica 1913, 1, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 75c, 1, 2frs*	1.50
1921, Nos. 40 to 42 on pictorials*	2.20
Fr. Soudan 1921, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 75c, 1, 2, 5frs*	1.50
Gabon 1911, 1c to 5frs complete, Nos. 49 to 61*, scarce	3.25
1922, 5, 10, 25, 30, 45, 50c*, Nos. 79 to 84	.50
Guadeloupe 1905, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c, 1f, 2f*	.75
French China—Kouang-Tcheou 1923, 1/10c to 20c	1.00
Indo China 1922, 1/10c to 20c*	1.00
1918, Nos. 309 to 314*	5.75
Indo China 1904, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40c*	.75
1922, 1c to 12c, Nos. 88 to 93*, scarce	2.00
Ivory Coast 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35, 40, 50, 75c, 1, 2fr*	1.25
1906, Dues, 5c to 1fr, Nos. 201 to 208*	1.25
Lebanon Olympian Games, Nos. 18 to 21*	1.25
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EDITORIAL

The Fourth of July did not pass unnoticed in a philatelic sense and we received from several readers envelopes with July 4th cancellations, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the independence of the United States. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer did himself proud by using a three cent Centennial stamped envelope flanked with a copy of the Liberty Bell 2c and 5c Ericsson which bore the postmarks both of the Model Post Office type and of the regulation Philadelphia form. These are historical souvenirs whose interest will be emphasized by time.

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Recently two publications of wide circulation and national appeal sought the services of two philatelists, competent to conduct stamp departments in these magazines; and we are pleased to say that the quest has been successful. There is no mistaking the swing of the pendulum in favor of philately and we realize that the papers of general circulation do not act as pioneers, in a stamp sense, for sentimental reasons, but that they are impelled to include collecting as a subject in which there is wide interest because it is good business policy to do so.

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The Thirteenth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain which was held in Liverpool several weeks ago must have been a memorable occasion, judging from the reports that have reached us of its pleasant activities. While we cannot dismiss the thought that these annual meetings abroad are regarded somewhat more seriously than our own conventions are, yet there are social asides that give the convocations there a delightful flavor. On each of the four days of the Congress, papers were read and it was evident that the delegates stuck to their subject. Among the papers that were prepared it seems that Mr. A. J. Sefi's treatise of Philatelic Exhibitions was entitled to special mention, as he was definite in his statements as to the stimulating qualities of such displays. Too, Mr. Fred J. Melville gave a lantern lecture to the juniors. Two names were added to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in those of Mr. J. H. Chapman of Leeds, England, and Mr. Paul de Smeth, Brussels, respectively. There was an attendance of about eighty at the closing banquet. The Congress Cup was won by Mr. C. R. Lewis, whose paper, "Pre-label Days," was read by him at the first day's session; and Nottingham is to be the seat of the 1927 Congress. It has been suggested that Nottingham adopt the convenience afforded by badges with names of delegates, a custom that has prevailed here for many years.

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Some time ago, we published the advertisement of the Pony Express as published in the New York *Herald* of March 26th, 1860 and the Missouri *Republican*, March 26th, 1860; and now through the co-operation of a correspondent, we are enabled to present the announcement that appeared in a Chicago newspaper, the *Tribune*, of the same period: "Pony Express! Ten Days to San Francisco. Letters will be received at the office of the United States Express Company at the corner of Clark & Lake streets, which will be forwarded to connect with the Pony, leaving St. Joseph Wednesday and Saturday. Express charges: Letters weighing ½ ounce or under 1 ounce, $2; letters weighing over 1 ounce, $4. The half ounce letters will be reduced to $1 after July 1." This advertisement must have been published early in June, 1860. When the telegraph had been completed to Fort Kearney, the rates were reduced to $1 a half ounce.

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In the issue of June 7th, there was a reference to a letter that Mr. R. McP. Cabeen, Chicago, had written to a woman historian who was preparing a paper on the early railway mail service and in this connection, we now add the information that should have been forthcoming when the subject was first broached. Not alone is exact data to be found in Herman Toaspern's article in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* for 1923 but illustrations are given in full. It is apparent that this valuable monograph is indispensable to one who would have a comprehensive understanding of this branch of the mail service. Here we may say that the July number of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* has been received and its contents are of a range and value that make an impression that is not to be described in any perfunctory words. We shall try to bear testimony to the wealth of material in this issue, in the succeeding number of the paper.

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"Will you please give authority for the statement that the reason why the unused stamps of the 1857-60 issue of the U. S. were once sold by dealers in sets at face value or below was because of the stamps remaining in southern post offices, when the war broke out?" asks a reader. The postal separation of the north and south was a rather slow process and the transmission of mails was gradually suspended by the north. Mail management was assumed entirely by the Confederate States within their geographical limits after May 31st, 1861. All postmasters and other postal employees were directed to render their final accounts up to that time to the Postmaster General at Washington and to return with their papers, all postage stamps and stamped envelopes belonging to the United States. It stands to reason that all the stamps were not returned and it is fair to assume that some of them that went forward to Washington may have found their way into the philatelic marts of trade, in view of the demonetization of the stamps. It was specified by the Confederate States that until postage stamps and stamped envelopes were provided for the use of the south, all mail matter was required to be paid for in money. The foregoing statements are based on a transcript of the transactions of the Confederate States and are recognized as authentic; and consequently they may be accepted as "authority."

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Mr. Anoir Mariam Khan, Baghdad, (Iraq) writes: "I am sending, in consequence of my letter of April 14th, 1926, information that the new surcharge on the current stamps appeared only up to the 6 shahis and the stamps are no longer on sale. They have been succeeded by another new issue which is now being used on letters throughout Persia and foreign countries. Stamps up to 30 krans have been surcharged and the last stamps have been on sale exactly one and one-half months." It was to be expected that Persia's political changes would be reflected in its postage stamps and it has not been the unexpected that has happened.

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The many collectors of first flight contract air mail cannot complain of dull business and they have their hands full in annexing covers that tell the story of the inaugural flights. It is something to be in the game at the start and these souvenirs of aerial enterprise have a host of admirers. In fact, by their patronage of the new postal airways, collectors do much to make them possible. New routes proposed are between Cleveland, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., via Akron, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati and from Washington, D. C., to Philadelphia.

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ODD ITEMS:—

THE collection of Brig. Gen. Ch A. Coolidge, who died a few w ago, will be sold at public auction 31 at the Dyckman Hotel, Minneap The sale will be held by the Ro Stamp Co. and an advertisement wi found elsewhere in this issue.

WE learn that the Martauco Stamp is now located in the Collectors Bldg., 51 W. 48 St., N. Y. City. A list has just been issued by this which may be had upon request.

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COSTLY COVERS:—

OUR attention has been called to a new Canadian First Day cover and we are indebted to E. E. Goodchild for particulars. It is postmarked "Ottawa, July 1926" and franked with a 2c stamp. The missive is in the form of the old style letter-card and was sent out from the office of the Postmaster General July 1. Upon the inside in Old English is the following message:—"To commemorate the beginning of the sixtieth year of confederation and the restoration of 2c postage I am sending you this greeting prepaid at penny postage rates, which is effective from this date." (Signed) Charles Murphy, Postmaster General of Canada.

A MOST interesting cover is at hand from P. F. Wolsieffer, and we acknowledge the same with pleasure. It is an interesting souvenir of the Sesqui-Centennial celebration from a philatelic standpoint. It is postmarked "Philadelphia, July 4, 1926," and it bears a cancellation that is self-explanatory. It reads as follows:—"Model Postoffice Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition." A unique feature of the cover is the fact that it consists of a 3c carmine centennial stamped envelope of 1876, supplemented by the 2c Sesqui-Centennial and a 5c Ericsson.

IN addition to the courtesy extended the WEEKLY by Mr. Wolsieffer, we have also received "Model Post-office" cancellations from Harry Ioor and C. W. Urie. Mr. Urie takes large space elsewhere in this issue to advertise patriotic covers mailed from the Exhibition Grounds at Philadelphia on July 4. The cover received by us is decorated with a representation of the flag and eagle and the printing is in red and blue.

TWO distinctive cancellations were used on the First Flight Contract Airmail between Philadelphia and Washington on July 6. Out of Philadelphia a purple cancellation showing the Liberty Bell was used, as described elsewhere in this issue. We are indebted to Albert E. Gorham for one of these covers. Two covers sent by Mr. Gorham made round trips from Philadelphia to Washington. One bears a Philadelphia marking of 10 A.M., a Washington receiving marking of 1.30, departing at 3 P.M., and Philadelphia receiving at 5 P.M. The other left Washington 3 P.M. and got back to Washington for a 12.30 P.M. receiving marking. Both have the model P. O. cancellations.

JOSEPH A. STEINMETZ sends greetings via Washington, his letter having been mailed at 3 P.M. July 6. The cancellation is like those ordinarily used, with the exception that the inscription "Sesqui-Centennial Route" is used in place of the Liberty Bell design. A similar cover also reaches us from Mr. Gorham.

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Three trips were necessary, on each of which six or seven good-sized wooden boxes of old letters were removed. The sorting consumed some weeks of such spare time as two busy men could give to it, and is not yet entirely finished. In the following statement it should be remembered that the numbers refer always to entire covers with the letters inside, so that dates are always available for purposes of study and reference.

There were found 83 covers bearing 86 copies of the five-cent 1847. The condition of these copies averaged unusually high, by far the greater number of them having perfect frame lines and a surprising number showing excess margins. There were three pairs. All found were used in 1850 and 1851, the letters for 1845 to 1849 for some reason being missing. As to postmarks and cancellations, the five-centers classified as follows:

General cancellations.	
New York,	41
Utica,	15
Cherry Valley,	3
Syracuse,	4
Albany and Buffalo Railroad,	3
Albany,	3
Steamboat,	2
Miscellaneous (Rockton, Elmira, Rochester, Fort Plain, Troy, etc.),	12
	83
Cancellations.	
Square Red Grid (all New York),	31
Round Red Grid,	13
Round Black Grid (no New York),	5
Round Blue Grid (mostly Utica),	17
Town cancellation on stamp,	9
Pen,	6
Red Smudge,	2
	83

Of the ten-cent 1847, there were four, one an exceptional copy as to centering, margins and light cancellation.

The extent of the find is evident from the following figures, which closely approximate (an actual count has been impossible) the number of items included:

Number 33,	1800
Number 44,	2800
Number 65,	3600
1863, three-cent envelope,	3500
1864, three-cent envelope,	1200
1853, envelope (common type), buff paper,	2500
Stampless covers,	4000
Number 114, three-cent, 1869,	300
Three-cent, green, 1870-3,	700
	20400

Of the 1853 envelopes, all dies, on both colors of paper, were represented. There were about forty Black Jack covers, including three bisects, two from Milford, New York, used October 26 and 28, 1865, and one from South Worcester, New York, July, 1864. They are vertical cuts, cancelled with black targets, which do not, however, tie the stamps to the covers save as this is done through the perforation holes. One of these is on a double-weight letter and consists of two bisects on the same cover.

There were numerous examples of every variety of one, two and three cent stamps from 1861 to 1882, used as revenues on checks and other documents.

The only foreign stamp turned up among the thousands was from Canada, number 5, a beautiful copy, with boardwalk margins and a not dated cancellation.

Any brief notice is, of course, inadequate for a careful description of the many cancellations, pairs, strips, etc. But mention may be made that for number 33 there was but one separate paid cancellation found among the entire 1200. Does this indicate that such cancellation is rarer than now priced or supposed?

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United States

White Plains Commemorative Stamp

Several weeks back Dr. Jason Samuel Parker, an ardent philatelist of White Plains, advised me that influential personages in his vicinity had made a request of the Department for a commemorative stamp commemorating the battle of White Plains. He incidentally mentioned that this city was also the birthplace of New York State. Dr. Parker wrote at that time that he was digging into the archives for a subject to be used in connection with such a stamp providing that they were successful, and that they had found a wonderful painting of soldiers struggling up hill with a piece of artillery. The faces are said to be actual paintings of men who were in the battle. Another picture located was one of an important conference being held under a tree. A local artist with these subjects at hand designed preliminary sketches and it was the hopes of the committee that with these sketches they would be able to interest the Postmaster General.

On July 6th I received a wire from Dr. Parker telling me that the Postmaster General had authorized such a stamp and this will possibly make its appearance in October, the 150th anniversary of the battle of White Plains. Washington has not as yet definitely decided upon any of the details—hence, such information will follow later.

1922, 5c Roosevelt, Imperforate Vertically

A well known New York dealer has submitted for my inspection a pane of one hundred of the 5c flat plate Roosevelt stamp, plate number 16332, wherein the horizontal perforations are normal. The vertical perforations are diagonal, running from the lower right corner to the upper left. These diagonal perforations, however, cross the sheet in such a manner that we have on the right side pairs of the variety without the vertical perforations giving us copies imperforate vertically.

Air Mail Notes

The Boston-New York route was inaugurated on July 1st in accordance with our previous announcement, a plane having left New York in the morning for Boston and one leaving Boston in the evening for New York. The plane going both ways stopped at Hartford. Covers that I have seen bear the well known contract air mail route first day cancellations, those from Boston being postmarked in magenta and those from New York and Hartford in black. In addition to the air mail postmark, Hartford used a small round elliptical postmark reading, "Hartford, Conn."

I wish to thank Messrs. G. G. Ryder and P. K. Stone for first day covers from Boston. Mr. Ryder used a postal gotten up by the Boston Chamber of Commerce on which they send greetings by air mail on the first day. Mr. J. E. Guest kindly sent a cover from New York via Hartford to Philadelphia—a most interesting combination.

The establishment of the contract air mail service between the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia and Washington came as quite a surprise for the bids were not opened until July 1st and the service was established on July 6th. This is certainly fast work for one of the Government departments. It seems that the only bid received was from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Air Service, Inc., of Philadelphia and as the planes were on hand, the service was inaugurated immediately. The first official notice was issued on July 2nd wherein we were informed that "effective July 6th contract air mail service will be established over route C. A. M. 13 from Philadelphia, Pa. to Washington, D. C., and return, a distance each way of 123 miles." This r is to be known as the Sesqui-Center route and will be operated during Exposition on a schedule whereby pl leave Philadelphia at 10.00 A. M. leave Washington at 3.00 P. M. On first trip, however, the plane left Ph delphia at 11.00. Covers carried on service bear a distinctive air mail p mark showing the Liberty Bell in center and are printed in mage Washington used the normal contract mail postmark reading, "Sesqui-Cen nial Route." Covers addressed to P adelphia bear the backstamp of the M Post Office at the Exposition grounds it is near the grounds that the pla leave and arrive.

I wish to thank Mr. H. M. South for a first day cover.

Bids for contract air mail service tween Cleveland, Ohio and Louisv Ky., via Akron, Columbus, Dayton Cincinnati were opened at Washington July 1st at the same time as bids w opened on the Washington-Philadel service.

Two bids were received for the Cl land-Louisville route, one being that the Kaess Aircraft Engineering Corpo tion of Amityville, N. Y., and a sec bid from the International Airway C pany of Cleveland. The first conc agrees to carry the mail for $2.20 pound per mile, while the second f asks $3.00. It was the latter rate quo by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Service on the Philadelphia-Washing Sesqui-Centennial route.

2c Sesqui-Centennial

July 4th, the 150th Anniversary of "Signing of the Declaration of Indepe ence" was the occasion of numerous ters being mailed from the Model P Office on the Sesqui-Centennial groun While no special cancellation was p pared for this day, they used the spe cancellation designed for the Mo Office.

Messrs. P. M. Wolsieffer and Wi M. Potts kindly remembered us with f day covers.

Philippines

Mr. Delf Norona kindly submits inspection a copy of the 2 centavo Ph ippine perforated 11, unwatermark overprinted in red, "Air Mail — 1926 Madrid—Manila." The overprint is c cular in set-up and has an airplane in

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All the stamps surcharged appear to be perforated 11 with the exception of the 1 peso which is perforated 10. The 2c, 6c and 10c are surcharged in red and the 4c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 16c, 20c, 26c, 30c and 1 peso in violet.

CONGO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman reports the appearance of the 20c green, in the type of the 75c of the 1925 issue.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends for chronicle copies of the new 20c green Congo stamp with the surcharge "Ruanda Urundi" in two lines in black, as formerly overprinted for use in this territory.

BULGARIA.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. and Eugen Sekula have shown us three values of stamps bearing the likeness of Botew, which were issued June 1st last. Botew is a national hero who died in 1876 for the liberty of his country while fighting with the Turks. The values and colors are 1l olive green, 2l blue violet and 4l brown red.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. advise us that the 1fr blue of the following French Colonies have been surcharged "1f 25" in red: Cameroons, Dahomey, French Equatorial Africa, French Guiana, French Guinea, French Soudan, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mauritania, Martinique, New Caledonia, Reunion, St. Pierre & Miquelon, Senegal, Somali Coast, Niger Territory, Togo, Upper Volta, Wallis and Futuna slands, Ubangi.

FRENCH OCEANICA.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. call our attention to the following new items of this colony: The 1fr blue has been surcharged "1fr 25" in red; the 5frs grey and blue bears the overprint "Trois Franos" in black and the 5frs green and black has been changed by the surcharge "Dix Franos" in red.

GREECE.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 25l lilac zigzag roulette, issued in commemoration of the centenary of the month's siege of Missolonghi by the Turks, and the garrison, after being reduced to nearly half its numbers, cut itself through the besieging armies of the Turks who afterwards entered the town and practically destroyed it.

GUADELOUPE.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. have shown us the 1fr blue with the surcharge "1f25" in red and the 2fr with the overprint "1f05" in blue.

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MONACO.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 75c red on yellow, Prince Louis profile design.

PANAMA.—In addition to the values noted July 5th the Metropolitan Stamp Co. send the 2c red, 4c grey and 5c blue all in the same design; the 8c lilac, 10c plum, 12c olive green, 15c ultramarine and 20c brown are of a different design with a view of a statue in the centre with the inscription "Congreso De Bolivar" beneath. The 24c grey and 50c black are oblong in shape and beside the inscription noted above show a view of a long hall with the words "Sala del Congreso de Bolivar 1926" below. From an official circular sent with the stamps we learn the numbers to be issued are, 250,000 each of the ½, 1, 2 and 4c; 200,000 of the 5c; 150,000 of the 8c; 100,000 each of the 10 and 12c; 75,000 of the 15c; 50,000 of the 20c; 25,000 of the 24c and 15,000 of the 50c.

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SUPPLEMENTING our acknowledgment of first flight airmail covers on the Boston-New York service, we are pleased to note additional courtesies of this character from Albert E. Gorham, Frank H. Gurnee and Raymond V. Bahr. In connection with the Boston-New York service, we note that New York and Hartford used the large black cancellation, while Boston had a violet.

J. MARSHALL of 12 E. 97 St., N. Y. City is about to leave for Europe. He will make an extended trip and arrive home October 1.

THE contract for airmail service from Philadelphia to Washington has been awarded to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Airmail Service. The first flight was to have been 11 A.M. Monday, July 5. The P. O. Department, on advice of Joseph A. Steinmetz, accepted the cancellation of the Liberty Bell as a distinctive feature of the service.

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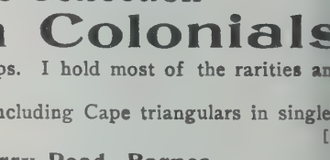

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Moved from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw in 1891 and to Regina in 1899, still a resident of Regina, studied law and was called to the Bar of Saskatchewan in 1905. Entered politics and never practiced profession.

Mr. Calder was a member of Saskatchewan Provincial Government from 1905 to 1917 and during that period held portfolios of Minister of Education, Provincial Treasurer, Commissioner of Highways and Minister of Railways and Telegraph.

In 1917, during the war period, joined the Federal Union Government under Sir Robert Borden as Prime Minister. Was Minister of Immigration and Colonization and President of the Council. Resigned from the Government in 1921 and was appointed member of the Senate. He began collecting stamps about 1876, has continued ever since. In turn a general collector, British Colonies, British North Americans, including revenues; now specializes in British North Americans only. About ten years ago Mr. Calder took up the study of Law Stamps issued by Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Articles fully describing these have been published in the *Collectors Club Journal* and other

publications. Some three years ago he was appointed by the Collectors Club of New York a member of Committee to prepare material for revision of Howe's Handbook on Canadian Stamps and was assigned the first "cents" issue of 1859. Has been at work on this task ever since and expects to complete same this year.

In younger days Mr. Calder was a keen football and lacrosse player. Afterwards took up tennis, curling, golf, shooting and fishing.

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THE 2c COLUMBIAN SPECIALIZED
ARTICLE II

By E. L. RANDALL, Corning, California.

Since preparing an article, "The 2c Columbian Specialized," which appeared in MEKEEL'S under date of December 21, 1925, the writer has continued to make an extensive study of the 2c Columbian. Those interested in this stamp ought to familiarize themselves with the previous article, as this one is supplemental to, and a continuation of, my previous comments. New die varieties and additional cancellations will be noted. Since the publication of the first article I have received many communications, both critical and helpful.

As my study has progressed, the more I am confident that the 2c Columbian supplies as many shades, cancellations and other interesting varieties as any U. S. stamp. The stamp is large, of fine color, takes a clear-cut cancellation, and is the most extensively circulated stamp of any commemorative issue. Issued for the prevailing letter rate in 1893-94, some dates will be found ranging from 1895 to 1898. It bears many of the old cancellations as well as showing the transition from the old to the new cancellations and postmarks. For these reasons I may be pardoned for predicting that the 2c Columbian will rapidly come to the front as a stamp to be collected and specialized.

SHADES: Nothing much can be added to the previous classification, except that some readers have criticised my basic color of "violet," the color given by Scott. It may be admitted that "violet" was an unfortunate choice for the basic color. The Government information gives the shade as "purple maroon." Personally, I used the color given by Scott as that most generally understood. Here, again, in the color section, is a large field for an expert.

Aside from shades classified in Article I, I have added to my collection a peculiar shade, rather a light shade of mulberry, with a pinkish sheen.

TYPES: To the die varieties may be added several new numbers as follows:

(i) Lower portion of right frameline broken as follows: (1) one-half broken, (2) part broken with part of frameline forming dot below, and (3) small break in central portion of line.

(j) Enlarged or "Squirrel-tail" 2, in both right and left numerals (scarce).

(k) Cap on right and cap on both numerals.

(l) Columbus' hat broken both front and rear (scarce).

Relative to broken frameline, type (1), the break is confined to the outer frameline in lower right corner of stamp; and, as one correspondent suggested, seems to show a progressive damage to the line, finally terminating in the line half broken. Several correspondents have called my attention to this break, which, I have learned, was first mentioned in MEEKEL'S WEEKLY of November 18, 1897.

Generally, there are other minor, or, as someone has said, "Super-minor" varieties which are not mentioned in the above. One has the white picture frame, underneath the left numeral, broken with a dark dash. Likewise both circles surrounding numerals are frequently broken. Another variety, rather scarcer than the last, has a white dot between the words "one cent" usually occurring when some other part of the die is damaged or broken. None of these varieties are unusual. Several collectors have forwarded stamps for my collection and for examination, all of whom are entitled to my thanks.

ODDITIES: Have found one or two more copies of the so called "paste-up" One stamp, Class (i-c) shows a well defined additional outer frameline about ½mm. to right of broken line and extending past the break. Another copy shows a shift in picture of Columbus, with hat badly broken at top and front rim broken away—I call it the "low hat." Among those classed (j), one shows an enlarged and elongated tail, which "re-curves" upward, touching the body of the numeral 2, as though an artist had blocked out the numeral and had forgotten to finish it. A number of copies show caps on numerals, similar to the 1890 issue, but in the Columbian the cap is attached more loosely, a fine hair-line separating the cap from the body of the numeral. Columbus' hat broken both front and rear, I consider one of the scarcer and more interesting types.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations cover a large range, including many found on the 3c greens. My collection has been arranged on the basis of historical or progressive development of the various types of cancellation. For instance, starting with the 14mm. bull's eyes or targets and proceed progressively up to the large oval of Boston with and without the letter B. The corks or quarterings are similarly arranged, starting with a small one of two divisions and running up to those of fifteen divisions—one composed of five sharply made arrow points is a beauty. In the same manner are arranged the grids, hob-nails and others, which, to my notion, is the more logical and interesting arrangement.

The colored cancellations, arranged together, include targets, grids, stars, etc. Among them may be noted five pointed stars, with and without circles, small star in center, colored stars with colorless centers and others, which appear in several colors, including purple, magenta, red and green. One superb little star with open center is in plum color, and a similar one is in black. There are various colored oval grids, targets, and one each red and black Maltese cross. The colored targets make a very pretty lot. The black horizontal and vertical grids enclosing letters and numerals, range from 1 to 52 in numerals, and the major portion of the alphabet in letters, including the scarcs S, V and U. The same form also encloses the following combinations: PO,

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GENERAL REMARKS: There are several eatures yet to be studied. Take shades, or instance, which run riot. A page of icked copies makes a very pretty appearnce. An expert in paper may find an viting field. The stamp is presumed to e printed on a soft porous white paper. he paper may be found in many varies as to color, thickness and weave. So ar, I have only selected copies of the ery thick and very thin. Some are so orous that black cancellations show clear rough on the back, and invariably the olored ones do, even more plainly than n the face. Occasionally, I mount one ace down to show a clear impression. hen, there is a large and really worthhile field for shifts, etc. My observaons have been confined primarily to rades, die varieties and cancellations, uring an examination of many thousands f copies. About three stamps out of ne hundred attract my attention, and nly two of these, on an average, are eemed worthy of a place in a specialed collection. My only excuse for such philatelic study is—personal hobby,—ut I pass along the information for the enefit of anyone who may be interested n the 2c Columbian—the most widely isseminated stamp of any commemoative issue.

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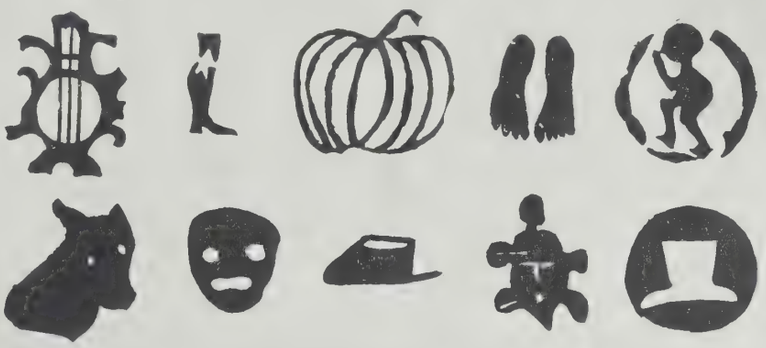
Devoted to United States postage stamps, 1847-1870 only. Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.



No.	Design.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	Lyre	3c 1857	Canton, Miss.	Black	H. V. Swallow
2.	Garter	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. Wm. Evans
3.	Pumpkin	3c 1861	Waterbury, Ct.	"	H. P. A.
4.	Bare Feet	3c 1861	?	"	D. F. Kelleher
5.	Little Angel (?)	3c Cont'l	Los Angeles, Cal.	"	D. H. Graham
6.	Bear (?)	1c 1882	?	"	W. H. Schneider
7.	Face	3c Cont'l	?	"	L. S. Fairbanks
8.	Soldier's Cap	3c 1861	?	Blue	Dr. Wm. Evans
9.	Turtle	10c 1894	?	Black	K. Koslowski
10.	Hat	3c Green	Danbury, Ct. (?)	"	H. V. Swallow

This time you are looking at some real novelties. Are they not refreshing after looking at stars, letters and such commonplace cancellations? How many of these have you seen before? Three were all that I had previously seen, so the lyre, pumpkin and high hat strike me as more common than the rest of them.

Now in this lot of unusual cancellations, it will be more than ordinarily appreciated if you will drop a note or card like this for example—"No. 6 is a panther, from Panther Springs, Oh." That takes but a minute, and everyone will be glad to know what town used these odd cancels. We thank you. Address, "Still River, Mass." thro the summer.

In the above lots, No. 1 is the thin lyre, there being two of them, the other a much more sturdy one. No. 2, and used way back in the sixties before "roll your own" was the slogan! No. 3 is also called an apple. If you have this on cover, suggest you see if it is dated round Thanksgiving time when pumpkin pies are very much in flavor, that may help prove something. No. 4, this was sold in a Kelleher auction some few years ago, and is the only one that seems to be recorded. Strangely enough, a postcard from Footprints, N. Y., was sent in some time past, could this town have used this cancellation? Who knows?

No. 5 Los Angeles, so this is an Angel! No. 6, called a bear in this list. The thing might come if you snapped your fingers and called "Co boss, co boss," however. No. 7, has any of you all seen dis yeah man befo'? It has the appearance of a vaudevillian. No. 8, now here is a true patriotic cancellation. It is the type of cap that Union soldiers wore in '61. The visors always stuck in my mind, for they were about a quarter of an inch thick, and both sides were covered with black shiny patent leather, or linoleum. The cloth was blue, and this cancel is blue. What do you know about this one?

No. 9, this terrapin is late as per custom, coming along in 1894, which issue had many odd cancellations, the Jack o' Lanterns being in considerable number. No. 10 is probably one of those famous Danbury hats, for which there were many styles — Bowlers, Dicers, and assorted Kellys, and Dips.

This is the 14th group of cancellations, and we have only begun. On the second printing of 20 more groups, it will probably be more interesting if the commoner cancellations are entirely omitted, as everyone must have numerous copies of some of the more common cancels, such as the N. Y. city stars; for I once saved up nearly 50 that were absolutely unlike in detail, from that one city alone, so what's the use of showing things like that? They look almost alike in the sixties.

A big stack of mail has arrived in the past few days, and owing to packing and

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then unpacking it will take a few days to catch up. The frosts and woodchucks have attended to the garden pretty much, and there is not so much to do there, it is a case of see 'em (vegetables) and weep.

C. B. Durland has sent in a pretty cut cork cancel, blue ink, from Carthage, Ill., in a double ring dated July 4th. He has a real patriotic cancel from the same town hit in black ink, and showing a finely cut flag, which will be Forumized. Another cover shows a 2c and 3c '69 used from Boston to Brooklyn, and the insufficient postage is taken care of by a blue pencilled "Due 1" on face of the cover.

A. H. Schumacher has sent in one of those funny ones. It is cleanly struck, all right, and he asks, "Is it an old lady with umbrella, or an ink well?", my answer being, "Is it a Honey Bee, or an inverted thistle—or what have you?" It is on a 3c '67 small grill, and so clear that I'm going to draw it for one of our "Whatisit" groups. I believe that some reader will know what it is.

From A. B. Thacher comes an oddity pmkd. New Britian, Ct. (the home of the Devil & Pitchfork), this also being on a 3c '61. It is a faint printing, and cannot be drawn. It bears a faint resemblance to Sir Walter Raleigh in the days of his "youthage" from a wood cut. Have you seen one like this? On a 3c Cont'l is one of those Jack o' Lanterns that is different, and the sender mentions the shaggy eyebrows, which you will see in a later illustration.

C. F. McAskill sends in two Patriotics, calling attention to the fact that both of the 3c '61s are imperforate vertically. I never really believe these stamps to be so unless they are in unsevered pairs. One cover is made by S. Baynor, 118 William St., N. Y., and is printed in a violet gray showing Liberty and a motto. The other depicts an unfamiliar face in black, under it we read "Brave in the Field—Wise in Council—a true Patriot—Loyal to the Constitution and Union." I guess he is a man of the Navy as he wears a high collar, and side whiskers. He has a very forlorn expression, which may be a clue as to his identity if you have a similar cover.

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CANAL ZONE ON U. S. A. ERRORS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Under date of May 28, 1924, President Coolidge, acting under authority of a joint resolution of Congress, approved February 12, 1923, issued a proclamation abrogating the Taft agreement of December 3, 1904. It had been expected that this agreement would be abrogated May 1, 1924, but the date was extended by the State Department to June 1, 1924, "with the understanding that no change is to be made in existing conditions until the end of the fiscal year (i. e., June 30th)." It was according to section 7 of the Taft agreement, which became effective December 12, 1904, that all Canal Zone stamp supplies were purchased from Panama at 40% of face value.

In anticipation of the abrogation of this agreement, the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone (C. H. Calhoun), arranged for the purchase, at cost, of a year's supply of U. S. postage and due stamps, and stationery, overprinted for use in the Canal Zone, and these had been shipped to the Isthmus. There were nine denominations of postage stamps (1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 30c, 50c and $1), three of due stamps (1c, 2c and 10c). 1c and 2c stamped envelopes and 1c post cards. The postage and due stamps totalled 3,295,000.

Panama stamps and stationery overprinted "Canal Zone" were withdrawn from sale at the Canal Zone Post Offices at the close of business June 30, 1924, and on the following day, July 1st, overprinted U. S. Postage stamps, etc., were placed on sale.

The 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 12c and 15c postage stamps, and the due stamps, are vertical rectangular in shape (19x22mm.) and the 30c, 50c and $1, horizontal rectangular (22x19 mm), all line engraved and recess printed in sheets of 400 stamps (20x20), with the exception of the $1, the sheets of which comprised only 200 stamps (10x20).

The "Canal Zone" overprint is in two horizontal lines of serifed caps, 2mm. high, with the words measuring 11 and 9 mm. respectively, and spaced vertically from 8 to 9½mm.

The vertical rectangular stamps, in imperforate sheets of 400, were overprinted from a 400 subject overprint plate, before being perforated 11, and separated into Post Office sheets of 100. These Post Office sheets (of 100) have but two margins each (the stamps on the other two sides being straight edged). The plate number appears in the upper (or lower) and the side margins of each Post Office sheet over (or under) the 5th stamp of the upper (or lower) row, and in the side margins opposite the 5th horizontal row.

Had this same overprint plate been used for the higher values (horizontal rectangular), the overprint would have read vertically. That it might be horizontal as on the vertical rectangular stamps, another plate with a different spacing was manufactured, which doubtless was also of 400 subjects, although only the 30c and 50c stamps were in sheets of this size. As the quantity of $1 was small (only 50 sheets of 200), it is unlikely that a 200 subject plate was made up for overprinting this one denomination, but rather that one sheet (200 stamps), or two sheets (400 stamps), were overprinted at one time from the 400 subject plate.

New postage rates, effective April 15, 1925, required the use of fractional values and ½c and 1½c stamps were issued April 15th and 3c and 14c on June 27, 1925. All four values are vertical rectangular in shape, and were overprinted in sheets of 400 (in red on the ½c and black on the other values).

For the vertical rectangular stamps (½c to 15c), a new 400 subject overprint plate was brought into use about May 1925, with letters differently formed and giving sharper and cleaner cut impressions than the original 1924 plate. The difference is most apparent in the letter "A", which has a sharp pointed top instead of the flat top of the first type (1924). The new overprint plate was first used for the 3c issued June 27, 1925, which is not known with the first or flat "A" overprint. As the 14c, issued at the same time, exists only with the flat "A" of the first type, it is evident that th plates (flat "A" and sharp "A") then being used concurrently.

During the fiscal year ending Ju 1925, 5,780,000 postage, and 130,000 age due stamps were overprinted b Bureau, and dispatched to the Isthm

On April 5, 1926, two further were issued with the Canal Zone print, i. e., 17c black and 20c car These are horizontal rectangular in s printed in sheets of 400, and the print (in red on the 17c), is in the s or sharp "A" type. About the same the $1 with the second, or sharp overprint was released, indicating new overprint plates with the sharp were made for both the vertical (15c), and the horizontal rectan stamps (30c to $1), at the same (May 1925), but that the horizonta tangular stamps with the second ty overprint, of the 1925 printing, are being released from Balboa Heigh the old stock exhausts.

All values of the postage series, e the 3c and the newly issued 17c and exist with the first or flat "A" overp the 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 17c, 20c a have been reported with the pointed and the postage due stamps, 1c, 2c 10c, are known with both the flat pointed "A" overprint.

With the first or flat "A" overprin 1c is known with overprint inverted the 1c and 12c with CANAL no ZONE inverted.

The 1c with overprint inverted curred in the first printing, 1924, and discovered in March 1925, by W. I (a messenger boy in the Port Capt Office at Cristobal), on four card mail brought back by the pilot fron S. S. Mobile City. The investig which followed brought to light 47 c in the Cristobal Post Office, and of t all but four were secured by Mr. J Coffin, Chief Clerk in the Port Capt Office. Of those sold before the was discovered (other than the fou cards in the S. S. Mobile City m

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thing is known. As the overprint was plied to sheets of 400, it seems likely at one complete sheet of 400 (four st Office sheets of 100 each) must have isted originally, but all known copies th the inverted overprint are from the e Post Office sheet of 100 sold by the istobal Post Office.

The 1c CANAL normal, ZONE inrted, occurred on No. 30 of the lower ft pane, of about 100 sheets of the 1924 inting (which comprised 2500 sheets 400), and was found at Ancon and ance Field Post Offices in October 25. The error is known on sheets with ite Nos. 15359, 15437, and two others. discovery was made through a small of straight edged stamps (of which ere are 19 to each Post Office sheet of 0), having been returned to the Zone r exchange. One of these had ZONE verted, and in the search which folwed, about 100 were found. As this ror is known only on the 1c and 12c, it ould appear that the overprint plate was maged during the progress of overinting requiring the replacement of the NE slug on No. 30 of the lower left ne; and in so doing, it was attached the plate in an inverted position.

The 12c CANAL normal, ZONE inrted, has only recently been reported ne 1926)—it, too, occurred in the first inting (1924), which comprised 500 eets of 400. Its position is the same on the 1c, i. e. No. 30 of the lower ft pane, with plate No. 14406.

With the second or sharp "A" overint, the 3c, 5c postage and 1c postage e stamps, exist with the ZONE ZONE ror on No. 18 of the lower right pane, the 1925 printing, and were discovered out October, 1925.

The 3c ZONE ZONE occurred on all 0 sheets (of 400 stamps), of the 1925 inting. Of the 500 errors, 400 were und in the stock at Balboa Heights, id burned on January 30, 1926, before committee representing the Director of osts, the Auditor, and the Collector. A rtical pair (stamps 8 and 18) were reoved from the lower right pane, and e remaining stamps issued in regular urse.

Of the 5c ZONE ZONE, and the 1c ostage Due ZONE ZONE, the one ieet of each known (in a Washington, . C., collection), came from a Post Ofce on the Pacific side of the Isthmus. lthough there were 1250 sheets of 400 the 5c and 300 sheets of the 1c Postage ue, in the 1925 printing, the error must ave occured on only a few sheets, as ne have been found in the Balboa Heights stamps stock. The two plates (flat "A" and sharp "A" were used concurrently for the 1925 printing, and it may be that the greater part of the 5c was overprinted from the earlier or flat "A" plate. All the 1c Postage Due, in this printing, however (300 sheets of 400), were overprinted from the new, or sharp "A" type. The 10c, 12c and 15c (in addition to the 3c and 5c), and the three due stamps are known with sharp "A" overprint, yet of these only the 3c and 5c postage, and the 1c due have been reported with the ZONE ZONE error.

These errors were probably made under circumstances similar to those responsible for the 5c red error (in the sheet of 2c, from plate 7942), of the U. S. A., in March, 1917. Before hardening a plate for use, a proof sheet is always taken and carefully inspected for defects. In the case of the 2c plate 7942, the inspector marked three impressions (Nos. 74 and 84 on the upper left pane, and No. 18 on the lower left pane), as being too faint. The original impressions were removed, and the plate was sent to the transfer press to have the three designs re-entered. Through error, the worker received the transfer roller for the 5c (the design of which differed from the 2c only in the numerals in the lower corners). Three impressions from the 5c roller were transferred to the 2c plate No. 7942, the plate hardened, and on March 7, 1917, put to press.

In the case of the 1c and 12c CANAL normal, ZONE inverted, it may be that ZONE on No. 30 (lower left pane), printed too light, or some defect developed during printing, necessitating a new linotype slug, but which was inserted in an inverted position. With the ZONE ZONE error, "C A N A L" may have needed replacing, and a ZONE slug instead was inserted.

Canal Zone on U. S. A. Errors.

a. **1924 printing, flat "A"**
1c overprint inverted.
1c CANAL normal, ZONE inverted.
12c CANAL normal, ZONE inverted.

b. **1925 printing, sharp "A"**
3c ZONE ZONE.
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1c Postage Due (Numeral type) ZONE ZONE.

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OUR attention is called by Mrs. Grace P. Smith to the appearance of an article in the *Publishers' Weekly* of July 3 on "Neighborly Co-operation." Reference is made to the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and Mrs. Smith says that the article is readable.

BRIGHT & SON write us concerning two new peso stamps issued by Guatemala, the 1p in orange brown and 3p in green. The details are as follows: 1 peso, same type as 1902 issue, but in one color similar to 1904 issue, but the date has been altered to 1926 instead of 1902. The stamps, however, are printed by Waterlow & Sons and have their imprint instead of Perkins Bacon who printed the previous one, and is in perf. 12½ instead of 14 as previously. 3 peso is in the same type as 1919 issue and printed in one color as in 1924 issue. It has Waterlow & Sons imprint and is in perf. 12½. The date has been altered from 1918 to 1926.

"THE mucilage on the postage stamps of the United States is made of sweet potatoes and is mixed in the basement of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, says the *Youth's Companion.* In a liquid form it is conveyed by pipes to machines consisting of rollers through which the sheets of stamps are fed one at a time. A fine spray of the liquid falls on the rollers, and the stamps, having got their coating, pass on through a drying flue and are then perforated and counted. The gum is as clean as possible, but the fastidious among persons who lick stamps prefer those from the center of the sheet; they are less handled."—H. N. VAN VOORHIS.

ADDENDA to article on Irish stamps: "The final phase in the overprinting took place in Aug. 1925 when the Irish Govt. Printing Dept. commenced overprinting the Saorstat high values (2/6, 5/-, & 10/- denominations) hitherto overprinted by Messrs. Thom. No announcement of this change was made and it did not become generally known until some time afterwards. The overprints are very similar in appearance but the Govt. setting of the date 1922 measures only 5½ mm against 6¼ mm in the Thom printing, and is practically without variety. The permanent pictorial high value issue is still withheld pending the aforementioned stock of overprints being used up."—J. D. MARTIN.

THE Third Annual Stamp Exhibit of the Boy Scout Stamp Club of Erie, Pa., was held in the Public Library of that city June 20-29, and was an unqualified success. The librarian reports thousands of interested visitors. The exhibition was limited to members of the Boy Scout Stamp Club. Next year the committee is planning on a special class to include boys not members. The judges were three of the professors from three of the high schools of the city, who have collections and know "the game." Professors G. O. Moore, Fay Daily, and Ralph Harbold. For three days the newspapers of the city featured the exhibit and the result is that many new recruits have been added to the hobby's roster and many old collections have been "dug up" and are working again.—E. M. GEARHART, D. D.

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EDITORIAL

The news is now out and the information that evidently has been in the keeping of one of our Washington correspondents for some time may be released. Another commemorative stamp is to appear on October 28, 1926, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of White Plains, which was fought by Generals Washington and Howe and whose importance was such that some historians do not hesitate to say that the conflict, measured by results, saved the country. For a detailed account of the engagement and its consequences we turn to "The Army and Navy," by Jacob K. Neff, M. D., published in 1845, by J. H. Pearsol & Co., Philadelphia: "Just before the arrival of the British at White Plains, Washington withdrew his troops from his position on the Brunx and assembled them on the heights, near the plains, in front of the British.

'In vain sage Washington, from hill to hill,
Plays round his foes with more than Fabian skill,
Retreats, advances, lures them to his snare,
To balance numbers by the shifts of war.'

On the 28th of October, the British Army appeared before the American camp. They attacked and after a desperate struggle, carried a position which Macdougall had been ordered to take about a mile from the American camp, to protect its right wing. Night approaching, the British general deferred operations till the next day. Washington took advantage of the delay, strengthened his camp and posted his army in such a way that its formidable appearance induced Howe to wait for reinforcements. The British having erected batteries, threatened to turn the right wing of the Americans and gain the height in the rear; Washington broke up his camp and removed to a country still more mountainous, near North Castle, on the 2d of November. The object of the enemy was to strike a decisive and fatal blow but the wisdom and skill of our commander prevented it *and saved his country.*" Howe, it seems, did not consider it a wise move "to attempt to catch an old fox in the mountains" and abandoned pursuit of Washington.

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We have to thank Mr. Edward S. Knapp, New York, for the following extract from a letter written September 22, 1847, and dated Baltimore, which affords a historical sidelight on stage-coach days: "I arrived here last night, from Columbus, Ohio, where I spent last week attending a great Masonic meeting at the public expense. . . . . I had a fatiguing journey to Columbus. After going from this place to Cumberland by railroad, you take the stage and travel 253 miles, crossing the Allegany Mountains at night. You are two days and two nights in the stage, without stopping but for meals, and this makes the journey a severe one but I stood it much better than I expected. The road is very fine and runs through a beautiful country,—the richest farming region I ever saw. Columbus is quite a place, with some fine buildings but looks new and unfinished." Those old letter-sheets in their contents sometimes have a real historical significance, a circumstance of which some of those who collect them are well aware.

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Writing from Bangued, Abra, Philippine Islands, Mr. Constante Batoon, President of the Abra Philatelic Club, says: "I have the honor to inform you of a certain set of Philippine stamps. which, I have reason to believe, has not been announced to American philatelists as yet. I refer to the set of stamps which were issued by the Philippine Bureau of Posts to commemorate the successful arrival of Captains Loriga and Gallarza on their famous Madrid-Manila flight. This set consists of the current issue of the following denominations." Here Mr. Batoon lists the ten varieties, 2 to 30 centavos inclusive. A pen sketch reads: "Air-Mail, 1926, Madrid-Manila," with a small pictured plane underneath, "Air-Mail," and this inscription, in the shape of an overprint in red or violet, has been applied to the stamps of the current set through the 30 centavos, as mentioned. Who will not say that the honor of special stamp attention was not due the intrepid flyers.

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The following example of enterprise is cited not alone because of the clever application of philately as extra illustrations for a book, as reflecting favorably on the originators of the idea but because of the possibilities of further adaptations of the plan by other dealers. Under the head of "Neighborly Co-operation," in the *Publishers' Weekly*, the journal of the book trade, we find the following: "In New York on 47th street the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. is one door from Brentano's and so it should seem only natural for them to shuttle their customers back and forth as much as possible. The Scott Company recently showed in its windows stamps from Papua, which, of course, you know is an island of the Eastern Archipelago lying north of Australia. Copies of Merlin Moore Taylor's book 'Heart of Black Papua' (McBride) were shown and the following card: As interesting as the story of its natives as told by Merlin Moore Taylor* are the postage stamps from this out-of-the-way corner of the world! Papua depicts on her stamps the native Dyak, peculiar to Papuans alone, whereas Brunei and New Guinea show a native village and dwellings of their inhabitants. The asterisk carries the eye to the line: "Books loaned by Brentano's." The comment of the paper is: "Stamp collectors should be interested in the countries whose stamps they collect and a bookshop window which reversed the Stamp Company's emphasis and introduced books through stamps instead of stamps through books should be able to put over a window of books on travel and life in other countries." We do not understand just how the Dyak got into the Papuan picture but we know that mistakes will happen.

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Old "M. T. Dome" rises to remark: "Yur list ov 'Americans in Uniform' kin still be inkreased! Wot's th matter with John A. Postman, Jr. on th 'Speshul Delivery'? Afoot, on bicycle er just off hiz motorcycle he wears a uniform (in the pichurs at least) ov our govermint. And so du hiz relatives on menny ov th 'Parsel Post' stamps. It's a 'coat-ov-mail' too, az it is a U.S.P.O. Dept. outfit.

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Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, traveli in Australia, has sent us philatelic p ticulars of his trip which he is enjoy most thoroughly. He has met some the dealers and has seen wonderful c lections. Among the collectors of wh he sends word is the estimable Mr. F Hagen of Sydney, who is honored u versally for his great philatelic atta ments, as the older collectors can testi

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UDYING POSTAL FACTS FROM THE CITY DIRECTORY

By HARRY M. KONWISER.

Now that the proper attention is seemgly being given to the proper study of ncellations upon stamps, as well as stmarks generally, here is a tip to the nuine stamp student—

Hie yourself to the nearest Big City brary and locate the old city dictories and almanacs.

What an earful of things you can tell ur philatelic friends about the things ey think they want to know about mps and postage rates. When they nt to know whether the big "G" canllation is legitimate upon a certain 3-nt stamp, on a cover mailed in one e large cities, do you know whether at city had a sub-station employing the " as its postal mark?

When certain town cancellations are own upon certain stamps do *you* ow whether these towns were really postal existence in the days when the mp was legally and legitimately in e?

You can answer this sort of queries ite easily, also obtain information, ablutely correct, as to rates and general ta of interest to stamp students, by ading the city directories of the land. Having an idle hour, one recent afteon, I visited the New York City Liary, at Fifth Avenue and 42nd street. ie third floor has a reference library obably unexcelled, and the city direcries are easily procurable by those who nt to read them.

Taking New York, the directory of 64-65 shows that the Post Office was cated at Cedar and Nassau streets, and oram Wakeman was the postmaster. his directory shows there were "United ates Mail Stations" as follows:

A—129 Spring Street; B—439 Grand reet; C—Fourth Avenue and 12th reet; D—Cooper Square; E—368 ghth Avenue; F—408 Third Avenue; —1259 Broadway; H—Yorkville; J—arsenville; K—Manhattanville; L—arlem; M—Carmansville; N—Tully ook.

We learn from the directory that agons made deliveries from the Main ost Office to these stations and carriers esumably worked out of them.

The 1861 Philadelphia directory indites the Post Office had its "principal fice" (to quote) "at Dock street, below hird" and had five "Sub Post Offices." he postal rate, we are told, was three nts per half ounce or under, domestic, r any distance not exceeding 3000 miles, nd ten cents per half-ounce or under r distances over 3000 miles.

In 1876 Philadelphia had its main office Chestnut and Fifth streets and we note ie heading "Outlying District Sub-Stations." These had letters—B, E, F, G, and I. In addition there were similar stations at Tacony, Holmesburg, Torresdale, Byberry, Bustleton, Somerton, Oxford Church, Fox Chase, Falls Schuylkill, Milestown, Veree's Mills and Wheat Sheaf, Crescentville, Olney, Sandiford.

The central office, the book says, was kept open day and night and the directory shows the various mail routes.

The Philadelphia Post Office was still at Chestnut and Fifth in 1884, but there is a line reading, "Will be removed to S. 9th and Chestnut" and also, "Money Order Stations"—these being: B—West Phila.; E—Port Richmond; F—Frankford; G—Germantown; I—Manayunk.

"Mails for Sub-stations close at Central Office" is followed by a list of "letter" stations: B, F, G, H, I, Z, also Lindley, Fern Rock and many other places.

More than four pages, in very small type, is devoted to the Post Office in the 1890 Philadelphia directory, the office now being located at "S. 9th, Chestnut to Market." John Field was the Postmaster and there were "Money Order Station" as follows: B, E, F, G, I, H, L, M, N, Z.

Under the heading "Philadelphia Stations" are noted Andora, Bustleton Frankford, West Philadelphia, and many other sections of the city, all with letters, running through the alphabet.

The Charleston, S. C., city directory of 1866, in addition to giving the information that Andrew Johnson of Tennessee was President, tells us that the local post office is open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. and that "the postage to all parts of the United States is three cents per ounce; pre-payment is required on all letters except duly certified soldiers' or sailors' letters and to Heads of Bureaus or Chief Clerks of each Executive Department in the City of Washington."

If one wants to believe there was no particular system of allocating letters to sub-stations, the proof might be garnered from the Jersey City, N. J., 1876, directory, where is found the information that the Post Office is at 117 Washington Street and "Station B" is at Communipaw Avenue and Bergen Point Road, while the only other sub-station existent appears to be "Station H" located at Newark Avenue and the Five Corners.

Taking Newark, N. J., for 1874, we find there were twenty-two carriers and nine clerks, with a postmaster, and these gave four daily deliveries. In 1887, the directory tells us, there was the main office on Broad Street and there were sub-stations designated with the letters A, B, C, D, E. There was also "East Newark." And the list shows also "Stamp Selling Stations" from numbers one to five, inclusive. Obviously, orderly methods were employed in Newark.

Cincinnati, Ohio, like all other cities of its size in 1872, had but its one post office, located at Fourth and Vine streets. But those who want something special out of this town, in the way of cancellations, should acquire some of the steamboat cancellations emanating from the United States Mail Line and other boat lines that carried mail out of Cincy.

In 1875 the directory lists "Mail Boat and Packet Lines" as follows:

Arkansas and White River Packet Co.; Cincin. and Louisville Mail Boat; Madison Packet Line; Big Sandy Packet Co.; Memphis and Cincin. Packet Co.; Nashville Packet Co.

The Cincinnati directory of 1875 as well as directories up to 1885, give a list of all the Post Offices in the United States and Territories.

In 1880 and 1882 the city of Cincinnati still had but one office, according to the directory, and this is the same in 1884 and the next year. At this time there were fourteen mailboat and packet lines, operating out of the city.

Cleveland had a main office in 1874 and also Station A—East Cleveland Station; Newburgh Station; and also Ninth Division Railway Mail Service. The same conditions appear in 1880.

You can garner a lot of postal information by looking at the Erie, Pa., directories issued from 1883 to 1890. All you ever need know about rates, etc., is shown here.

Louisville directories indicate there were four boats in the U. S. Mail Line fleet in 1872 as follows: United States, Hildreth, Master; Gen. Lytle, Whitten, Master; Ben Franklin, Fuller, Master; Gen. Buell, David, Master.

When reading directories for postal information do not arbitrarily call a "numbered place" a sub-station or a branch office, for it might turn out like the Providence, R. I., directory of 1871, showing the post office to be located in the Custom House and listing stations from 1 to 59 inclusive. Upon investigation one notes the numbers are for "Receiving Stations" and these are strong boxes "authorized by the Postmaster General to be put up at the places named below (1 to 95 all have addresses) for the reception of letters prepaid by stamps, according to law."

The Providence directory (1871) says "Letter carriers will deliver letters to all persons in the city who desire so to receive them."

Summarizing, from the recent activities of the cancellation enthusiasts, it is quite obvious that the next big philatelic work will be the effort that produces a history of the postal system of the country, featuring the development of the letter-delivery systems of the larger cities and illustrating the various cancellations in proper use in the large cities and the smaller places from the early days of the postal service.

Who will do this work and do it right? It could be done if half a dozen students collaborated, each taking a section of the land in which they reside. It would mean a great amount of research work, of course—but as long as so many so-called "common covers" are still available the undertaking is not one that is unlikely of proper achievement.

Here is a work of a sort to make real philatelists out of stamp collectors, and the placing of such a work near the hands and eyes of any person, at all interested in these, our United States, would surely do more towards securing more recruits than the mere "hurraying" about any high-priced stamps.

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United States

Sesqui-Centennial Envelope

By the time these notes appear in print, it is quite likely that the new 2c red Sesqui-Centennial envelope will have been manufactured and placed on sale at the Sesqui-Centennial grounds in Philadelphia. Mention was made of the proposed issue of such a variety recently in this column, and at that time it was stated that possibly the present die would be used with additional wording. It was found when the subject was taken up with the manufacturers that they were in a position to produce a new die without delay and they have since submitted to Washington one that has been officially approved. This design is square in shape with rounded corners and shows the Liberty Bell along with the wording found on the current 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp. The envelopes will be printed on white only on the extra quality paper and will be furnished in sizes 5, 8 and 13. The Hartford press which will be installed at the Exposition will make the size 5 only, and these as fast as made will be sold through the Model Post Office. All three sizes will be produced at the Dayton plant for general distribution. It would not be surprising if this new die was adopted for all extra quality paper envelopes. As the Hartford press produces a better impression and as the higher quality paper enables sharper embossing, it is expected that the new envelope will be one of the most attractive ever produced.

On the first day, which will supposedly be during the week of July 26th, the variety will be placed on sale in Philadelphia only.

White Plains Variety

On a recent visit to Washington I was able to confirm the information recently furnished by Dr. Jason Samuel Parker relative to the proposed issue of a stamp to commemorate the battle of White Plains. While the Postmaster General has given his approval, the Department has not as yet decided upon the denomination or design. It will possibly be a 2c stamp and the design will be selected from sketches submitted by the New York Committee. It is proposed to issue twenty million and these will no doubt be first placed on sale in both White Plains and Washington during October, the anniversary month of the battle.

Dr. Parker kindly submits a clipping from a July 6th, White Plains paper, wherein mention is made of the fact that Representative J. Mayhew Wainwright, of Rye, N. Y., has just received a letter from Postmaster General New conveying the information that he had decided to authorize the issue.

A committee, consisting of Mr. F. L. Brown, chairman, together with Messrs. Haviland, Bremner, Ray, McMillan, Barrett and Dr. Parker called on the Postmaster General with Senator Wadsworth and Congressman Wainwright. It is through the efforts of this committee along with the interests shown by Col. Muldoon, that a White Plains stamp will appear. Dr. Parker kindly sends me a photograph of the well known painting of the "Battle of White Plains" by George Albert Harker and it is quite likely that this design will be accepted. Preliminary sketches have been made by Mr. Edward F. Ward, who in addition has submitted designs embodying the White Plains battle flag and the "White Balsam" trees from which White Plains was named.

As Dr. Parker has been most active in the good work of this committee, I have asked him to tell the story for our readers and through his efforts, Mr. R. P. Ray has kindly written the following:

"The action of the Postmaster General in approving the issuance of a commemorative stamp commemorating the battle of White Plains which was fought on the 28th day of October, 1776, has met with the approval of those interested in the history of the locality where the battle was fought and who appreciate the significance of the battle of White Plains in the military history of the country. While the battle of White Plains is not mentioned by Mr. Creacy as one of the fourteen decisive battles of the world, yet it is unquestionably one of the most decisive battles of the American Revolution. Washington's army, it will be recalled, had suffered a series of defeats which forced him gradually out of Manhattan Island and after the battle of Harlem Heights he continued his retreat northward through Westchester Country. Lord Howe, wishing to bottle him up in Mahattan, landed troops on the north shore of Long Island Sound near New Rochelle. His plan was to throw a cordon of troops across the narrow southern end of Westchester and having Washington's army between Long Island Sound and the Hudson River, capture it at his leisure. Through the admirable generalship of General Heath in retarding the landing of the British at Throgg's Neck, Washington was able to move his army northward and reached the heights of White Plains in advance of this encircling movement on the part of Lord Howe and his Hessians. Washington selected White Plains as the place to make a stand owing to the contour of the land. The battle line extended from Chatterton Hill on the west to St. Mary's Lake on the east and most of the fighting occurred on Chatterton Hill, which was the extreme right wing of the battle line. Here General MacDougal had command, assisted by Captain Alexander Hamilton in charge of a battery of artillery. The stand made at this point by MacDougal's forces made it clear to Lord Howe that the patriots were firmly entrenched and after the skirmish on Chatterton Hill, he brought the full force of his artillery and cavalry to bear on Washington's main line. This held, however, until night, when Washington withdrew his forces to the heights of North Castle, two or three miles north of White Plains. From this inaccessible mass of rocks and crags Lord Howe knew that he would be powerless to dislodge the Americans and receiving some interesting news relative to Fort Washington, he abandoned the attempt to capture Washington and retreated southward, where he successfully surprised and captured Fort Washington.

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Before the issuance of the sta Congress appropriated $2,000 to ere monument to the battle of White Pla thus recognizing the importance of engagement. Postmaster General Ha A. New, at the earnest request of Col William Muldoon of White Pla seconded by Senator James W. Wa worth and Congressman J. May Wainwright and the Westchester Cou Historical Society, decided upon the suance of the stamp, twenty million which will be issued in denomination be determined upon. It is proposed use as a design for the new stam view of the battle of White Plains, sh ing Alexander Hamilton and his batt of artillery in the foreground with G

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al MacDougal at the brow of Chatterton's hill with the British advancing cross the Bronx River under the hill, ter a painting by George Albert Harker, te of White Plains."

922 Issue, Shades

Mention has not been made recently s to shades being found in our current sues but those who have been following ie activities of the Bureau have found iat the 3c may now be obtained in a eddish violet in addition to the bluish iolet first issued. The 4c comes in a ery light shade as well as a distinct ark shade. The 5c, 6c and 8c while arying do not show as great a difference s may be found in the 8c which comes both an olive and a yellow olive. The and 10c show little differences while the 11c we get a very dark print and very light shade. The 12c may also be und in two distinct shades. I have seen varieties in the 13c or the 15c worthy f note but the 14c comes in an indigo s well as in a light blue. The 25c comes two very unusual shades, namely, a lue green and a yellow green, the blue rongly predominating in the first variety nd the yellow in the second. Slight ifferences are to be found in the 50c and 1.00 but are such that they would interst the specialist only. As to the $5.00, have seen this in two distinct colors, ne in which the paper tends to a yellowh color and in the other it has the apearance of a blue paper. This is not the lue from an unwiped plate which prints ie center portion, but is a variety that ay be readily distinguished when the vo stamps are placed side by side.

ailway Post Offices

Those interested in the railway postal tles and abbreviations on the current amps should obtain a copy of the Postal ulletin of July 9th. Pages 10, 11 and 2 are devoted to a complete list with bbreviations of the railway post offices. ne who endeavors to get together one f each will have a pleasant task for iere seems to be upward of a thousand anning all the way from the first on the st, "Aberdeen & Linton" through all of ie letters of the alphabet down to "Zanes Shaw."

anal Zone

Under date of July 10th, I received a ommunication from the Philatelic gency located at Balboa Heights, Canal one, announcing that the 2c Sesqui-Centennial overprinted for use on the Zone as on sale. Whether the circular was ent out on the anticipation of the arrival f the stamps or whether they are actually n hand I cannot say, although I learn rom Washington that they have granted pproval of the overprinting.

ABYSSINIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the $10 gray green and bistre stamp has been surcharged for use as the 1 guerche, in black.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.— One Shilling bistre has now been issued with the overprint reading up on the left and down on the right hand side. Reported by M. Champion.

ECUADOR.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the following new items: 1c blue, portrait of Roca; 2c purple, portrait of Noboa, and 10c yellow green, likeness of Garcia Moreno.

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us the following "Colis Postal" stamps surcharged with new values: 2fr rose, surcharged "Of 20"; 2fr yellow, "Of 30"; 3fr grey, "Of 40"; 3fr orange, "Of 45" and 15c red, "1 Of 55".

We have also received from Mr. R. Roberts the 40c, Sower type, in vermilion, and Mr. Roberts further adds that these are only printed in booklet form in small sheets of 20 (2 panes of 10 each) with marginal gutter between which are folded across pinned together. Round the margin appear advertisements of Shaving Soap Face Cream and Beautifying Pigments.

MADEIRA.—A new issue is authorised by a recent decree which will be obligatory on all letters posted on August 1st and December 31st, 1926, Jan. 1st and 31st, May 1st, June 5th, July 1st and Dec. 31st, 1927. The set will consist of various values from 3c to 7E.

1898 Issue surcharged. From the same source we learn that 100,000 copies were issued of the stamp chronicled in our last reference.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 3c, in the 1924 design, in green, watermarked circles.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Bramston Beach informs us that he has a copy of the 4p, purple, New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition issue of the 1925-1926 series, with the usual "E" in postage at the right appearing as an "F".

RUSSIA.—M. Théodore Champion chronicles a new denomination in the small soldier's head type:—18k violet.—*Stamp Collecting.*

SYRIA.—It is reported that the Lebanon has constituted itself a Republic and that the pictorial stamps issued under the French régime will probably be overprinted pending preparation of an entirely new series under local Republican auspices. Mr. F. G. Mayhew, our informant in the matter, has the authority of a high official for his statement.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

S. P. A. MAKES LARGE SETTLEMENT

Major Guy W. A. Camp, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Society of Philatelic Americans, announces that during the current fiscal year the Board has materially reduced the losses of the Society's members sustained a few years ago through the stealing of several large circuits from the sales department of the Southern Philatelic Society, to which they belonged at the time. With the checks sent out by the Board on July 12 the Board has paid off since last August losses amounting to $1,035.84, and it feels confident that before the end of the coming fiscal year the losses of all S. P. A. members, which originally aggregated close to $4,000, will be liquidated.

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U.S.A. (126 Var.) 1870-1898, including 7c, 10c, 15c 1870 embossed. 1871 National Bank Note Co. issue complete, all unused excepting 90c. 1873-1890 complete except one. 1894 $2.00 mint. Columbus issue complete 1c to $5.00. 1895 $5.00. Omaha issue complete 1c to $2.00. A splendid lot. Cat. $410.43. Decidedly cheap at.. 125.00

U.S.A. (87 Var.) Departmental Stamps, Agriculture (6), Interior (16), Justice (8), Post Office (10), State (9), Navy (9), Treasury (13), War (16). Cat. $198.14 60.00

U.S.A. (271 Var.) 1853-1900, Envelope stamps all correctly mounted, numbered and priced on album pages. An unusually fine collection, with many rare pieces too numerous to describe. On approval gladly. Cat. $548.19 ..... 175.00

ABYSSINIA (68 Var.) All Mint, all 20th Century. Cat. $62.56 25.00

BADEN (21 Var.) Including 1Kr, No. 1, and the very rare 18Kr green. Cat. $47.90 ..... 17.50

BARBADOS (42 Var.) 19th Century only, including 24 var. of the first type all correctly numbered. A nice collection. Cat. $104.27 ..... 32.50

BECHUANALAND (22 Var.) 19th Century only, including 5 var. on Cape and later issues to 2sh 6p. Cat. $32.67.. 12.00

BRITISH HONDURAS (27 Var.) 19th Century only, including Nos. 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 6 surcharges and later issues to 50c. Cat. $59.70 .... 20.00

CEYLON (16 Var.) 1857-1861, all star watermarks including Nos. 2, 7, 11, 12, 13, 33, 36 and the extremely rare 4 pence dull rose, No. 5. A wonderful lot of rare stamps. Cat. $868.50. Would be difficult to get together. Our price only 225.00

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LOG OF A WEEK

The first edition of a Catalog of United States Bureau Canceled Stamps, edited by George W. Linn and published by *Weekly Philatelic Gossip*, Holton, Kansas, is a welcome little work that covers its subject in a way to commend itself to those who follow these interesting issues. The "Preface" tells of the distinctive character of the stamps in question and bespeaks attention for them, inasmuch as the name of town and the stamp design are printed "on the same press, from one running of paper through the press." We learn that in 1916, experiments were made by the Bureau to develop this method and it was found that the overprinted stamps could be produced more economically in most cases at Washington. Hence, we have a field in the Bureau cancellations whose attractions are admitted. Nearly all the states are represented by cities in this catalog, which has the added value of being priced. As a rule, quotations are modest and with this catalog in hand, the collector should find his progress attended with pleasure.

The Martauco Stamp Company is now installed in its new home in the Collectors Club Building, 51 West 48th Street, New York City.

Mr. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., was a recent visitor in Chicago *en route* to Minneapolis. Mr. Kissinger made a few calls in the limited time at his disposal in Chicago, where his friends were glad to see him.

New York *Times* of July 11, 1926, contained a splendid description of the impending set of three memorial stamps from Canada, which are to picture historical personages of that country.

Reservations may be made for rooms for the A. P. S. convention next October in New York by writing to the American Philatelic Society Hotel Committee, The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, 34th Street, New York.

We thank Mr. W. E. Whitnall for a card bearing the special cancellation of the "Philatelic Congress, June 15, 1926, Liverpool," in honor of the 13th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, held in that city.

In the newly published book, "Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora," by Felix Shay, we find on page 139: "Another time, Ali Baba was put forth as a collector—a collector of hats. His hobby, it seems, was hats! When spring came round and the millionaires of East Aurora discarded their winter supply of hats, Ali Baba was present to select the odd and curious styles his collection lacked. As other men collect book-plates, postage stamps, violins, brocades or books, so does Ali Baba collect hats. It is his one weakness. And through his collecting is he linked in a bond of brotherhood to all other collectors, the round world over." At that Ali Baba will have to take a back seat in favor of our friends who collect Indian cigar "statuary" and keeps the Indians in a warehouse.

In the Chicago *Herald-Examiner* for July 9, 1926, whom do we find on the picture page but our old friend, Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole, "philatelist, examining the famous McPherson ransom letter, which showed signs of tampering." Mr. Poole is focusing his trusty magnifying-glass on the letter in the corner of which we discern a stamp.

Mr. Rudolph Amort, philatelic editor of the New York *Staats-Zeitung & Herold*, sends us a proof of the story of an interesting find, of which we shall give a translation in the next issue.

Mr. G. A. Martin, who many years ago was publisher of the *Progressive Philatelist* and is now identified with the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, was in Chicago for some time, renewing old acquaintances.

Through the courtesy of Mr. S. Tanner Green of Quebec, we have recei new letter card issued by the Ca postmaster general to commemora reduction of the Canadian postage r two cents. The former rate of 2 restored on July 1, 1926.

JUNE SUBSCRIPTION RECO

Notwithstanding the proverbial mer dullness is at hand we received ing June a great many new subscrip The honors for this month go t Hawkeye Stamp Co. and the P Stamp Co., the former having secur and the latter 33 new subscrip Those who have sent in ten or more subscriptions during June are:

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8 * 10c green (35b), four wide margins, not o. g., very fine 45.00
9 o 12c black (36), remarkably fine, normal margins, cln hardly apparent, a gem 10.00
10 o **1857-60,** 1c dark blue, IIIa (42b-c), scarfed on back, "fair of face" 10.00
11 * 3c type I (43), centered N. a jot, a satisfactory copy 12.00
12 * 5c type II (48a), perfs barely cut design at S., a very handsome copy 11.00
13 * 5cRe-issue(54c), very handsome 10.00
14 o 12c (51), centered E., lightly cld if at all 5.00
15 o 24c gray-lilac(52a),perfs slightly impinge design at top, **red** cln, lightly hit. A beautiful copy .....S 20.00
16 o 24c gray (52), centered E., on section of envelope, grid cln 13.50
17 o 30c orange (53), cld by BALTIMORE pmk with inner grid, an interesting copy of excellence and merit 20.00
18 o **1861,** 5c yellow (67), perfs cut design at E. but nevertheless it is a very fine copy, very light cln 25.00
19 * **1862-6,** 5c red-brown (75), deep rich shade, a "beauty" even tho not o. g. 45.00
20 * 5c red-brown (75), lighter shade, not o. g., and on reverse shows an incipient crease, a beauty still 45.00
21 * 12c (69), not o. g. but very fine 11.00
22 * **1862-6,** 15c (77), centered N., a handsome stamp 17.50
23 o **1861,** 90c (72), finely centered, an excellent copy 11.00
24 * **1867-8,** 3c (79), embossed with experimental grille covering entire stamp, a finished essay, mint gem ....
25 * 3c (88), grille 11x13, o. g., slight gum crease, quite nice 5.00
26 o 5c (95), grille 9x13, perfs cut design a wee bit at S., cld with a hollow star, a copy far above the average 12.50
27 * 10c (89), grille 11x13, centered E., o. g., a very respectable copy 30.00
28 * 12c (97), grille 9x13, centered a jot W., very handsome ... 11.00
29 * 15c (91), grille 11x13, centered N. W., extremely handsome 35.00
30 o 15c (98), grille 9x13, a finely centered copy, very lightly cld if at all 3.00
31 o **1869,** 1, 2, 3c (112-14), selected copies, strong shades 2.56
32 * 2c, small figure essay, o. g., quite fine ....
33 * 6c (115), o. g., all perfs. are clear of design, a fine copy 10.00
34 o 6c (115), a finely centered copy, very desirable 3.50
35 o 10c (116), remarkably fine copy 2.50
36 o 12c (117), exceptionally fine .. 2.75
37 * 15c type I (118), fully o. g., exceptionally fine 35.00
38 * 15c type II (119), very fine, not o. g. 15.00
39 * 24c (120), perfs cut design at E., fine colors, a handsome stp. and eminently desirable 27.50
40 o 24c (120), perfs cut design at E., but only a little bit 9.00
41 o 30c (121),exceptionally fine copy 5.00
42 o 30c (121), extremely fine copy 5.00
43 o 90c (122), perfs. cut design at E., splendid colors, certainly a fine attractive copy ... 40.00
44 * **1870-71,** 7c (138), centered N. but o. g. and fairly good 35.00
49 * **1910,** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c (374-81), vertical strips of three, mint with Plate No. and imprint at left 6.87
50 * 15c (382), vertical strip of three, imprint and Plate No. at left, not quite centered 7.50
51 * 15c (382), magnificent block 4.S 15.00
52 * **Imperforate** 1, 2c (383-4), **five blocks of four each,** showing guide lines crossing and all arrow points, full o. g., v. fine ..
53 * 1, 2c (383-4), four blocks of each, o. g., very fine ....
104 * **1912-15,** 1c, 2c, **imperforate** (408-9), five blocks of four each, showing the five positions, center block and arrow points, o. g., very fine ....
105 * 1c, 2c, four blocks of each, guide lines, all mint ....
124 * **1918-19,** 5c (505), single **error** in mint block of nine .....S 15.00
125 * 5c (505), double **error** in mint block of 12 .....S21.00
126 * **1918,** AEROPLANE, 6, 16, 24c (520-1-2), mint blocks of 4, showing center lines crossing 4.60
127 * 6-16c (520-21), mint blocks of four each 2.20
128 * **1918-20,** 1, 2, 3c (525d, 526b, 529c), double print, all o. g. and fine, tho 3c is a bit off center 10.50
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130 * 1, 2, 3c (531-2-3), 11 mint blocks with guide ....
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184 **Eagle Carrier,** deep blue shade, block of four ....
185 **Eagle Carrier,** deep green, block of four ....
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187 **1847,** 5, 10c (28-29), Card proofs ..
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190 1c proof on India, in lavender ..

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281 o $1.00 green (4399) 8.50
287 * Edw. Wilder, 1c green (5539), uncut, full o. g., very fine .. 10.00
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301 * **Angola** 1911-12, Republica, 2½-700r (88-112), both sets; 1913, ¼c-1e0(118-133),all mint gems 5.78
302 * **Argentine** 1862, 5c rose (5), block of four, o. g., fine 24.00
303 o 10c green (6), normal margins, efficient cln 12.00
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305 * 1899, 5-10 pesos (134-5), tiny defects 15.00
306 * Official, 25c (561) 5.00
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310 * **Armenia** 1920-2, 34 varieties, a very fine lot, all "mint" 22.94
311 o **Austria** 1850, 9kr (6), picked copies, very fine 2.00
362 * **Canada** 1857, ½d rose (8), cut to line at top, fine copy 25.00
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367 o 3c (42a), **imperforate** 7.00
368 o 5c (43a), **imperforate** 8.50
369 * 1897, ½, 3, 6, 8, 10, 15c, o.g., fine 7.15
370 * $2.00 (82), full o. g., very fine 4.50
371 * $4.00 (64), fine ....
372 o 1903-8, half of 2c (85c), used as 1c on card, cld by pmk covering cut, very fine ... ..
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378 * 1sh green (20), fine o. g. ... 5.00
379 o 1860-7, 4 on 6d (20), very fine 2.00
380 * 1889, 3 on 3d (31), o. g., very fine 3.00
381 * **Caroline** 1900, 5mk (19), o. g., very fine 7.50
382 * **Cayman Islands** 1907-9, ½d (21), block of 16, mint 4.00
383 * War Stamp, 1½d on 2½d (101), mint 4.00
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390 o 1863-7, 2d buff (49), rather nice 5.00
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396 o 1903, half of 2c surcharged 1ct, "on piece," hit by pmk 8.00
397 o **Cochin China** 1886, 5c on 25c (1), very fine 5.00
398 * **Colombian Rep.** 1859, 5c lilac (2) 5.00
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400 * 20c blue (4), full o. g. 15.00
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EAST AND WEST:—

GREETINGS are at hand from Alexandria and Port Said, Egypt, from M. J. Fenster, who is making an extended trip abroad.

AN important annuoncement appears in our advertising columns this week. The Standard Precancel Stamp Catalog for 1926 is ready for delivery by the Rotnem Stamp Co., Ninneapolis, Minn. This book prices, describes and illustrates all precancels issued up to June 1. The price of the book postpajd is $2.10 paper binding and $3.10 in cloth

WE have received from W. G. Meredith, 5 Elmbourne Rd., London, S. W. 17, England, a review copy of the Third Edition of the "Postage Stamps of Ireland." It is a standard catalog of Irish stamps and the price 40c postfree makes it possible for any interested collector to purchase the same. It lists market values as of May, 1926, on over nine hundred different items. Errors and varieties are well covered, while in the control section there are shown types of the watermarks and plates in which each are found. Full details and measurements are given of the three Dollard, ten Thom, two Wide and five Saorstat plates. Anyone at all interested in Irish stamps will find this book of great value.

WE are informed by Marshall H. Hancock of the Martauco Stamp Co. that the firm is now located in its new offices in the Collectors Club Building, N. Y. City. This building is up-to-date in all its appliances and nothing has been left undone to make it thoroughly first class. Mr. Hancock affirms that this building will be a "pillar to philately" and will go a long way toward giving stamp collecting greater recognition. The firm will be glad to have its office used by Exhibition attendants.

A MEETING of those interested in stamps in Waterville and vicinity was held May 14, at the home of A. B. Cragin, which resulted in the organization of the Kennebec Philatelic Club with eight charter members. The following officers were elected: Pres., A. B. Cragin; Vice Pres., W. A. Blair; Sec.-Treas., M. F. McCarthy; Sales Mgr., P. L. Hall; Director at large, S. J. Cunningham. It was voted to apply to the A. P. S. for a branch charter. Any collectors in this part of Maine wishing to join us should write the President or Secretary for full information.

TWO months ago, several active stamp collectors of Modesto, Calif., and vicinity met, and formed the Stanislaus Philatelic Association. There were eight present at the first meeting and we have more than doubled the membership since. The prospects are very bright for a strong organization. Meetings are held every first and third Friday of the month at the homes of members, by invitation. Following is a list of officers: Pres., Adam Gruenig, Rt. A, Box 151, Ceres, Calif.; Vice Pres., H. E. Ayres, P. O. Box 586, Modesto, Calif.; Secretary, R. W. Kirton, P. O. Box 536, Modesto, Calif.; Treas., Frank Vogt, McHenry Ave., Modesto, Calif.

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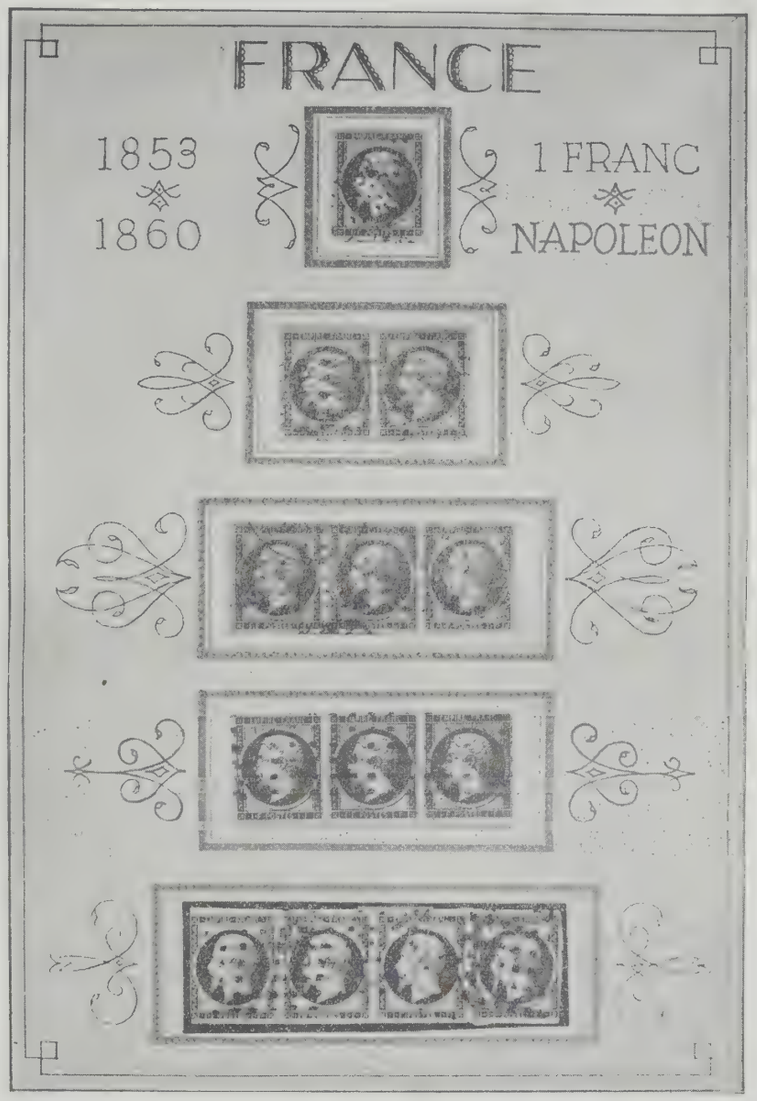

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By Percy A. Hill.

(The author of this article writes very plainly in regard to the airmail stamps recently issued in the Philippine Islands. **Mr. Hill is** active in philatelic affairs and believes that the facts as they exist should be published. He claims that two-thirds of the value of the total issue, which is $17,000, is in the hands of a few persons. As an addenda to the article we print the official circular referred to in the article.—W. O. W.)

Inasmuch as there are a good many collectors who specialize in British Colonials, French Colonials, and at present the obsolete German Colonials, it is a matter of surprise that so few American collectors pay attention to what may be said to be American Colonies. And these include not only Hawaii and the Canal Zone, but Cuba, Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippines, all of which countries use or have used United States adhesives mostly surcharged. While it may be true that previous issues of these countries are not entirely correct from a philatelic viewpoint, United States stamps do not fall into that category.

If we were to ask any serious collector as to what was the rarest and most difficult Philippine stamps to collect, he would in all probability not allude to any of the early Isabellas, or scarce surcharges, but to the dollar values of the United States surcharged Philippines. As regards rarity there were only 782 available of the $5.00 issue of 1899, some 318 being destroyed of the 1100 issued. The $5.00 value of the 1903 issue is still even rarer, only 756 being available, 552 being destroyed on Feb. 14, 1906, by order of the Director of Posts. A genuine stamp, of which such a limited number exist, even if all were salvaged, is cataloged as yet extremely low. In this connection the following list may be of some interest to collectors of United States colonies.

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The Guam issue of 1899 is in the same category, still low but hard to collect. Few dealers have them to sell at either catalog or dealers' prices. Cuba and Porto Rico surcharged on U. S. are more common. Still, when one thinks of the number of United states collectors alone, it is a matter for surprise that they have neglected these "colonials" in favor of other Colonials farther from home.

The Philippine current issue was surcharged AIR-MAIL, MADRID-MANILA, 1926, on May 13, 1926. Beneath the first line is an air-plane propeller. These are coming in for some caustic comment. Enclosed is a photographic copy of a letter issued by the Director of Posts that explains itself. The occasion was that of the arrival of one plane and two aviators of the Spanish Army on a flight from Madrid to Manila. Of the three planes that started only one made Manila. These stamps are termed "commemoratives." If real commemoratives were desired there was neither lack of time nor engravers in Manila to accomplish this. To make matters worse instead of surcharging a half million of the low values, so that the residents of the Philippines would be aware of the fact, they began with 10,000 of the 2c value and went up the scale to the P10.00 values, a total of some 58,100 stamps being surcharged.

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Our specialized price list passes along to our customers a chance at the many bargains gathered together. It in no way competes with the Standard Specialized Catalog, for it prices only the things in our own stock. But it does contain a lot of information useful to the student of U. S. stamps, listing and describing pairs, strips, blocks, shifts, cracked plates, covers, combinations, etc.

This section covers the New Yorks, 1847 and 1851 issues. In asking for it, please enclose 2c in stamps to cover mailing charges and beat the post-card infant.

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UNITED STATES ISSUES 1870-1900

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

Not many of us collect Postmasters' Provisionals, or *premiers gravures*. Many of us must turn our attention to more plebian specimens, and what can be done with some of these has been demonstrated by Messrs. Charles Lathrop Pack and Carroll Chase.

Latterly cancellations have come to occupy a prominent part in our activities, but again not all of us can have a cover with three greedy wide-open-mouthed chickens chasing something, or a set of Waterbury covers showing besides the chickens, a fish, an elephant, and the rest of the many designs used in that town, or even a herd of kicking mules.

These notes regarding the plebians among the cancellations are not to be regarded as the final word concerning them.

On the other hand they are to be taken only as the beginning.

There are many things about them still to be found out, and it is to be hoped that those who are interested in them will report any omissions or new facts so that from time to time these may be recorded.

The chronology of these cancellations is at present in its elementary stage. Postmarks were year dated in very few places before 1878 or 1879 and the stamps themselves are usually the only guide even when on the cover. This, of course, is not very definite information.

Mr. H. M. Konwiser has been kind enough to investigate for us the available information in regard to New York City, and that is given here in condensed form.

As early as 1838 there was a branch Post Office in New York at William and Exchange Sts. according to the Farmer's Almanac. By 1872 the number had grown to thirteen designated by letters A to N, except I. In 1875 there were the same number but the letters were A to I inclusive, K, L, O and R. The next year L was not listed but M had taken its place. In 1879 I, O and R are not listed but L has been restored. In 1883 the letters include A to H, K, L, M, R, S, T. In 1889 J is included and also P. In 1892 O again appears in the list, and in 1900 the only letters not included are Q, T and X.

Besides these there were branches at Fordham, Kingsbridge, Morrisania, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, Tremont, West Farms, Woodlawn, in 1875 and continuing to 1889. In 1891 besides the lettered branches there is a reference to substations numbered 1 to 21, and this only named branch is Kingsbridge. In 1898, the letters omitted were I, N, Q, S, T, X. The named branches were City Island, Highbridge, Kingsbridge, Madison Sq., Tremont, University Heights, West Chester, Williamsbridge, and sub-stations Ellis Island and numbers 1 to 104.

Prior to 1870 postmasters apparently were permitted to use any device that appealed to their fancy for the purpose of cancelling the stamps that went through their offices, and indeed much the same is true of what took place for several years afterward. But about that time, though the date is uncertain, there seems to have been the germ of an idea to use, at least in the larger cities, cancelling devices of a design different from those of preceding years, and similar for the various branch offices in any one city. Boston and New York were probably the first places to begin the use of these obliterators and their attempts are shown in the above illustrations Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Nos. 1 and 2 were used in New York and are found on the grilled three cents stamp and perhaps other values. The numbers most frequently seen are 1, 2 and 3, but other numbers are to be found running up to 14. They were used until the Continental print came into use, but there appears to be a certain amount of evidence that by 1876 they had been superseded by another design.

Certain facts seem to indicate that these numbers were in use at the general Post Office, and not at the branches. Two covers with the return card of the same firm are cancelled 3 and 14 like No. 1, and two others with the card of another firm are cancelled 2 and 12 like No. 2. A number of covers are cancelled by letters in place of figures in a block like No. 2. These are A, D, F, H, I and L

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and these no doubt indicate branch office cancellations, and the other branches probably used the same design.

The use of other devices was continued concurrently with these in the Post Office and also at the branches, as is evidenced by numerous covers.

The Boston device, No. 3, appears to have come into use later than the New York. I have not seen it on a grilled stamp, but it is found on National printings and also on Continental printings, and 1 is the only number that has come to my notice. If others were used it must have been only seldom or for only a very short time.

DETECTED BY VIOLET RAY

FRANKFORT, GERMANY, July 14 (A. P.) —Experts connected with a subsidiary company of the Allgemeine Elektricitaets Gesellschaft at Hanau have announced discovery of a quartz lamp by which counterfeit banknotes, fake pearls and the faintest shades of ink may be detected.

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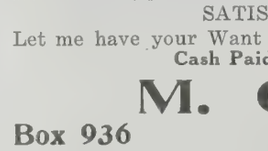

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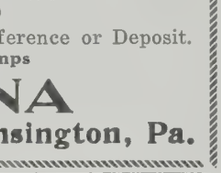

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11 (VIOLET)
FIRST-AIRMAIL
CHINA-JAPAN

Argentine.—The first of the public airmail services opened on March 3d, Mr. A. H. Davis informs us, but on March 1st an official trial trip was made when 327 pieces of mail were carried.

Australia. — Regarding the Sydney-Broken Hill airmail service, we learn from the "Barrier Mail" that the first flight arrived at Broken Hill at 2.30 p.m., on July 19, 1925, having left Hay at 9 a.m., and Mildura at noon. Captain S. A. C. Newman was the pilot of the mail plane, which had been christened "Bower Bird." The mail for the first return flight closed at Broken Hill at 6 a.m. on July 21st. A special, extra fee of 3d per half-ounce is charged for this service, which calls at Mildura, Narrandura, and Cootamandra, from whence the mail bags are transferred to the night express for Sydney. Another air service leaves Hay, and goes to Melbourne, via Denilquin and Echuca.

Brazil.—One hundred pounds of mail was carried from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Ayres by Commander Franco, the South Atlantic flier, on February 9th.

Canada. — The definite type of semi-official stamp for the Red Lake airmail service has appeared in the same format and make-up as the emergency issues. An "under print" of swastikas in yellow is again used, but the printed design is in indigo, and represents a biplane flying over the sea immediately above a motor boat. Above the machine is a winged maple leaf with "Canada 1926" and below the boat "Special Air Delivery" is inscribed on a scroll, while across the wings of the machine is the name of the operating company.

Chile.—Upon the arrival of Commander Franco at Buenos Ayres, a flight of three service aeroplanes crossed the Andes to welcome him, and to bring a small mail, but only one machine accom-

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China.—We illustrate the cachet 11) applied to the few existing that were carried by Pinedo from S hai to Tokyo, on his Rome-Melb Tokyo-Rome flight. The mail wa marked at Shanghai on Septemb 1925, although the aviator did not until the 21st, and left for Japa Korea, on the 23d. He reached on the 26th of the same month. N the mail and inexact descriptions cachet have been available for months, but we shall be glad t from any reader who can give us particulars, especially regarding th of the postmark, for Pinedo was Philippines on the 12th. Was th held at the post office till his arriva

Denmark.—A new value in the c airpost type appeared on March 21s 15 ore violet.

Great Britain.—Great interest ha expressed in our paragraph on Pa regarding a cover flown during th eral Strike, but official information matter of emergency airmails is ver tradictory. The Secretary to the master-General states that "there w emergency despatches of mail by the Post Office during the troubles," but Sir Samuel Hoare, House of Commons, is reported t said that "785 mail bags were als ried, the weight is not accurately k It is also stated that the weight of carried was 2,611 lbs.

Germany.—Direct airmail service opened on the 12th of April from burg to Zurich, and from Nuremb Basle, but the mail of the first da very small. A correspondent info on good authority that only 64 were flown from Nuremburg to B

India.—The following is a summ details concerning the covers and used in connection with the Spani Danish long-distance flights, ment which was made on Page 67:—

Mail carried by the Spanish fliers, Lieuts. Loriga and Gonzalez Calcutta to Rangoon, 52 letters; C to Manilla, 51 letters. This mai the tri-colour label, and special lab the type shown by illustration N One hundred of the latter were sp printed for each mail, and the rem unused copies were signed on back cluded in the Manila mail were addressed to Their Majesties the and Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of and Their Majesties the King and of Spain.

Lieuts. Botved and Herschen Danish fliers to Tokyo, carried mail from Calcutta to Rangoon, Ba and another addressed to Tokyo. latter had an adventurous time ow the fact that Lieut. Botved was pelled to land at Ninghai (Chewk where all his belongings were bu bandits. The thirty-one letters nately escaped destruction, but inst being sent on to Tokyo by ordinary they were returned to India. The ing stamps are consequently not c ated, but each cover bears the Consul's official stamp, applied b the time of despatch and on its The tricolour label was also used.

The red, white, and blue labels w referred to, which were used on al special private mails, were appli sanction of the Assistant Directo eral of Posts and Telegraphs to t ters only, and not to postcards.

Italy.—We are indebted to Mr. for particulars of the official servi tween Genoa, Rome, Naples, and mo, which opened on April 7th Rome, and on the 10th from Pa All mail despatched from Genoa re the official cachet we illustrate (N

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Lithuania.—Three new air stamps appeared in May: 20c carmine, 40c lilac and red, 60c blue and black. They are perf. 12, and have the "line and cross" watermark.

Spain.—Our correspondent, Mr. Davis, reports that Commander Franco, on his trans-Atlantic flight of January-February this year, carried a quantity of letters from Spain addressed to public authorities.

Switzerland.—In connection with the new Lufthansa services, a direct air mail has been inaugurated to Amsterdam, Berlin, and Hamburg, the first flight taking place on May 15th. On the same day, the route between Basle and La Chaux de Fonds was opened, and a special cachet to celebrate the occasion was used at Basle, Le Locle, and La Chaux. All are of the type we show (No. 6) with the route described on the bottom line, but the one applied at Basle has a solid background of violet behind the "winged watch." Only 761 covers were flown from Le Locle on the first day. On May 28th, there was a special flight in connection with the Basle Exhibition Jubilee, when 8,181 pieces were carried, and to each were applied a rectangular black cachet and a special black postmark. Of the total mail 2,162 were registered sendings. A special vignette was produced, and 1,500 were issued. When used on flown cards it is seen with an oblong "Jubilaumsflug" cachet in black. The direct Basle-London mail service reopened on May 27th.

Syria, Grand Liban, and Alaouites.—On May 1st, the four pictorial values of Syria and Grand Liban, and the Alaouites overprint on Syria, appeared with an aeroplane overprint in red instead of the printed "Avion" inscription.

United States of America.—We have seen a cover carried by Plane 65, which has been daily journeying on the authorized Government route to Beaver Island (Mich.), when this settlement was cut off by inclement weather.

The Chicago-Dallas Contract Route opened on May 12th. Special cachets of the "First Flight Inaugurating Contract Air Mail" type, were used at Chicago (in black), Fort Worth (in violet), Kansas City (black), Moline (mauve), Oklahoma (mauve), St. Joseph (black), Wichita (violet), and Dallas (green). We thank Mr. Guest, of Dallas, for first sight of a cover from this city, where, in addition to the circular cachet, an extra one (No. 8) was also applied to all first-day mail.

Uruguay.—Cachet No. 7 illustrates the type of special marking applied to the mail carried to Rocha on March 17th, but the cachet used for obliterating the stamps is a replica of the ones used on the Florida and Rincon flights of last year. This experimental inland service also carried mails on March 19th, 22nd, 24th, 26th and 28th. The flights were undertaken by the Centro Nacional de Aviacion.—*The Aero Field.*

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS

By "PHILATELIA"

Olive Backs.—A somewhat neglected group in the modern Colonial emissions is the division of the fascinating coloured paper groups, known as the "olive backs," sometimes called experimental paper (green). In reality there are two separate papers, which have not been distinguished in our universal guide, firstly the true olive backs, and also the experimental paper, which is usually rougher in texture and the back slightly more green than the pale olive. There are several stamps in this group, regarding it as one, whose scarcity is only just being appreciated and which are advancing smartly in value. Two of these were recently mentioned in this series of articles, the 1sh Grenada and the 1sh Togo. The latter is the true olive back, but all the 1sh Grenada seen by the writer belong to the experimental paper group, although it is possible that, like the 1sh Nigeria, it exists on both papers.

Another really scarce stamp is the Ceylon 5 rupee with pale olive back. Although catalogued less than the 5r white back and old green, it is really worth much more, and will surely advance when its scarcity is more generally realized. These remarks apply to mint copies only; like most coloured paper varieties, used are worth much less.

Malta.—The official figures published of the numbers issued overprinted "Postage" are interesting, and explain why the 2sh and 2sh 6p are so scarce. At the same time there is no outstanding rarity as in the Self-Government series, where only 3240 were issued of the 2sh old CA. On the other hand more values appeared likely to become scarce. The 2½d and 3d will be relatively commonest, and may last some time before exhaustion, but the 1d and 2d should prove quite good investments at present prices, only 80,000 being issued, compared with one million and half a million respectively of the same value overprinted "Self Government." The ¼d is also likely to rise, as the total face value of this denomination is less than any other—£125 only. The 1sh and 5sh are also smaller quantities than the corresponding values in the "Self Government" set, and are likely to appreciate, especially the latter.

Many think it was a pity that the 1922 Melita, etc., issue was not used up in the ordinary course, if necessary withholding the new Revenue series until the corresponding values became exhausted. What the objection is to this course is not clear, except they would probably have lasted too long, in which case they would have been burnt. It may be recalled that the Georgian set was first printed and specimen copies distributed in 1912, but it took five years to use up some of the remainders, the 5sh George only being issued in 1917, and no one seemed to object, but this was in the days when Malta was a Crown Colony, and the modern issues were neglected.

To consider these latest issues from a purely financial standpoint—they will be good and increase in value despite the criticisms that have been levelled against them.

The 1922 set is also worth watching, now the remainders are out of the way. The 10sh and £1 will both be good, but of the lower values it is rather significant, if not sinister, that the duties in most demand, and consequently rising most, are the ones that are scarcest with the overprint, viz., the 4d, 2sh and 2sh 6p!

Cyprus.—The 2 and 2¾pi of this country are worth acquiring; the recently obsolete colours of the current type, in particular, are increasing. The rarity of the 1921 set is well known, but the rarity of the 45pi as compared with the 10sh is not realised, as actually fewer were sold, but the £1 with only 1600 sold seems also to be booked for still further advances, despite the increase that has already taken place.

Certain people a year or two ago were pointing out that the 10sh Malta MCA was overpriced at £15, but they have proved false prophets, as it is still rising, and as it exists in similar numbers to the £1 Cyprus and rare Script Gibraltar, forms a useful precedent and guide; all being in a similar and popular group of Colonies. S. G. 100 and 101, indeed, seem magic numbers as regards the last two mentioned Mediterranean Colonies at least!

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As we surmised, there has been a little letter "shower" as a consequence of the announcement that another commemorative is to be issued on October 28, 1926; and one of our correspondents becomes quite testy in his comments on the subject and he thinks that philately is in danger of being "wrecked" by the issues of the kind. This is an extreme view, of course, and has no foundation in fact but it shows how seriously some collectors regard what they consider a "menace" to their interests. From experience, we know that a subject of this kind is one on which a final word cannot be said and that it could be argued interminably. The special issues have their advocates as well as their detractors; and we suggest that a compromise verdict be arrived at by the philatelic jury. While the motives of the post office department in issuing commemorative stamps are of the best and are not based on any thought of exploiting philatelists, yet the frequent issue of such stamps has a tendency to cheapen the sentiment that would be carried by an occasional emission, for instance. It is apparent that unless the postmaster-general curbs his disposition to please, there will be too many special issues for even the liberal-minded philatelist to sponsor with a smile.

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Mr. Al. Burns shows a letter sent from Vincennes, Indiana, May 23, 1849, to a midshipman on the U. S. frigate "Brandywine," in the "Brazils" which bears, in addition to the Paid marking and the Vincennes postmark, the picture of what is evidently an old man-of-war under full sail, in postmark form, surrounded by the words: "U. S. Naval Lyceum." It is probable that this old imprint has no postal significance but is the insignia of some sailors' benefit society.

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Some weeks ago, or on June 25, 1926, we gave a talk at a meeting of the stamp club that flourishes at Senn High School, Chicago. This organization is an exceptional one and the claim has been made for it that it is the premier school society of its kind; and we believe that it deserves this honor. While the students themselves are given all recognition for their sustained interest in and loyalty to stamps, the impetus given to the philatelic direction of the boys by several of the instructors must be admitted. By their encouragement, the stamp club at this great school has become a force that has benefited philately. Ferdinand Fischer and Miss M. Starbird are two teachers who may be mentioned as having encouraged the stamp club in a way that is remarkable, when measured by results; and through their supervision of the boys' stamp activities they succeeded in having a half-hour of school time given to each meeting. The faculty adviser is Miss Starbird, who is an ardent philatelist; and the principal of the school, Mr. Buck has come to realize the serious purpose of the club and give it his approval. Mr. Fischer, too, is a collector of experience and gives attention to the historical side of stamps, as may be judged when it is told that he is interested in the pre-stamp covers, as well as later issues. The programs at meetings of the club are well conceived and closely attended to; and the competitive exhibits at the school are on a high plane and attract most favorable attention. The officers of the club are alert and resourceful; and the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer are Norman Curtis, Oscar Spring and Ray Hamer, respectively. The stamp club at Senn High is a constructive factor in the field of philately and is doing a real service in the up-building of our pursuit.

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When we realize that many instructors in schools and colleges are unremitting in their efforts to bring philately into the calculations of their charges, because of the conviction of the teachers that collecting has substantial merits, we rejoice in the thought of this great influence being brought to bear in favor of our pursuit. Here is work of telling kind being done with no flourish but with steady pace; and it is comforting to find that in the aggregate there is a great preparatory school from which many a competent philatelist will be graduated. The new generation of collectors will carry on the work that is now being done and they will bring a fresh and genuine enthusiasm to their tasks. All credit is given to the instructors who are aiding the cause in a most practical way.

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From Mr. E. B. Aiyar, Puthenchanthai, Trivandrum, India, we have an interesting criticism of the "Philatelic Dictionary" as follows: "The book furnishes information on almost all the philatelic matters which are necessary for beginners and advanced philatelists as well. At the same time, I have pleasure in bringing to your notice an admission so far as Travancore is concerned. Under 'R' the abbreviation is to be supplied similar to other letters. R.V. represents the Maharajah of Travancore, generally designated Rama Varma, this ruling king of Travancore. This R.V. is seen in all royal emblems, in flags, coins, government publications, etc. It may be of interest to note that the provisional Court Fee stamps (Travancore Anchal with C.F. surcharged) of 1, 2, 4, ½ and ¾ chuckrams bear this C.F., C containing R and F containing V in their left sides in miniature characters quite clearly seen in the 2 ch." We thank Mr. Aiyar for various specimens that he enclosed to illustrate his remarks.

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The work of preparing for the great philatelic event of the age will soon be entering its final stages. Summer is passing and when the weather begins to be more seasonably philatelic, the coming exhibition will loom largely in the near distance, so to say. The managers of the huge enterprise must be given all cooperation as theirs is a gigantic task. Actual as well as moral support must be forthcoming from the philatelic body removed from the scene of action and the workers must know that they have the support of all the well-wishers of philately.

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The convention of the American Philatelic Society requires much planning to be in readiness for the hosts that are expected to descend upon New York next October, attracted by the two great events, and there is need that the New York committees having the meeting of philatelists in charge be made aware that they are not expected to bear the financial load alone. The yearly conventions have become affairs of such magnitude as to demand much time and money from the managers of them and it is not fair that they be worried by financial questions when they bend to their tasks with such a good will.

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In the "Masonic News," Detroit, of July, 1926, there is a striking story in which the central theme is stamps or rather one stamp, an Alexandria local, written by Carl H. Claudy and entitled, "The Greatest of These." The local proved to be a means of saving grace and the story is a capital one which will be appreciated particularly by the fraternity. The writer knows well how to prove that philately may be made a pivotal part of the plot to advantage and we are sure that all the readers will be impressed by the part that philately is made to play. May more authors who have some idea of stamps use them in their work, as, so far as the public is concerned, the field is almost new.

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A. R. Rogers, who is the Exhibition Manager of the International Philatelic Exhibition, informs us that the promoters desire to form a committee, representing the junior stamp collectors, to assist in putting over the Exhibition. He mentions the fact that there are stamp clubs in nearly all the high schools of New York City, and the Board of Education takes recognition of this splendid educational work by appointing to each club a teacher who spends a certain amount of time each week at the club meeting. Mr. Rogers has had interviews with a number of these people and finds them greatly interested in the forthcoming Exhibition.

It is desired that a list of the junior stamp collectors throughout the country may be secured to promote the success of the Exhibition, and any who are interested should send their name, age and address to Charles M. Ams, Secretary, 101 Park Ave., New York City. If any of our readers desire to offer suggestions dealing with the matter referred to in this article they are requested to write Mr. Rogers, who may be addressed at the Grand Central Palace, New York City.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

On May 10, 1926, the U.S.P.O. Department issued a 2c stamp in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition held at Philadelphia, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This stamp was recess printed from steel engraved plates, in carmine, by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C., in sheets of 200 (10 horizontal by 20 vertical) with a margin at the top, bottom, and two sides, in which the type numbers appears over (or under) the third and eighth vertical rows, and the side margins, opposite the fifth and seventh horizontal rows. Between the first and sixth vertical rows, and the fifth and eleventh horizontal rows, guide lines in color divide the 200 subjects into four panes of 50 stamps (5 x 10) each, and along these lines knives pass and cut the 200 stamp sheets into four Post Office sheets of 50 stamps each, while the stamps are perforated 11. Of the fourteen stamps (of the 50) bordering on the side guide lines, thirteen have one straight edge, and the other one, two straight edges.

The design of the stamp is a horizontal rectangle, measuring 37 x 22 mm., and figured within an arched opening is the Liberty Bell, swung from the tops of four ornamental columns, surmounted by eagles. Conforming to the opening is "UNITED STATES POSTAGE," above which, in straight line, is "SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION," and the dates, in the corners, "1776" and "1926," at the left and right respectively. Circles in the lower corners contain the numeral "2," and across the foot is "TWO CENTS." All lettering and numerals are colorless.

Of this stamp, 300,000 (6000 sheets of 50 each) were ordered by the Canal Zone Director of Posts to be overprinted for sale in the Canal Zone, and these were received in the Isthmus during the latter part of June. Sales were authorised as of July 4th, but on account of the double holiday, during which time all Post Offices were closed, it is doubtful if any sales were made until the Post offices were opened for business on the morning of Tuesday, July 6th.

The overprint "CANAL ZONE" is black, in two horizontal lines of serifed caps, 2mm. high, the words measuring 11½ to 9mm. respectively, in the same type as used for the ordinary stamps, sharp ½, except that the vertical spacing is 3mm. instead of varying from 8 to 9½mm.

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Elliott Perry has completed his study of "Plating the 10c 1847" and when one realizes the immense amount of study, based on a wealth of material, given to the subject, one's praises are forthcoming for the patient student, who has accomplished a task to try the most stout-hearted. As an example of philatelic application, Mr. Perry's work is almost beyond the bounds of possibility and he attains high place among the savants of philately. Sheets showing the positions of stamps include the 80's and 90's of the left and right panes.

Another exhaustive study of plating is furnished by the eminent Dr. Justus Andersen, who, in collaboration with two other students, plates Norway, 1855, 4 skilling, a stamp that has been entering into the calculations of a number of collectors; and by an enlarged copy of the stamp and numerous part stamp illustrations, block A and block B are described in their differences, both by picture and by text. The printing plate was composed of four blocks, 5x5 stamps, which have been numbered A, B, C and D; and A and B or the two upper panes are now considered. Mr. Harry M. Konwiser contributes an article, "Philately Versus Stamp Collecting," wherein he shows the gradations that enter into the development of the stamp collector into the philatelist and he makes the sound observation that broader avenues should be created through which to interest the general collector. This is a sane exposition that is worth thought. Dr. J. Fred Emerson submits a comparative study of the obliterations of the Brazil "Bull's Eyes" as the first issue of Brazil are often called and the pages of cuts are something for the collector who aspires only to a single copy of each of the three denominations, to keep at his elbow. An illustrated article by Mr. Christian L. Dull shows the handicraft of an artist such as Mr. Dull, who certainly has the ability to provide tasteful decorative effects for the album pages. Hanover is treated by Director Heinrich Birnbach, so far as the first issue is concerned and the decree telling officially of the introduction of stamps is a valuable document. Mr. Bartels continues his descriptions, with illustrations, of the New York Foreign Mail Cancellations 1870-76; and Mr. Herman Toaspern elaborates on his discovery of the Guam, ten cents brown, type II, an achievement to his credit. The editor is at home on his page and Mr. Ricketts continues his index—altogether, a surfeit of the richest philatelic fare.

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United States

Sesqui-Centennial Stamped Envelope

Under date of July 20th the Postmaster General announced the prospective issuance of a new 2 cents embossed stamped envelope to commemorate the Sesquicentennial anniversary of American Independence. The envelope is being issued in connection with the Sesquicentennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pa., the stamp being printed in red on extra quality paper.

The stamp on the envelope is an upright rectangle in shape, about 1⅛ by 15/16 inches in size. The central design is an embossed Liberty Bell partly surrounded by a wreath with the figures "1776" and "1926" on either side. Above the central design appear the words "United States Postage" and directly below are the words "Sesquicentennial Exposition." The numeral "2" appears in the two lower corners, with the word "Cents" between.

The new envelope in size 5 will be manufactured on the machine which has been installed as a part of the Department's exhibit at the Exposition, the first sale to be made at the Model Post Office in the Exposition grounds on Tuesday, July 27th. These envelopes in sizes 5, 8 and 13 will be placed on sale at the other post offices throughout the country as soon as sufficient supplies can be manufactured at the envelope factory at Dayton, Ohio.

The envelope machine for turning out these envelopes at the Exposition has been in operation for some time but previous to the appearance of the special stamp they have been turning out the normal variety. These do not appear to differ from the normal stock and they have been shipping them out along with those made at Dayton.

The 2c Sesquicentennial adhesive stamp is not being manufactured at the Exposition as had been expected, due I believe to the fact that it has now been learned that such a stamp may not be made outside of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. They are, however, showing the visitors how similar work is produced by turning out neat engravings of Washington, Lincoln, Silent Cal, Independence Hall and other subjects.

Commemorative Stamp Engravers

From time to time through the courtesy of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing I am enabled to post our readers as to the engravers who made certain dies for our postage stamps.

The Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary stamps were engraved by Messrs. H. P. Dawson, E. M. Hall, L. S. Schofield and F. Pauling.

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The dies for the Norse-American stamps are the work of Messrs. E. M. Hall, W. B. Wells, E. M. Weeks, J. C. Benzing and E. J. Hein.

Messrs. E. M. Hall and J. Eissler produced the 2c Sesqui-centennial while the 5c Ericsson is the good work of Messrs. F. Lamasure and L. S. Schofield.

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Canal Zone

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Ha Leonard, F. D. Fuller and R. C. Car I have received copies of the 2c r Sesquicentennial stamp overprinted black in two lines "CANAL ZONE." Wh the stamp was not officially placed sale until July 6th it seems that co were sold as early as July 4th and stam on cover bearing this earlier date ha been received. I am informed that th hundred thousand copies have been ov printed so that they are likely to be qu plentiful. No errors have so far b noted.

Mr. Everett Earle writes that he h obtained a block of the normal current Canal Zone stamp showing the f pointed star as an imprint in the marg This is from plate 17892.

Philippines

In the Chronicle for July 19th ment was made of the appearance of the c rent series 2c to 1 peso inclusive with air mail overprint. I now learn fr foreign journals that the 2, 4 and pesos also received the same overpr This surcharging was not the work the Bureau of Engraving & Printing was produced locally.

ALGERIA.—Postage Dues, additio values. M. Theodore Champion repo 25c lilac rose, 30c carmine and 45c gre "Recouvrements"—From the sa source: 10c violet, 30c bistre and red.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—T Postmaster-General has decided to is a new stamp to commemorate the offi opening of Canberra, the seat of the n Federal Parliament, and is arranging receive competitive designs from arti throughout the world.—Reuter.—*Ph telic Magazine.*

CURACAO.—Whitfield King & Co. adv of the appearance of the 10c carmine, the type of Scott's A12.

CYPRUS.—M. Champion informs us t owing to the reduction of the fore postal rate to 2½ piastres the 2¾pi been withdrawn from circulation. presume this will mean a new 2½pi val —*Philatelic Magazine.*

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This reads like another Swiss "League of Nations" issue.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

ITALIAN COLONIES.—The first printing of St. Francis stamps consisted, according to M. Champion, of 25,000 sets for each colony.—*Stamp Collecting.*

JAPAN.—There is, after all, no truth in the rumor that the much boomed "most beautiful new stamps" are already on issue. Our faithful friend in Tokyo, Mr. Umejiro Kimura, Editor of the excellent *Yuraku,* says the stamps in question have yet to appear and that we "shall be happy if we can get them within six months from now."—*Stamp Collecting.*

PERSIA.—Mr. Theodore Champion in his *Bulletin Mensuel* chronicles the appearance of the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 9c of the 1909 surcharged with native characters and "Regne de Pahlavi 1926."

RAROTONGA.—In reply to an inquiry, Messrs. J. H. Smyth, Ltd., are officially informed that the stamps at present on sale at the chief post office, Rarotonga, are as follows:—

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SURINAM.—We are advised by Whitfield King & Co. that the 20c in the type of A15 has been issued in olive color.

TRIPOLITANIA.—Mr. Theodore Champion reports that two new stamps have been issued one a 5c+5c brown and a 10c+5c olive. They are of large oblong format with the figure of a woman in the centre. The perforation is 14.

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highly speculative. Four sets were sent to the catalog-makers and that is about all that are available except at a—price. It is the opinion of the undersigned that they rank in the same category as those of the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition, or those of the Dutch Indies surcharged for the Annual Fairs, and should be merely noted as such.

While the plates were destroyed as per the enclosed photographic circular, quite a few specimens have been seen lacking one wing of the air-propeller. This could only come from some part of the plate being destroyed by an interested party as the small number surcharged could not have worn out the plates. In this case these not only rank in the "speculative" class but in the "suspicious" class as well.

There is some talk of a change of color for the current issues to accord with the agreements of the Postal Congress, but thus, like other things, Philippine may again be a belated.

ADDENDA.

Certification from the Director of Posts of the Philippine Islands, as made by Jose Topacio, Dicetor of Posts:—

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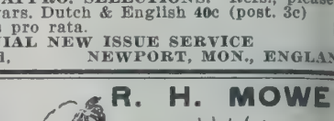

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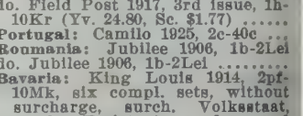

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berg Issue, and further of the several war issues, all of which were published in the above mentioned magazine. Mr. Tamsen has been a frequent contributor to various philatelic publications. One of his articles described his discovery of the four types of the rare East Griqualand Mount Currie Express stamps.

In 1899 Mr. Tamsen travelled via Mozambique, German and British East Africa, Egypt, to England and Scotland. His family is an old Danish one and many of our readers will be surprised to learn that Mr. Tamsen came to the United States in the early sixties, where his father became naturalized and Mr. Tamsen was himself an American until he left for the Transvaal, where he became a Boer and is now a "British subject by conquest." He is planning to revisit America and will return home by way of Australia. He writes us that when he left New York the East River bridge was being started, and he adds:—"I am now anxious to walk over it and see how New York looks with its skyscrapers. I expect to stay some six months in the U. S. A."

Wherever he has resided, Mr. Tamsen has taken a keen interest in local municipal affairs. He was mayor of Nylstroom for eight years in succession, and inaugurated the town's water supply system and its tree planting scheme.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having started the local lodge in 1886, and now holds past rank of District Senior Grand Warden of the Transvaal. He started the first general retail store in Nylstroom forty-four years ago and is still managing the same. Through the handling of mining materials he became engaged in tin, gold and platinum mining and still has interests in them.

Mr. Tamsen is now residing on his Nylstroom farm where he has large citrus and deciduous orchards, walnut and almond groves, the largest chestnut grove in South Africa, and also large eucalyptus plantations.

From the above sketch it will be seen that our distinguished philatelist has led a very busy life and his presence at New York, upon the Jury of Awards, will make him one of the central figures of the event.

FINE AIR MAIL COVERS

Albert E. Gorham of Washington, D. C., has been a busy philatelist in recent months. This is particularly true in connection with first flights in airmail contracts. He has kept the readers of the WEEKLY fully posted by the submission of specimens, and he has now taken the pains to submit thirty-two first flight airmail covers, combining on each one of them a first flight between Boston and New York with Philadelphia and Washington, in all combinations of trips.

These covers are submitted for our critical inspection and comment. We can only say they are a liberal education in the airmail flight history which has recently taken place. Special attention is called to the fact that these covers represent "double first flights between Boston and Washington." Doubtless these are very scarce covers and will be of considerable philatelic interest.

ITEMS OF NEWS:—

AT a recent election of officers of the Newark (N. J.) Philatelic Society Isadore Schactman was re-elected president and Maurice Berman secretary.

THE Bulletin hitherto issued by the Aero Philatelic Society of America is now printed in a more pretentious form. It is to be known as the *Aero News* and Volume I, Number 1, consists of eight pages. A sample copy can no doubt be obtained by addressing the publication at Springfield, Mass.

WE have received a copy of the Thornhill Album, issued for the stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports and Formosa. It is published by the Thornhill Stamp Exchange, Vallejo, Calif., and the pages are arranged by H. F. Bowker, A.P.S. 2482. Our subscribers who are interested in these stamps and desire a special album of some thirty pages will do well to write the publishers. An album for the stamps of China similar to the present volume is in course of preparation.

R. P. BROOK, Rockville Center, N. Y., is unable to secure replies to letters sent Wm. Beecher, 651 Elm St., Kenosha, Wis. Interested parties should write Mr. Brook.

HERE is a chance for one of our subscribers to favor a fellow philatelist. Horace C. Adams, A.P.S. 6863, R.F.D. 1, Box 24, Glendora, Cal., is anxious to secure a copy of our paper for Jan. 27, 1917, Whole Number 1361. Drop him a line if you can favor him.

IN the *Boston Transcript* for July 10 appeared an article dealing with "Commemorative Stamps as Teachers of History." It was written by Oliver McKee Jr., and based upon material furnished by Mrs. K. L. Manning of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. The article is boldly illustrated and presents a very striking appearance.

IT has been reported that Greece is to have a set of airmail stamps of four values, 2, 3, 5 and 10dr, to be used on service between Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Evang. Melingounakis informs us that this issue of stamps will be privately created and that the Greek postal department will have no connection with it.

C. R. LEWIS, at the Philatelic Congress at Liverpool, said that the first known provincial postmark was on a letter marked "Warrington," posted in 1702, in the days before adhesive stamps. The earliest known provincial postmark of the circular type, with town and date marked in the circle, was on a Chester letter of March 23, 1804.

SIGMUND WEISER submits specimens of the new 8c Colombian patterned after the old 3c stamp. He writes us as follows:—"Please find enclosed the new value of 8cts. blue Colombian stamp which is intended for double postage. Pattern and color the same as the 3cts. stamps which probably is doomed to be discontinued as the single postage was raised from 3 to 4 cents. However, the 3cts. stamps are still valid and in stock at post offices, only the two stamps can easily be confused."

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This week we see what you can get from one town. Mr. Collins dug these all up in one lot, and as they are from the town which has put out so many odd and pretty cancels thought I'd show this lot intact, tho they are not so striking as many of the other Wby cancels. They of course come on 3c greens as well as on these P. C. '75s (Post Cards). No. 3 is put in to fill up the group.

Were you ever inclined to go way down South and see if you could dig up a mess of covers as nice as that lot of Carroll, Hoy correspondence? Well, Cahaba is an interesting living example of "Truth is stranger than fiction." This is the story of a lost Capitol, not capital, as that is easy to lose. It is seldom that a state loses its Capitol which has cost up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, yet this one is actually swept off the map.

Mr. R. S. Nelson has sent me a book "Memories of Old Cahaba," by Anna M. Gayle Fry, who lived there, and the following is taken from her book.

Where the little Cahaba and the majestic Alabama rivers glide into each other's embrace is located Old Historic Cahaba, the first Capitol of Alabama. This spot was of importance back in 1713, being occupied by the officers of Crozart, a rich Parisian merchant, who received a large grant of land from King Louis XV of France, and established Military and Trading Posts in this part of the country, then known as "The Prince of Louisiana."

By the Alabama State Legislature, Cahaba, the site selected by the General Assembly assembled at Huntsville in 1819, was approved as the Capitol, lots laid out, and a location for the government buildings selected by Governor William Bibb. In 1820 Cahaba had two newspapers, a Land Office, State Bank, stores, hotels, schools, etc., etc.

In 1822 land sold for $1.25 per acre. In a few weeks these sold for $60.00 to $70.00 per acre, and in a few months could not be had at any price. The sale of 184 lots amounted to over $120,000.00.

The massive State Capitol, a solid square brick structure, two stories high, surmounted by an imposing Dome, said to be similar in appearance to the Old Capitol Building at St. Augustine, Florida, and erected in that same year, was the central feature of the town, which was planned on the lines of Philadelphia, the streets having those same names. The principal business street—Vine—was ornamented by ancient shade trees, gnarled and seamed; China berry, mulberry, and water oaks lined the streets on each side.

Into this beautiful setting came LaFayette in 1825 to spend three days, where he was entertained with pomp and ceremony, passing under the arch which was erected in his honor, amid the boom of cannon, ringing of bells, and the cheers of the hundreds who had assembled to do him honor.

The grand balls were given in the Bell Tavern. "Many were the beautiful belles resplendent in brocaded satin, costly laces and diamonds, who had "tread a measure" with the stately cavaliers of those days, or merrily danced the Virginia reel in that long old ballroom, 'neath the soft mellow light of spermaceti candles or the old-fashioned lard oil lamps, with their ground glass shades."

Here you have a picture of a Capitol of one of the old Southern States in its zenith of prosperity. At no time was the population over 5,000.

(*Continued on page 416*)

BRITISH COLONIALS — EARLY ISSUES
I am breaking up a choice old collection, condition very fine. The stamps are priced at well over half catalogue and selections can be sent on approval. References, please.[eow1
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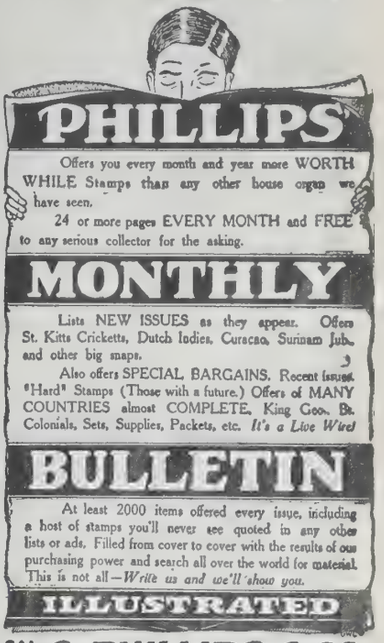
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Malta—Irish Free State—Portugal and Colonies

By "MARQUETTE".

I learn from *Stamp Collecting* that the "POSTAGE" overprint was applied to the following quantities of the values indicated: 4d, 24,000; 6d, 80,000; 1s, 48,000; 2s, 7000; 2s 6d, 8000; 5s, 16,000; 10s 27,000. The authority for this statement is not given. As I write, the 2s is selling at between 25s and 30s, which makes the present quotation of 15s to 17s 6d for the 2s 6d rather low. The 4d is offered round about 4s.

As stated in "Stamp News in Brief" last month, several reports of forgeries of the "POSTAGE" overprint on the better values have been received, though I have not yet seen a definitely bad overprint. The reports are borne out by the keen London demand for the 2s stamp without overprint, the price of which is rising rapidly.

The latest edition of the Ferreira Catalogue of Portugal and Colonies shows an upward tendency in many of the Ceres type stamps, for which there is an increasing demand. Generally speaking, the 15c claret, 30c chocolate on green, 40c brown on rose, and 50c orange on salmon, are showing rises in most Colonies. Since the Gibbons Catalogue lists were re-written, there has been a marked revival of interest in many Portuguese issues.

Chili is a country which should be watched just now. Dealers' stock-books bear witness to a run on many of the stamps which have been hitherto regarded as quite common, and I gather that one or two of the "wise ones" have discovered that stocks of many items are getting low, and are buying in anticipation of an early rise.

The 50st Bulgaria, with view of the bombed Sofia Cathedral, has been withdrawn, I understand, because of the painful memories it evoked among the relatives of the two hundred victims of the dastardly outrage.

As was to be expected, the new edition of the Ware Catalogue of Irish Free State shows an all-round increase in values, prices being, in a number of instances, well above the present Gibbons quotations. The Introduction speaks very highly of the Thom Rialtas high values, while the Thom Saorstat high values are also up. In a recent issue of *Stamp Collecting*, Mr. John Dixon says: "If Irish overprints are really as scarce as I have found them, they would be cheap at twice Gibbons prices, especially used in really fine condition." We can evidently look for further rises in the next edition of the red catalogue.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

STAMPS OF ORANGE RIVER COLONY

By C. A. HOWES.

The Orange River Free State was formed by the "Great Trek" of the Boers of the Cape of Good Hope, who were dissatisfied with British rule and migrated into the wilds to the north in 1836, finally forming the Republic in 1842. This was forcibly annexed by the British six years later, but its independence was restored in 1854, when a constitution was promulgated. When war broke out between the Transvaal and Great Britain in 1899, the Republic joined the former and suffered defeat and incorporation into the British Empire as the Orange River Colony in consequence, being annexed by proclamation of Lord Roberts, Commander-in-chief, on May 24, 1900. The Colony takes its name from the Orange river, which forms its boundary with Cape Colony and was named thus in 1777 in honor of the Royal House of Holland.

The stamp of the former Orange River Free State and the succeeding Orange River Colony are comparatively few in number, particularly when one considers the time that has elapsed since the first issue, now approaching sixty years. And the remarkable part of it is that more than one-half of all the stamps issued have been surcharges, and this without counting differences of type or minor varieties. It will thus be seen that for the "simplified collection" this country offers a very attractive field, as there are no stamps of any degree of rarity which would be needed.

The stamps were ordered from Messrs. De La Rue & Co. of London, who continued to furnish them for the Free State and the succeeding Colony until the latter was merged into the Union of South Africa. The design is the arms of the Free State, a tree of conical shape called the "Liberty Tree," whatever that may be, with three powder-horns arranged beneath. It seems that the so-called "oranges" dotted over the tree are an "artistic license" of the engraver, who added them with the idea that the national tree of the "Orange Free State" must perforce be an "orange tree." As will be seen from our introductory paragraph, this assumption was entirely gratuitous and we are unaware that the orange tree even grows there, at least not as an indigenous member of the country's flora. The stamps were printed like the regular British Colonial productions of the firm in sheets of 240, four panes of sixty each which were in ten horizontal rows of six. The perforation has always been gauge 14, but not being a British Colony the paper was plain unwatermarked white wove.

The first stamps were issued on January 1, 1868, and like the Transvaal, with which the Free State was always intimately connected, they consisted of three values: 1 penny for newspaper postage irrespective of weight, 6 pence for letter postage per half ounce or for the registration fee, and 1 shilling for the combined rates double weight letters, etc. No figures were shown but the value was expressed by the Dutch words *een* (one) and *zes* (six). These stamps sufficed for nine years, when in 1877 the letter rate was reduced to 4 pence per half-ounce and a stamp of that value became necessary. While awaiting a supply of the new value from England, recourse was had to surcharging and naturally the reduced demand for 6 pence stamps led to these being overprinted with the figure "4" in black. The work was entrusted to Messrs. C. Brockenhagen & Co. of *Express* office at Bloemfontein, who the printing for the Government. It done on an old fashion platen press the form was set up to overprint but a sheet at a time, owing to limitatio the size of the press. This was horizontally so that the left and r panes, whether of the top or bottom of the sheet, were the ones overpri together. Evidently figures of the la sizes were none too numerous in the f available and we therefore find four ferent varieties of type used. Of "setting," which so delights the specia nothing is known as we understand t are no blocks or even pairs of this charged stamp known. It was only use seven or eight months and the thing that can be said is that the lar sized variety of the figure "4" is the est.

The new 4 pence stamp arrived and issued in the spring of 1878 and was p ably accompanied to South Africa by 5 shilling stamp which was chronicle issued soon after the 4 pence. They v both similar in every way to the prev stamps, being inscribed *vier* (four) *vyf* (five) with their respective den nations.

Early in 1881 the supply of 1 pe stamps ran out and, pending the arr of a new consignment from London, postal authorities made use of the st of which they had the most in stock which was used less than any other— urally the 5 shilling value. This was o printed in like manner to the previo issued 4 pence, and we find there v used at least five different types of "1 d." The smallest type was alone on the first printings, and the other t ypes illustrated in the catalogues were used together in the "setting" for l printings. Of one of these types t are but four copies in the sheet of All stamps have the original value celled by a heavy black bar over the value. Inverted and double overpr are known of most of the varieties. bar may also be found at the top of stamp or entirely lacking.

In August, 1882, the rate of postage newspapers was reduced to ½ penny to provide for this the 5 shilling st was again requisitioned, being surchar "½ d" with a thin line across the value, all in black. There were no t varieties in this but it occurs inver and double. Probably at the same t the letter rate was reduced to 2 pence the parcel post rate placed at 3 pence each four ounces. This rendered th pence stamps of less use and they w employed in making up the value o pence which was not in the regular is The overprinting was done in the sa manner as before except that only pane of sixty stamps was surcharged a time according to M. Moens. Th are five distinct varieties of type in t setting, there being but four of the it "3 d" in the pane of sixty. All found doubly surcharged.

New permanent stamps of ½ pe and 3 (*drie*) pence arrived and were sued in March, 1883, corresponding all respects to the previous stamps. (*twee*) pence followed in April, 18 The ½ penny stamp was also used post-cards and was overprinted with design of the arms of the Republic black after being stuck on, thus mak a provisional post-card. These are casionally found soaked off the cards a puzzle collectors with the curious "c cellation."

In October, 1888, the 2 pence stan ran short and the 3 pence was used supplying the lack in the usual w Two varieties of type occur, a narr and a wider figure in the "2 d," but t difference is slight. A figure with curly tail instead of straight has been

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ed. The surcharge occurs inverted is extremely scarce.

nce more, in 1890, the 1 penny stamps me exhausted and both the 3 pence 4 pence stamps were employed for plying provisionals. They first apred in December, 1890, and further tings appeared in March, 1891. Two eties of type appear in the "1 d" on stamps and a third variety, being a tal "I" instead of "1," is found only he 4 pence, there being but one in the ting." The surcharge is as usual in k and without any bar across the ner values. Minor varieties occur as ows: dropped "d" on both values harged, raised "d" on the 3 pence, wide space between "1" and "d" also the 3 pence. Both 3 pence and 4 e values occur with double surcharge, otless due to careless printing, but also occur doubly surcharged showboth common varieties, which must lue to the second impression being placed by the width of a stamp either ically or horizontally so as to bring n together.

he Republic joined the Postal Union 892 and a 2½ pence stamp became essary, which was made in the usual by overprinting "2½ d" in black on 3 pence stamp. This was issued in ober, 1892. There appear to be no eties of type but the surcharge comes hout the period and also with two ies of printers' "lead" showing after it.

1894 it was moved in the "Volkal" or House of Representatives that Republic emulate some of the Cen- American republics and increase its enue by frequent changes in the postal sions. Whether due to this fact or o it is known that changes in the color of the set and additional values were emplated and partly carried out be- the war of 1900. The first change in the 1 penny which appeared in iet in September, 1894, but otherwise manged.

November, 1896, another epidemic surcharging broke out because of the e of halfpenny stamps, and again the nce stamp came in handy. This time e is a large-sized "½d" in black in distinct varieties, with a minor vaie of two of them. Due to some de- in the printing, a number of sheets li not show clear impressions of the print in the first two vertical rows the left pane; to remedy this they had h narrowest type of all applied again yhand, thus making five varieties of ble surcharge. Besides the above and much larger quantity, the same stamp s overprinted "Halve Penny" in two irs with bar over the old value in blk. Two varieties, no period after 'Penny" and the spelling "Peuny" are fond and careless printing has put the ba at the top of the stamp or omitted it altgether. Double prints also occur, but the high priced varieties listed in the catalogue are said to have been made by favor and not for use.

In January, 1897, the 2½ pence surcharge was exhausted and was replaced by a new type of numerals only, without the "d", on the same old 3 pence stamp. There is a variety of the fraction, occurring but once in a pane of sixty stamps.

This completes the provisional issues; but two changes belonging to the new color scheme occurred in 1897, the ½ penny to orange in March and the 1 shilling to brown in August. The 6 pence in blue was ready for issue when the war broke out in 1899, but was not issued until surcharged after British occupation.

Early military successes in 1899 by the combined forces of the two Dutch republics were speedily checked as Britain poured forth her great resources to crush the menace to her South African possessions. Lord Roberts entered Bloemfontein, the Free State capital, on March 13, 1900. The Postal & Telegraph Offices were taken over on the 14th and the stocks of the Republic's stamps on hand were immediately overprinted, the following notice being issued on March 22d:—

"It is hereby notified for general information that the Orange Free State postage stamps in use up to the 14th inst. are no longer valid, surcharged stamps of the same denomination having been substituted."

The new stamps were issued on the 19th of March in three values, the ½, 1 and 2½d. The first printing took place on the previous day, the overprint consisting of the initials "V. R. I." standing for Victoria Regina et Imperatrix" or "Victoria Queen and Empress" across the upper part of the stamp, and the value in figures followed by "d" or "s" on the lower part. It is curious to note that the new legend repeats the Dutch word "Vrij" or "Free" just above it on the stamp, a momentous change occurring by dropping the "j" and putting a "ful stop" after the first three letters. The 2½d stamp alone did not receive an additional surcharge of the value as it was already in use with the figures "2½" printed on it since 1897.

The surcharge was set up to print one pane of sixty stamps at a time. The first "setting" of March 18th had all the periods or "stops" on a level with the bottoms of the letters "V. R. I." This was applied to all the values on hand, including the new 6d in ultramarine, which was in stock but had not been issued except as a telegraph stamp. A variety with no period after the "V" occurs on all values. The ½, 1 and 6d (both colors) as well as the 1 and 5s occur with figure of value omitted; the 1d without the letter "d"; the ½ and 1d with no stop after "R" and the "I" omitted; the ½d with no stop after "I"; the ½d with small numerals; the 1s with raised stop after the "s," and the 1d and 5s with raised stop after the "R," level with the top of the letter. Careless register in printing was responsible for the omission of "V. R. I." or the value in surcharging the ½, 1, 2 and 6d (ultramarine) and 1s, and in placing the value above the "V. R. I." on these values; also in causing pairs of the 3d with and without surcharge. Double prints also occur in the ½, 1 and 3d values.

The old 1d brown and 1s orange were surcharged with this setting, the story being as follows: When the surcharging was done, the National Bank of South Africa at Bloemfontein received permission to have the stamps they had on hand included. Among these were some fifty of the old 1d and 1s. When the authorities learned of this they made every effort to call in all the copies as they had not been authorized for use. The majority of the specimens were recovered and presumably destroyed, but it is said about eight of the 1d and twenty of the 1s escaped.

The second printing and setting occurred about April 23d, and is distinguished by the fact that practically all the periods or "stops" placed after the "V. R. I." belong to a different font from the letters and are smaller than before and raised above the level of the bottom of the letters. Only one stamp has the stops level as in the first setting, while three have "mixed stops," i. e., some raised and some level. This setting is found on all the values as before.

The third setting, in which specialists find four variations probably due to at least as many printings, is marked by having a thick letter "V" on some of the stamps of the pane, but differing in position in the different printings; otherwise it is similar to the second setting with "raised stops." This surcharge appears on all values except the 4d stamp. Some of the principal varieties in the surcharge may be mentioned as: the 6d ultramarine with dropped "d"; the 1s without the "s"; the 5s with short top to the "5"; the ½ and 1d without stop after "V"; the 1d with level stop after "I"; the 1d without stop after "R"; the ½ and 1d without stop after "I"; the ½ without the "V"; the ½ and 1d with small numerals; the 1 and 2d with inverted surcharge; the 1d with double surcharge; and the 1d in pairs, one without surcharge.

The total numbers issued of the various values are stated to have been ½d 5770 sheets (of 240 stamps each), 1d 13,100, 2d 5130, 2½d 80 (= 19,200 stamps), 3d 4270, 4d 310, 6d carmine 30 (= 7,200 stamps), 6d ultramarine 2800, 1s 1830, and 5s 970. The 6d carmine was naturally soon sold out, though in spite of the small quantity it underwent at least two printings, and was soon followed by the 2½d, the 4d and then the 3d.

The lack of 2½d stamps was met by obtaining a supply of these stamps from Cape Colony and overprinting them "Orange—River—Colony" in three lines in black. They were issued on August 10, 1900. On October 13, 1900, the ½d Cape Colony stamp was issued in like manner as this value had become exhausted. The 1d stamp lasted until June 6, 1902, when the Cape stamp of like value was requisitioned and surcharged like the two previous ones. These three values were surcharged in entire sheets, the printing being done in Cape Town by Messrs. W. A. Richards & Co. The type is a peculiar font and there are no varieties of note except the omission of the period after the word "COLONY," which occurs only on the first stamp of the first row in the left lower pane of the ½ and 2½d, and the sixth stamp in the second row of the right lower pane of the 1d. The ½d is found doubly surcharged

It seems curious that the issue of a 4d stamp should not have taken place until a year and a half after this value as originally overprinted had become exhausted, as it was useful for the registration fee and for parcel post rates. It was not

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The sense of nearness to the coming International Exhibition is beginning to be felt and what for some time was an event that was concerned wholly with the future is looming up now in close proximity. The philatelic papers abroad tell of preparations that are being made by philatelic leaders to attend the New York Exhibition and it is an encouraging indication that the philatelic citizens overseas are accurately gauging the importance of the momentous undertaking. The management of the Exhibition is in capable hands and it is a foregone conclusion that no effort will be spared to realize the high expectations of philatelists everywhere and that their pride in the enterprise will be justified. However, it must not be assumed that energy alone will accomplish the task. On the contrary, if the work is to have the fullest fruition, it is incumbent upon all collectors to supply funds in sufficient amount to insure untrammeled action on the part of the managers. The call is now to be made for contributions in the name of the Exhibition and the liberality of those who have given to the project must be matched by those who have not yet given personal attention to this phase of the philatelic show of the century.

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While the site of the Exhibition is New York, yet the great display is dedicated to no one section of the country or to any one class of collectors. Promotors of great affairs of the kind are confronted by the difficulty of instilling the belief in the minds of those who are some distance from the scene of endeavors that they are an essential part of the creation. Philatelists in every city, town and village, to those on the farms, should not regard the Exhibition in any detached way but should feel that their support is as necessary to the success of the event as if they were on the spot. It is true that all cannot work actively in upbuilding the monument but they may draw on their purses to further the laudable object. No substitute is to be found for money in a case such as this and dollars must be in hand to furnish the motive power. The fact cannot be disguised that funds must be collected in order that the completion of the task will be assured on the mighty scale on which it was started and contributions must be made without delay. We solicit our readers to give sums such as they deem fitting, according to their circumstances. There is no dodging the personal responsibility that rests upon every philatelist in the land in furthering their Exhibition. On the theory that he who gives quickly gives twice, let a sudden shower descend on the treasurer of the Exhibition. Contributions may be sent direct to the Treasurer, Mr. T. E. Steinway, 109 West 57th Street, New York City; or to C. E. Severn at 118 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, for prompt acknowledgment.

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The role of solicitor of money for any cause is not a popular one but if there ever was an occasion where the position of the supplicant was justified, it is the present one. The proceeds of this financial campaign are applied not in the interest of any individual or class but for the well-being of all who are exponents of philatelic progress. Contributions have been made and they represent the desired good beginning, but many dollars more are necessary to keep the wheels moving at the accelerated speed that they have been making. We commend the Exhibition and its backers and have confidence in the inherent sense of philatelists all over this broad land that it is worthy of financial assistance. Thus far, a large proportion of the funds have been raised in the east and we want the list of contributors to be a representative one that will include all parts of the country. Why defer performing a duty that will not remain a passive one but will grow more insistent as the days slip by. In the words of the enthusiastic advertiser, "Do it now!"

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There is no gainsaying that there are many collectors who are giving particular attention to the first flights of the contract air mail service and it is generally recognized that the covers showing the "inauguration" of new routes have a value that touches upon the historical. We may believe that the government is not ungrateful to collectors for their patronage of the first flights because they send a heavy mail on each of the occasions, thereby greatly increasing the stamp revenue of the department. The wisdom of starting their collections with the origin of the contract "firsts" appeals to not a few collectors and we hear that some of the markings used between some of the stations on the different routes the first day are destined to be good. The collector who has attended the task of getting all the combinations already has an imposing array of envelopes and having tasted blood, he will continue his pursuit for some, if not all, time to come. The collectors of air mail covers are many and their ranks will be increased in the future and those who have a leaning to this branch of our study should indulge it as profit as well as study may result from their devotion.

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Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, who has been traveling for some months in the South Seas countries will return from Australia by way of Hawaii in time to be home by August 28, 1926. He is enthusiastic on the subject of the Australian countries and cites Sydney and Melbourne as remarkable examples of progressive cities, both of which are well equipped philatelically with societies, papers and dealers. He has seen some wonderful collections, among which were Mr. H. L. White's New South Wales and Western Australia; Mr. P. Malone's Tasmania and Mr. P. T. Berry's early Victoria. Mr. Berry has been invited as one of the judges to attend the New York Exhibition and at the request of the New York Collectors Club, he will be a guest.

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In order that the records may be kept straight, the following quotation is taken from a letter sent by Mr. G. V. Stewart, Pasadena, California, on the subject of the Malta provisionals: "I beg to suggest that the value referred to by Mr. Bentley in the last sentence of his letter which appeared in the issue of July 12th is the one pound, as he says: 'There will not be another one shilling value as there is a revenue stamp of this value now,' This statement is incorrect as the one shilling has already been distributed by new issue dealers and has been offered in the columns of the WEEKLY." Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley was misquoted by us and as Mr. Stewart says, one pound should have been printed instead of "one shilling."

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Preparations for the forthcoming convention of the American Philatelic Society at New York next October show no abatement and the committee in charge are bending to their tasks. In view of the augmented attendance expected at New York, the problem of caring for the delegates is greater than usual and as soon as possible those who are certain to attend should notify the committee of their expectations. Mr. A. H. Wilhelm, the president of the American Philatelic Society, is anxious that the various committees render a report of their activities as of August 31, 1926, during the year, as he is interested in having the decks cleared for action at the convention, which will be the greatest ever held.

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(Continued from page 409)

until February 14, 1902, however, that t
value was reissued as a new surcharge
the already surcharged 6d. It was a
complished by printing "4d" above t
"6d," with a bar through the latter valu
in carmine or vermilion ink. The stan
used was the one with raised "stops," a
the "thick V" and no stop after "R" a
no stop after "I" varieties are to be foun

In August, 1902, a new lot of 6d ultr
marine was overprinted "E. R. I.", b
cause of Queen Victoria's death since t
previous surcharging, the letters standi
for "Edwardus Rex et Imperator,"
"Edward King and Emperor." T
"stops" are all on line with the botto
of the letters. A double surcharge, o
being inverted, is noted.

The last provisional issue was to r
plenish the stock of 1s stamps, the 5s b
ing used and surcharged "One—Shillin
in two lines across the center of t
stamp with a star cancelling the form
value, all in orange ink. It appeared
September, 1902. The stamp used ha
the "raised stops," and the "thick V" a
short top to the numeral "5" varieties a
to be found. The star is sometimes d
fective and some dots can be found
place of the "g" of "Shilling." A doub
surcharge is noted.

In 1903 the new permanent issue, pr
pared in the usual manner by Messrs. D
La Rue & Co. of London, was receiv
and the 1d was the first value issued
February 3d. The remainder of the s
was issued on July 6th, with the excep
tion of the 5s which did not appear unt
October, 1904, because of the quantity
the surcharged stamp which still remaine
on hand. A special design with the hea

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King Edward was employed, the name the Colony appearing on a banderole three loops above the vignette, giving effoil frame effect for the head while *springbok* is pictured in the lower left ner of the stamp and a *wildebeest* or gi" in the right, as animals typical of country. The watermark, appearing the first time, was "Crown C A," but multiple "Crown C A" began to ap-e in 1906, the 1d appearing in July, the in July, 1907, the 4d in August, 1907, the 1s in April, 1909. This was as as the multiple watermark series went, the Colony joined the Union of South ica as a province when that new Com-wealth was proclaimed on May 31, 0. On August 15, 1910, the following ce was published in the *Union Gazette*: is hereby notified for general infor-on that, until further notice, postage revenue stamps which were in au-ized use on 30th May, 1910, in the o- Colonies incorporated in the Union South Africa are now recognized as lable throughout the Union, and their is no longer limited within the terri-al boundaries of the original Colonies issue." The Orange River Colony aps then in use, therefore, became h the contemporary issues of the nsvaal, Natal and Cape Colony, the r general issue of the Union of South ica. The unified series was finally ed on September 1, 1913, which super-ed the provincial stamps.

everal values of the issue of 1903 are id with the overprint "C. S. A. R." ch was merely a control mark put on e administration of the Central South ican Railways and not an "official" charge.—*New England Stamp Monthly.*

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HOT AND COLD

Mr. Louis de Bouder of Cleveland, Ohio, reports that he has received from a friend in Turkey a block of sixteen of Scott's No. 540 Turkey with inverted surcharge. This is the Adrianople 40pa blue, with the 1917 surcharge that is listed inverted in the foreign catalogues but without price, we believe.

Mr. Sterling Taylor reported that the collectors of Spokane, Washington, have organized a society that has got off to a good start with a dozen members. He said that with the stimulus provided by exhibits at high schools and libraries and at the State Fair, together with contests and other entertainment, the membership should be a hundred in a year. The Historical Society of Spokane has given the use of its beautiful club-room to the society for its meetings; and this is recognition that is appreciated.

Further particulars concerning the Wolters' collection have been received from Mr. W. F. Slusser, Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, who has sent the Honolulu *Advertiser* of July 10th, containing the following notice: "Wolters Stamp Treasure May Bring $500,000—Appraisers Fix Value of Part of Albums at $200,000—The appraisers who are cataloguing and setting the upset prices to be asked for the Wilhelm Wolters stamp collection have completed 41 of the 60 stamp albums in the collection. The catalogue value amounts already to around $200,000. The remaining 19 albums contain the cream of the collection, one of the appraisers said yesterday, so that the asking price on the entire collection may exceed $400,000.

Wolters, who was formerly a resident of Honolulu, in his will bequeathed his celebrated stamp collection to the municipal museum of his home city, Bremen, Germany. However, because of irksome conditions in Wolters' will, his native city declined the bequest. The court thereupon ordered the collection sold for the benefit of the estate and the contents of the 60 albums will be auctioned at New York City next October at the time of the international convention of philatelists, which is to convene there.

It is estimated that during his lifetime Wolters spent $125,000 in making the collection."

Mr. William Butler, Toronto, is gathering material for the North American Philatelic Year Book, which is promised to appear in the latter part of this year. A first edition of five thousand copies is planned and it is hoped that the enterprise of Mr. Butler will be rewarded.

A "deposit system" is advertised by a large German house, whereby it will act as a clearing-house for advertisers and those who partonize them. The money for goods ordered is sent to the Pössneck firm with a small additional sum, and when the dealer sends the stamps to the customer and they are received by him, the money is sent from Pössneck to the dealer, as the buyer will notify the clearing-house that he has received the wares.

The first instalment of the new edition of the Scott catalogue has been published as section one of the Advance Sheets and embraces the U. S. and Confederate issues through to Antigua. Prices have been moderately raised on some of the early U. S. and the 90 cents of almost all of the issues have been boosted a bit. In the 20th Century U. S., adjustments upward have been made.

From Mr. H. C. Woodruff we have received copy of the Kalamazoo *Gazette* containing an extended notice of the recent activities of the Kalamazoo Philatelic Society which makes interesting reading. The Kalamazoo Philatelic Society was organized in March of this year with Mr. Chas. H. Garrett as President and Mr. Woodruff, secretary. The charter closed in June with thirty members and there are more in prospect. The society feels honored in having the patronage of Mr. Filstrup and Mr. Brooks and the *Gazette* is sending a special write-up man to Benton Harbor to get an interview with Mr. Filstrup. The clipping reads:

"Postage stamps, valued at $100,000, were exhibited at the Thursday evening session of the Kalamazoo Philatelic Society, in the offices of Charles H. Garrett. A block of 15 five-cent brown imperforates of the 1851 issue of the United States adhesives, the largest block of that stamp known to exist, was displayed by A. W. Filstrup of Benton Harbor. Blocks of four sell regularly at stamp auctions for $1,500. A block of 15 can be counted among the priceless philatelic items.

Mr. Filstrup specializes in United States and Confederate States stamps. He brought with him to Kalamazoo only such items as are included in the issues from 1851 to 1860 inclusive. A section of his collection will be shown in the International Stamp Exhibition to be held in New York in October.

H. C. Brooks, mayor of Marshall, also showed a number of very interesting items.

Visitors at the Thursday evening gathering from out of the city included Robert G. Kirschman of Battle Creek, J. E. Lewis, Benton Harbor, Floyd C. Blackner, Plainwell, and Arthur G. Abrahams, Emil Jahnke, and J. Davis Reynolds of Flint."

At a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Mr. Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Illinois, showed his splendid collection of U. S., in a dozen volumes. Mr. MacGuffin, while interested in many other countries, especially of Europe of which he has a superb showing, naturally devotes a lion's share of attention to the issues of our own country. In the early stamps of the U. S., his collection reveals many evidences of study and from the 1847 issue well down through the 19th Century his books are replete with singles, strips and blocks of rarities as well as the other stamps. His one cent blue and ten cent green are specialized, and altogether the display by Mr. MacGuffin had to be seen to be best enjoyed. Mr. MacGuffin is a collector of many years' standing and his stamps make one of the best collections in the country.

The first specimen of the new Liberty Bell stamped envelope has been received from Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, who well remembers the time when, fifty years ago, he used the 3c Centennial envelopes. Verily, he is a thorough-bred philatelist.

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Specialists in United States issues are realizing that the time to purchase fine specimens is when they are available. Delay usually results in a higher price being paid later.

I am working with a number of clients who contemplate exhibiting at the coming International Philatelic Exhibition, and as a result they especially desire anything unusual in the way of rarities. If you have a choice mint block or a rare perfection single or cover, please send it along. I want any of the early issues in addition to the rare 20th century varieties. Of course, I am in the market for entire collections, the main requirement being condition. Funds in practically unlimited amounts are available. The best of commercial, banking and philatelic references furnished if desired.

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United States

Sesqui-Centennial Envelope

The new 2c red Sesqui-Centennial envelope described in this column in detail last week was placed on sale for the first time at the Model Post Office at the Sesqui-Centennial grounds in Philadelphia on Tuesday, July 27th. The occasion brought quite a few stamp collectors to the grounds and as a result, thousands of first day covers were sent out. The Department accommodated collectors by setting up a canceling machine timed at 9.00 A. M. and philatelic covers usually bore this date. All of the envelopes so far sold are those made in Philadelphia in size 5 on extra quality paper.

The envelope machine making these envelopes is on exhibition in the Model Post Office and this new die went to press on Saturday, July 24th. None of the envelopes, however, were sold previous to the 27th. The envelope is attractive, is meeting with the approval of the collector and will prove an interesting addition to our envelope collections.

Mr. Braden and Mr. Gibbon of the Post Office Department at Washington were on hand to see that everything ran smoothly. I also noticed Mr. C. E. Nickles at the Model Post Office getting out his first day covers.

A few days previous to the issue of this variety, the Postal Bulletin announced that collectors desiring first day covers would receive them by addressing the postmaster at Philadelphia but not more than twenty-five would be sent to anyone collector. As it was necessary to address the envelopes in each case, it will be realized that the Department went to a great amount of trouble in order to accommodate the hundreds of collectors who wrote for the variety.

Air Mail notes

Under date of July 22nd, the postmaster at Springfield, Ill., writes that authority has been granted for a special air mail flight from the Illinois State Fair Grounds on August 27th at 4.00 P.M. He states that there will be maintained a branch postal and aeroplane station on the grounds during the entire State Fair and that a special cancellation stamp is being prepared for use on the first day. A Government air mail plane will leave the grounds on August 27th in time to reach the Maywood field at Chicago connecting with the New York night air mail service as well as the transcontinental service leaving for the west. In the letter the postmaster shows an impression from the canceler to be used, which is circular in shape and reads, "Aeroplane Station Springfield, Ill., State Fair Grounds, Aug. 27, 1926."

The communication conveying this information is a circular letter which is no doubt being sent to collectors throughout the country. The energetic postmaster of Springfield, Mr. W. H. Conkling, accompanies his letter with a printed pamphlet headed, "Air Mail Greetings," and giving Lincoln's Gettysburg address in full. The pamphlet is illustrated with a portrait of Lincoln, the monument at Lincoln's Tomb and the home where he lived while in Springfield.

White Plains Emission

The announcement of any commemorative stamp produces discussion as to the advisability of such an issue. Mr. L. Bartlett Gatchell writes a most interesting letter relative to the new White Plains stamps which are to appear in October. Quoting he states—

"Regardless of the fact that I am thoroughly against such a frequent emission of commemoratives, may I pass on to you for what they may be worth a few observations. It seems that with the Sesqui 2c stamp still available at the time, it would be most undesirable and confusing to put out an additional 2c value. The 5c is taken care of by the Ericsson and it is the writer's thought that the 1½c might be utilized to advantage. This would give the stamp a great deal of circulation on third-class mail and would add quite an interest and draw attention to this type of mail, which would be welcome I feel to advertisers in general. Up until recently we have issued our commemoratives in 1c, 2c and 5c series, and inasmuch as the 1½c rate has largely taken the place of the 1c rate it would be logical in this reuse.

I can almost enthuse over the battle scene described in your column done in a rich brown (the sepia brown of the 30c, not the 1½c) and believe that one would have to go far to find a better color or colors. Incidentally, I believe the 30c of the present series the handsomest of the lot."

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Mr. Charles F. Mueller Kindly subm for inspection an Iowa state tax sta used in collecting a cigarette tax The riety submitted is about the size of current series of postage stamps with long dimension horizontal. Across the of the stamp we find "State of Iow and at the bottom, "2 Cents 2." Within center there is a shield reading, "Cig rette Tax," supported by two colum The series Mr. Mueller writes is to co sist of a ½c black, 1½c orange, 1c gre and 2c rose. The stamps are printed unwatermarked paper and are perfora 10.

The same correspondent mentions t he has located the 10 small cigar stan black on blue, portrait of Clay, bearing three line red surcharge, "Revenue of 1926." No doubt many more of o national tax paid stamps are appear with the same overprint.

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Great Britain.—The latest printing of the current 6d provides us with a surprise. As collectors know, this value has for many years been printed on chalk-faced paper (with a short interlude during the Somerset House Edwardian period) — a protective measure due to the extensive use of this value for revenue purposes. Now, however, it comes on a highly glazed, non-chalky paper, which will perhaps be permanent. An E 26 control strip of the 1½d shows so many hairs in the paper that it might almost be termed "granite." Mr. R. W. Ross notifies the 1½d with inverted control, and watermark inverted. Owing to a shortage of 6d stamps the National Telephone Co. at Dundee in 1891, the 1s stamp was bisected and used as a substitute. Our Publishers show us specimens and state that they have supply, while the very small stock was, at 15s. each, used on piece.

Cyprus.—Mr. J. A. Arghyrides kindly shows us two shades of the 2¾ pi, Script, of 1922. In one the colour is a true pale ultramarine, while the other is a bright, rather milky, blue. In the latter the inscriptions show a less brownish tinge than in the former.

Fiji.—Mr. J. Muir informs us that 1½d and 2s stamps are likely to be issued shortly. The former is for use on post cards, of which large numbers are despatched by tourists, while the latter is probably required by the revenue department.

India.—The first of the eagerly expected Nasik Press printings of the current issue are now to hand. In sending them, Mr. R. Roberts remarks that they differ from the De La Rue printings in much the same way as the Harrison G. B. printings differed from the De La Rue work. "Generally speaking there is a dull and heavy appearance in the Government production, whereas the De La Rue issues all have a more sunny aspect, lighter and more delicate in appearance." Mr. Roberts adds that the ½a is printed in a large unbroken sheet of 320 (16 x 20), the other values being from the familiar in four panes of 64 (16 x 4). The all-over watermark gives 964 stars on the sheet of 256 and 1080 on the sheet of 320, the stars falling all over the margins. Our informant notes evidences of the existence of at least two plates of the ½a.

Mr. H. E. Bates favours us with a cutting from the *Times of India* which states that all those stamps which at present bear their denominations in Urdu as well as English, shall bear their denominations in the Devanagari script also. Until the existing designs can be recast the inscription in Devanagari will appear immediately below the impression of the stamp, but it is intended ultimately to make it an integral part of the design. This obviously does not refer to postage stamps of the present designs, which have English inscriptions only, but it is evidence of a tendency which may be reflected in any new postage stamp designs adopted in future. Mr. E. C. Martinant kindly sends us a similar cutting.

Malta.—Twenty-two questions were put to the Minister concerned, in the Legislative Assembly, designed to elicit information regarding the stamp "scandal." The only reply of interest to stamp collectors is that the P.O. obtained £34,000 from the sale of stamps during March and April last. We are indebted to Count San Fournier and Mr. J. F. Darmanin for cuttings relative to the above. Another journal, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Mr. Walter Salomone, the Member of the Legislative Assembly who put the questions referred to, describes the "POSTAGE" ramp as "this gamble on the susceptibilities of philatelic feeblemindedness," which, if not very kind, is perhaps not far from the truth. It is good, sometimes, to see ourselves as others see us, but perhaps "gamble on the mercenary instincts inherent in ordinary human nature" would have been as good.

New Zealand.—From a sheet shown us by our Publishers, we note that the 5d blue, imperf., occupies the five top rows of the sheet. The sixth row is imperf. at top and perf. on the other three sides. The remaining rows are all normally perforated.

Mr. Morris N. Watt states that the Dunedin Exhibition stamps will be good in used condition, particularly if they bear the Exhibition postmark, while good clean copies will be rare, as the ink used for cancelling is very sticky and consequently smudges easily. A variety sought for in New Zealand is the 4d from the bottom left-hand corner of the sheet, which shows "POSTAGE." The "E" shows as an "F" followed by a stop on the second stamp in the top row. Mr. A. A. Rosenblum also shows us the "F" variety.

Papua.—Hagen's Bulletin states that 2½d bi-coloured (S. G. 115), was suddenly withdrawn early this year. It is not known whether this disappearance is likely to be permanent.

Sarawak.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have the current 12c blue, in a very pale milky shade.

South-West Africa.—Mr. H. Mallet-Veale notifies the existence of a number of misplaced overprints, including one or two on the new pictorials. The most important are: First overprint. Overprint misplaced, showing "South West" and "Zuid-West" only. 1½d Due, Pretoria printing, rouletted. 2d Due, same printing perf. 3d Due. De La Rue printing. Also 3d Due, De La Rue, with first overprint so badly misplaced to right that it falls on the margin and a vertical row of stamps had to receive a further overprint.

Type III. (Thin letters, small stops.) 1s with "Africa" missing. Last stamp, bottom right-hand pane.

New pictorials. 1d "South West" and "Suid-wes" only.

Union of South Africa.—Mr. N. J. Wadley states that the new 2d (purple and black) will not be issued for some months. It will depict the Union Buildings, Pretoria. The 3d (blue and black) and the 1s (green and black) will show an ox-wagon and Groote Schuur respectively.

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I have most of the other officials but don't give them here, as insufficient numbers to offer without probably having to disappoint, but will gladly send to those interested.

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FOREWORD

All the above illustrations are examples of one hundred subject electroplates, which are furnished to certain post-offices by the Department. It is well to note that the font of type is the same throughout, and that the various styles differ only in the type spacing and use of lower case letters. Another style which might well be included with the above group is what is known as Universal Style 9, consisting of the city and state names in lower case letters. Such an overprint is current at Waterbury, Conn., Santa Barbara, Calif., Connellsville, Pa., State College, Pa., South Norwalk, Conn., Conshohocken, Pa., Pleasant Hill, Mo., Fergus Falls, Minn., North Abington, Mass., and many other cities. Believing that a discussion of the illustrated styles will prove of interest, I shall consider them in order.

Hastings, Neb. — This is Universal Style 10, and in more general usage than any other single style of electroplate. There are three subdivisions of this group, classified according to the thickness of the type used, but all of which is of the same general font. For instance, examine an overprint of Brooklyn and compare it with Hastings. The difference will be readily noted, even though the style is similar. It was not until 1922 that this style made its appearance, yet in four years it has become the most universal of all. Some of the more recent additions to the list of offices precancelling in this style of overprint are: Nassau, N. H., Sandusky, O., Wooster, O., Marietta, O., Watertown and Waterville, N. Y., Kingston, N. Y., Greenville, Pa., Glendale, and Berkeley, Calif., Napa, Calif., Beaver Falls, Pa., Paris, Tenn., Cleveland, Tenn., Jeanette, Pa., and Joplin, Mo.

Lynn, Mass.—This is called Universal Style 11, but is rather limited in use. I can call to mind only the following cities that have plates of this description: Chicago, Newton, Iowa, Holton, Kans., Lynn, Mass., and Muskegon, Mich.

East Pittsburg, Pa.—This three line adaptation makes a neat appearance. Union City, N. J., and Asbury Park, N. J., recently secured plates in this style. Saint Joseph, Mo., is the only other city using it.

Grand Forks, N. D.—Here we have the city name in the U-10, and that of the state in U-9. Rather a striking combination, which just fits the stamp. Salisbury and Hickory, North Carolina, are the only cities with sister plates.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Just the opposite arrangement, U-10 below and U-9 above. West Carrolton, Ohio, has a like plate, but I fail to recall any other. Manitowoc, Wis., closely resembles it but has the city name spaced instead of condensed. Fond du Lac's plate reads: "FOND du LAC, WIS", and would have to be classified as U-10.

Multipost Coil Type. — Has appeared from Concord, N. H., Wilmington, Del., and Providence, R. I. The first two offices seem to confine their precancelling on the coils, to the 1½ cent denomination. Providence has precancelled the 1, 1½, 2, 5 and 10c to my knowledge, and possibly the 3 and 4c. Memphis and Nashville are found on the 3c vertical coil, old issue, both overprints reading inverted. Newark, N. J., inverted, is out on the current 2c vertical coil.

The type under discussion is known as Universal Style 97 and is to be found only on coil stamps precancelled by machines manufactured for the Department by the Multipost Co., of Rochester, N. Y.

McKees Rocks, Pa.—I have seen the 1½ cent handstamped in the U-59 style, which is two lines of lower case type between bars. Another new Pennsylvania town is *Lititz*, which has a handstamped overprint of small thickset capitals between bars. The 1½ cent is the only specimen on hand.

Richmond, Ind.—Has been precancelling of late with a one line office stamp reading "Richmond, Ind." diagonally across. I have it on the 1½, 4 and 10c of the current series.

Arlington, O.—Chas. Metz reports the 6c current series, precancelled with two lines of lower case letters, between thin bars. The overprint is handstamped.

Skowhegan, Me.—A. C. LeDuc adds to the 13c recently chronicled, the following: 9c normal and 11c inverted of the old series, and 8 and 20c current issue. All Skowhegan precancels appear in a reddish purple ink.

Rumford, Me.—Are seldom seen. The latest to catch my eye is a 6c present series, forwarded by A. C. LeDuc.

Lenoir, N. C. — Are pretty specimens. They are printed in distinctive type and mighty hard to pick up. The 8c is shown me by A. C. LeDuc.

Barber, N. C.—An odd lot of "precancels" exist from this office, of which I can find no trace in my atlas. Will some reader inform me of its whereabouts. I warn collectors against buying them until they are proven genuine.

Morrisville, Pa.—Has just received an U-53 handstamp. I have it on the 3c. On the same stamp I glimpse *Mount Morris, N. Y.*, in the U-58 style.

Wellsville, N. Y.—Uses the same style as Wellsville, O., but black ink instead of red, which distinguishes the latter's precancel issues. Mr. H. G. Tilley sends me the 20c with Wellsville, N. Y., reading horizontally across the stamp in the U-53 type.

South Bound Brook, N. J. — Has appeared with a handstamped cancellation in three lines of squat caps, between bars, similar to U-5. Pressmans Home, Tenn., and Saratoga Springs, N. Y., are with similar overprints.

Wheeling, W. Va. — Now comes new electrotype similar to that illust in the last "Review" for Norwalk, A block of the current 2c perforate brought it to my attention.

Lambertville, N. J. — Employs pr cels solely for chick shipments. The Special Handling is of course used many values of the regular set. The is U-59. *Silver Lake, Ind.*, is anoth fice where shipments of baby chick an important item. Precancels there come in the U-53 style. Special Handling is precancelled by e office from which chicks are shipped, is urgent for such merchandise t speedily and carefully dispatched.

Cape Charles, Va.—Mr. John M. shows me the 2c and 5c in the U-53 Also *Mount Crawford, Va.*, in the style on the 8c old series.

Hastings, Neb.—Has appeared o new 16c Aero, reading up, in the cu electro. I have also seen *Paw Mich.*, on this stamp, as well as *Po Mich.*

Manasquan, N. J.—A. C. LeDuc ports the first precancel to be chron from this city. It is the current 8c printed in two lines of very small between bars.

Fulda, Minn.—Has issued some pretty typeset precancels, which are scarce. About half a dozen var have come to my attention, all of w are perfectly legitimate.

Mora, Minn.—Uses a handstamp bold caps, between bars, that is not lar to any Universal Style. I have practically all values of the curren from ½c to 30c exclusive of the 1 and 25c. *Albert Lea, Minn.*, has supplementing their electroplate wi handstamp of the U-53 type. A other varieties, I notice the 25c Sp Handling.

Owatonna, Minn.—Printed some cancels in caps and lower case type, lar to U-9, but they seem to be ra comparison to the handstamped ones the same city. Of the former I only the 5c both old and new series.

LeRoy, N. Y.—New precancels out from LeRoy in a font of type appears to have been set up locall am able to chronicle the current 1c 1½c.

Conclusion.—I shall be glad to for Universal Style Charts printed on board in folder form, illustrating va styles of precancellations, for si cents to any reader of this depart Inquiries and news notes are welco all times. The 1926 Catalog should the press by the time this appears. ies will be mailed to readers of thi partment on receipt of two dollars.

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imperf. vertically, and also, in an unused block, imperf. horizontally.

China.—From Mr. V. R. Burckhardt we receive specimens of new printings of the current 2c and 4c on a different paper, recently adopted by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. This is thick and soft and in consequence the perforation holes are not so clearly cut, but have a woolly edge. The shade of the 2c is much less yellow than that of previous printings. This value is already printed in brown, and will shortly be issued thus.

Mr. L. H. Caldwell adds that the 1c and 5c have also appeared on the new paper and that a change in the colour of the 4c is expected.

Denmark.—Mr. E. A. G. Caröe informs us that the 7 on 20 öre, provisional, has been found with double surcharge—not surprising in view of the dark colour of the stamp.

France.—Dr. F. P. Renaut notifies forthcoming changes which will still further complicate the current issue. The 40c will change from dark olive to the scarlet of the 1.05fr, which will become obsolete. The 1fr will appear in the Sower design, still in blue, and a 1.40fr will be issued in the latter type, but in the red of the 30c for use on internal registered correspondence.

The 20c will appear in a lighter shade than that of the current 40c with the object of showing up propaganda cancellations on the post cards to which it will be affixed. This sacrifice of the stamps to the postmark will not be welcome to collectors, who find it difficult to get good used specimens of stamps, such as the 4d, yellow, Australian Commonwealth, on which the majority of postmarks show up only too well.

In the "Merson" type we shall soon have a 10fr green on red, and a 20f on green.

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Holland.—Mr. P. Gordon Wimberley states that the new 2½g is not expected to appear for some months. The current issue will be issued very shortly on watermarked paper, which makes the future of the new 1g and 5g full of possibilities.

Monaco.—Mr. R. M. Helmore states that our criticisms of the local postal officials are not justified by his own experience. Both at Monaco (Rock) and Condamine the clerks are extremely helpful. We believe our criticism was based on remarks made by a correspondent whose experience was confined to the Monte Carlo P.O.

Persia.—We have been shown a letter addressed to a member of our publishers' staff. This was franked with unoverprinted stamps of the large type with portrait of the ex-Shah, and every stamp, after being postmarked, had had the portrait hidden from view by a neatly pasted strip of paper. This excess of loyalty to the new régime is not general, as our Publishers had other covers by the same mail, on which the stamps came through without being pasted over.

Russia.—Mr. E. K. Crews favours us with the sight of a vertical pair of the 3k Lomonosoff issue, imperf. between.

Turkey.—The fine new series is at last to hand and the artist and printers are to be congratulated on the general effect. The supply of the Postage Dues is comparatively meagre, so that every purchaser of these must buy a complete set of the postage stamps also, which makes their acquisition a rather expensive affair.

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POSTAGE STAMP ILLUSTRATIONS

The "breeze" at the Thirteenth Congress brought the illustration of postage stamps well to the fore, and it is well that such was the case. This question of illustrating stamps in catalogues and periodicals has been a sore one for many years, and although we in England are granted certain privileges under certain strict regulations, yet it is common knowledge that in America the restrictions are even worse.

In England we are permitted to reproduce postage stamps in the text of any catalogue or periodical provided sanction is obtained from the Post Office—first of all to manufacture the necessary block, and secondly to print in black ink only. Reproduction of postage stamps for the purpose of advertisements is strictly prohibited, and under no circumstances may reproductions be made in any color whatsoever.

In America, up to a few years ago, stamp illustrations were illegal, but by constant appeals in the philatelic press permission was at last obtained to print black illustrations provided the blocks were first defaced in some way. This explains why all blocks printed in the American philatelic papers are scored with a white line, whereas no such regulation operates in England. But still United States may not be illustrated except under quaint limitations, viz., that *part of the frame* of a U. S. stamp may be reproduced provided the reproduction is not less than four times the size of the original.

On the other hand, coloured pictures of stamps are allowed to be included in periodicals on the continent, and many of these are welcomed by stamp collectors in this country, because of the valuable philatelic information which they are often able to gather.

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Yet a further barrier has apparently been asked for by a representative body of the English stamp trade! Or so it appears from what took place at Congress, and we shall not be satisfied until the whole facts are laid bare.

Mr. Seiffert (Liverpool) raised the question, saying that complaints had come to his knowledge of people not receiving publications from abroad in which illustrations of stamps were printed, and he thought he would like to take the opportunity to ventilate such a matter of importance to philatelists. He understood that this embargo was due to some action of the Stamp Trade Protection Association. He was of opinion that the interests of Philately had been greatly helped by the wonderful illustrated catalogues from abroad, and he instanced the Ferrary auction catalogues as having brought much new material to light. He thought Congress should express some strong opinion in favor of the removal of such restrictions as were now being enforced, and moved a motion to that effect.

Mr. Nevin (Nottingham) supported, and said if this embargo were allowed to remain, English philatelists would be cut off from every catalogue, price list, or journal from overseas, many of which contained much valuable imformation. There was also the danger that other countries would retaliate, and exclude our own. He did not see why even coloured illustrations should be excluded from Great Britain.

Mr. Vallancey (*Stamp Collecting*) thought there had been a misunderstanding, but Mr. Hadlow (chairman of the S.T.P.A.) said that his Association's action was taken some time ago, and had reference to coloured illustrations only. They took it because of the unfair position in which it placed English dealers They did not want English dealers to be handicapped.

Mr. A. H. Harris (*Philatelic Magazine*) supported what had been said by Messrs. Seiffert and Nevin. It came to his knowledge two months ago that the Post Office were excluding publications containing ordinary illustrations in black, and the first thing he did was to make enquiries of the Secretary's Department of the General Post Office. He was there informed that it was being done at the request of the stamp trade, and when he asked who in the stamp trade had authority to make such a request, he was told it was made by the Stamp Trade Protection Association! He then wrote to the S.T.P.A. asking whether they had made any such request, and received a reply from the Secretary stating definitely that they had. The Directors of the S.T.P.A. might be credited with good intentions, but the fact remained that the Post Office defended their action on the ground that the S.T.P.A. had requested it.

Captain H. R. Oldfield said he did not think that anyone with any common sense at all would question that the admission of publications containing illustrations of stamps was highly desirable to their hobby, and he was quite sure that the Congress Executive were just as much in favor of it as the body of the meeting.

Eventually a resolution was agreed to on the following lines:—"That the Executive Committee be authorised to consider the important question of restricted admission of illustrated stamp literature into this country in consequence of the operation of Government rules and regulations, and to take such action as they may deem necessary."

There the matter rests for the time, but we think the opportunity might be taken for a review not only of the particular point under discussion, but of the whole question of stamp reproduction, even to the extent of allowing reproductions in colour. This, at all events, would get rid of the "unfair position" in which Mr. Hadlow says the English dealers find themselves.—*The Postage Stamp.*

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Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the WEEKLY are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it.

ODD BITS:—

"IS a dealer morally bound to give heed to letters written him?" This question has been propounded to us by one of our readers and we venture to answer the same. If the letters referred to contain orders for stamps accompanied by payment they should be given immediate attention. If the letters contain requests for information, want lists, etc., return postage should be enclosed. Where no return postage is enclosed a dealer is not morally bound to take notice of the communication sent him. It is poor business for a dealer not to cultivate the acquaintanceship of any stamp collector who may write him, but failure to receive a reply would indicate that the dealer was unable to furnish the information or goods desired.

OUR friend J. W. Sampson advises us that N. B. Davis, who is at the Essex Sanatorium, Middleton, Mass., is a shut-in who would like to be favored with some bunches of U. S. 3c green if any of our subscribers wish to send a ray of sunlight where it is needed. Mr. Davis cannot undertake correspondence but will appreciate such offerings as may be sent him. Mr. Sampson will be remembered as the author of two booklets, the "7c Vermilion" and "U. S. Postage Rates."

A NON-STOP New York-Paris air flight is promised for the last of August. Mail will be carried by private enterprise and the price is fixed at $5 each with refund of one-half to each contributor if not satisfied with the results. For further information address the Argonauts, Inc., 250 W. 57 St., N. Y. City.

THE British stamp illustration ban has been removed. We congratulate Mr. Harris and *The Philatelic Magazine* for the success so quickly achieved. Under the British law it is not permissible to illustrate advertisements, and a reform in this direction has now been launched by Mr. Harris.

JOHN A. JUNGKIND, Little Rock, Ark., informs us that he can get no replies to letters sent the Alfred Stamp Co., Box 119, Nashua, N. H. This "company" is run by Alfred R. Gosselin, aged about eighteen. If other persons are similarly situated they will please communicate with Mr. Jungkind.

WE are indebted to A. W. Dunning for one of the "Vivant" ribbons issued by the Austrian Red Cross. The specimen before us is printed on satin ribbon and measures 2½x15 inches. Mr. Dunning informs us that there are about forty different designs, including portraits of rulers, generals, battle scenes and mythological subjects, making a fine historical souvenir of the World War. Price 50c, six different, for $2. Mr. Dunning also submits a sample of the *"Stamp Wallet"* advertised in adlets. It's the best low priced article of its kind ever offered for sale.

SUPPLEMENTING our chronicle of the new 2c Sesqui stamped envelope we have also received first day covers from Jos. A. Steinmetz. with Philadelphia marking, and Albert E. Gorham with a Washington, D. C., marking, also one from Erwin Strasser. The Steinmetz cover came by airmail.

THE Beaver Stamp Society, Portland, Oregon, held its regular monthly meeting July 13. We are to be favored with a visit from F. H. Vallancey, of London, Eng. A trip up the famous Columbia River Highway, followed by a dinner given by the Society, should put us all in the right humor to enjoy Mr. Vallancey's lecture and pictures on British Colonials.—A. H. LOMAX.

THE MATTER OF CANCELLATIONS

A reader raises a doubt as to the genuineness of some of the cancellations that are being pictured in the WEEKLY, referring especially to the issue of July 19. He claims that these cancellations prove nothing unless found on the original covers and that a few years ago certain philatelic artists manufactured a big assortment of these things. We recall a big offender on the Pacific Coast.

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(*Continued from page 407*)

The town grew rapidly till 1825, when the biggest flood known here swept down the Cahaba and Alabama rivers, and completely inundated the town. So the Capitol was moved to Tuscaloosa, the town remaining the county seat of Dallas, tho many influential citizens moved away at this time, 1825.

Although almost abandoned, it struggled on till in 1833 it became quite a good sized shipping port, with many new and large warehouses. Then another flood. In 1836 it began to rebuild and improve again. And so Cahaba reached its most prosperous period in the 40s, 50s and early 60s.

In 1859, when the railroad was first built from Cahaba to Marion, Cahaba was in a flourishing condition; but the war came on, business was paralyzed, and the town ceased to build up and improve, altho it still continued to be a place of importance. An army Post and one of the largest Federal Prisons in the South were located here in '63 or '64, and a number of refugees sought asylum within the town, some investing in town property; but in '65, just before the surrender, another flood came, the Post was abandoned, and when the War ended Cahaba began to realize that the clouds of adversity were falling fast upon her. In 1865 the death knell was sounded, when by a vote of the people of the County, the Court House was moved to Selma. It was a cruel blow from which the grand old place never recovered. In the '70s this became a deserted village.

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Changes In Catalogue Prices

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES PORTION OF THE 1927 ADVANCE SHEETS

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The United States portion of the advanced sheets of Scott's 1927 catalog were received on July 27th. While there have been no sensational advances, prices in general have moved upward, and although they have not made as many changes as some of us might feel should be made, nevertheless, they have followed their usual conservative policy in following behind the market rather than make the prices for the new year. In considering these prices, it must be borne in mind that they are for good average copies and that they do not reflect the values on superb items.

The Postmaster Provisionals, with the exception of the New York 5c black which goes to $60.00 used, stand still. These unchanged prices are warranted in view of the lessening interest being taken in our Postmasters, for they are today selling at pretty much the same price that they brought eight or ten years back. The famous New York black, along with the Providence 5c and 10c, seem to be the only varieties that command any special interest.

In the general issues, the 1847 10c in used condition is now priced at $32.50, while the reprints of this series take slight advances. Most of the unused 1851 series have been moved up a dollar or two; the 1c type II now being listed at $12.00; the type IV at $8.00, and the 3c at $3.50. This same stamp goes to 20c used. All of the 10's take slight advances as well as the 12c which is now listed at $50.00. In the perforated series of 1857 there are few changes, the 1c type II now being priced at $6.00 used, while the type V is priced at $1.50 and 75c respectively. The 10c type II and III take slight advances.

In the August series of 1861 but two changes are made, namely, the 5c is priced at $900.00 and the 30c at $1,000. Personally I do not think that their prices on this series reflect today's value of the stamps. I doubt whether the Scott Company have sold a single one of the rare varieties during the last year. In this time I have sold a complete set, as well as purchasing and disposing of a number of the single rare items, and I must say that the prices are entirely out of line. The 30c brought $3,600 at auction in October and in running this stamp up, at least three additional people stayed with it until $2,500 was reached. The stamp is well worth such an amount. If any of our good friends have a 30c that they can pick up at Scott's price, simply add 100% profit and pass it on to me. In the September printings, most of the stamps increase, the 1c being priced at $2.50 and 75c; the 3c at $1.25, and the 5c buff at $175.00 unused and $27.50 canceled. The 1862 15c Lincoln is now cataloged $20.00 unused. In my estimation this is one of the scarcest stamps of the sixties and superb copies with full gum are worth twice this figure. There are but few changes in the grills of 1867. Why, I cannot understand, for these stamps are becoming more difficult to pick up, especially in nice condition. I know of no series harder to complete than the grilled issues of 1867 to 1870. There are slight changes in the 1869 issue but few of any importance. The 90c always a desirable stamp is priced at $45.00.

In the Bank Note issues, used copies of the grilled 6c, 24c and 90c now move into new ground. The same issue without grill are not advanced unused with the exception of the 90c which is priced at $30.00. Several of the used ones take slight advances. The Continental issue, as well as the American issue practically stand still, although a fifty cent or a dollar advance is found here and there. The 1882 5c gray special printing is priced at $60.00, a very cheap price for this stamp. The 4c special printing of 1883 goes to $85.00, and if anyone has a fine copy lying around at double this price, please send it along. The 2c green imperf. is now priced at $30.00 both used and unused. It is much rarer unused and you will find ten used copies to one in mint condition. Every stamp in the 1888 series moves slightly upward, while few of the 1890 issue take advances. All of the high value Columbians of 1893 are increased and rightly so, for they are becoming more difficult to pick up. Ten or fifteen years back, these could be purchased at a discount from face but those days are gone forever as the excess has been used up by banks and other mailing houses and the stamps are really becoming scarce. The 1894 series with few exceptions have their prices increased and this issue also is becoming more scarce day by day. The $2.00 is one of the most difficult of the Bureau issues to secure in superb condition. Changes are to be found in the 1895 emission here and there, the type I $1.00 moving to $5.00 unused and $1.00 used, while the type II is priced at $10.00. Only a few changes are to be found in the regular 1898 series although the Omaha series in every case without exception is increased, the 50c now being cataloged at $4.50 and $2.50, the $1.00 at $6.00 and $5.00, and the $2.00 at $13.50 both ways.

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in most cases, the only one of any importance being the 1c invert which is now listed at $90.00 unused and $80.00 used. The 4c with inverted center is still priced at $150.00, although but one hundred are known. The 20th century issues, as a whole, have taken greater increases than the earlier ones and this is warranted due to the fact that dealers' stocks are practically exhausted and the only time many of them are obtainable is when collections are broken. They are still priced at figures that may be considered an investment. The 1902 series is changed in most cases, the $5.00 unused now being priced at $17.50, a figure that it has been bringing at auction right along. The 5c coil goes to $25.00 and is cheap at this price. The 1c and 2c 1903 coil at $17.50 are still most reasonable. All of the 1904 issue increases, the most important increase being the part perforated variety which is now priced at $90.00—still too cheap for they readily sell at $200.00 or more a pair.

All of the 1907 Jamestown take a cent or two advance and the 1908 series, with few exceptions have ten to twenty-five percent increases. The imperf. varieties and coils are changed and rightly so, for these are becoming more difficult to obtain and few dealers can furnish them. The 10c coil is priced at $20.00. The important changes in the blue papers are found in the 4c and 8c which are quoted at $175.00. The 5c, the third scarcest in the set, is listed at $75.00. The 1910 emission take additional increases this year as do the coil stamps. All of the Panama-Pacific series has been advanced, the 10c perf, 10, always a scarce stamp, now being priced at $3.00. With few exceptions the 1912 series has taken substantial increases. In the 1914 perf. 10 watermarked issue, the 1c perf. 12 x 10 is listed at $70.00. There are less than thirty of these stamps in existence and the price is too low. The 1c 10 x 12 used, the only way it is known, is still cataloged at $35.00 and this too is much too low, as but a few copies are known. The 50c stamp of this series, possibly the scarcest of the issue, is priced at $3.75. The coils take jumps for the 3c is listed at $2.00 and the 5c takes a warranted increase of 33⅓% and is now priced at $1.00. The equally scarce 4c is priced at 75c. The first rotary coils take very material advances, the 5c increasing 150% to $1.00. the 4c going to 75c, and the 3c to 60c. These are all scarce stamps. The imperf. 2c, No. 459, of which but a few were located, is now cataloged at $20.00.

All of the 1916 perf. 10 unwatermarked with the exception of the 2c increase. This series is one of the most difficult to get of the later issues and several of the stamps are still worth full catalog or more. I refer to the 50c which is now priced at $10.00, the 20c at $1.50, the 9c at 90c, the 7c at 45c, and the 5c at 35c. These are all buys at these figures.

The 1917 normal varieties stand still and rightly so, for the stamps are still available at the Philatelic Agency. The minor varieties take a five-dollar increase almost in every case. The same issue with the watermark, namely, No. 519, goes to $8.00. In the later issues here and there changes have been made but none of real importance with the possible exception of the perf. 11 1c rotary, No. 545, now priced at $1.00, while the 2c is priced at 40c. The same stamps of the next series, namely, the 2c No. 595 is now listed at 75c. Most of the higher values of the current series in used condition have taken drops and these are warranted because the stamps are more plentiful than they were when the last catalog was issued shortly after some of the stamps had begun to make their appearance in used condition.

Practically all of the changes in the official Department series are to be found in the soft paper varieties. The only hard paper varieties increasing are the Executive 3c carmine in used condition which is now listed at $15.00, and the 12c War on hard paper, always a rare stamp, which has doubled in price and is now cataloged at $3.50. In my estimation this stamp, in fine condition, is scarcer than the 1c and 2c. In the soft paper practically all of the Justice, Post Office and Treasury move into new ground. I note but few changes among the Carriers. The 1c Franklin unused goes to $75.00. Changes in the Newspaper stamps are mostly confined to the Bureau issue of 1894 and the low denomination watermarked series of 1895. The former have always been exceedingly scarce and difficult to pick up even at catalog prices. Most of the Bureau prints of the due stamps have been materially increased and some of them are still too low. If Postage Due stamps ever became real popular and two or three persons started to specialize. you would find the prices greatly increased for many of them are difficult to obtain.

As there is not a great amount of interest taken in the early envelopes, I have not endeavored to check the price changes but in the late varieties I see a slight change here and there. All of the 1½c Provisionals known at the time the catalog went to press are listed but very wisely the Scott Company have only priced the cheaper varieties. They are no doubt awaiting settled quotations on the rare ones for at present no one knows the real value of many of these envelopes. The Shanghai series with the exception of the Provisionals are all increased, the $1.00 now being priced at $3.50 and the $2.00 at $3.00.

Most of the imperforate Revenues of the first issue are increased, reflecting the new interest now being taken in these stamps. Many of the prices have remained stationary for a number of years. In the perforated series, the 6c Proprietary is now listed at $100.00 and the 30c Foreign Exchange at $7.50. The 2c Bank Check and the 2c U.S.I.R. on green were both formerly priced at $15.00 but these prices have been omitted. The 25c Warehouse Receipt part perf. is priced for the first time, the quotation being $1.50. The rarer imperfs. are also increased. The $1.30 is still reasonable at $100.00 and the $1.90 at $125.00. The $2.00 Probate of Will advances to $85.00 and the $3.50 imperf. to $100.00. The $200.00 in both conditions moves to $100.00 and $35.00 respectively. Practically all of the second issue with few exceptions have taken slight increases and most of the inverted centers rightly move to new

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fish grounds, some being increased as much as one hundred percent. All of the Proprietary issue of 1871 with the exception of the $5.00 value advance. Why the $5.00 on green paper remains at $50.00 I cannot say for I have never seen but one satisfactory copy of this stamp and this changed hands at much more. I doubt whether three copies exist. The 3c and 4c with inverted medallions are priced for the first time at $2,500 and $300 respectively. The 1875 Proprietaries take equal increases. Of the Playing Card varieties, the 1899 perforated are now listed at $5.00 both used and unused. The Spanish War increases have been minor although we find slight changes here and there. Practically all of the 1914 Documentary issue from $1.00 up have increased prices, the $50.00, No. 46, being listed at $75.00, the $60.00 at $80.00, the $100 at $12.00, the $500 at $40.00, and the $1,000 at $50.00. The secret black Proprietaries with single line watermark are now priced at $4.50 for the 3½c, $2.50 for the 3¾c, $1.75 for the 4c, $12.50, an increase of 100% on the 4c, and $3.00 for the 5c. Slight changes are to be found in the double line watermark series, the 6c moving to $1.00 and the 8c to 75c. The Wine stamps with few exceptions have stood still and the high values are now priced for the first time, the $40.00 and $50.00 being listed at $60.00, and the $100 at $80.00. Further Revenue changes are slight with the exception of prices on Narcotics.

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

New York made a change in its obliterators while the Continental stamps were still in use, and the new devices are shown in Nos. 4 and 5. The branch offices used No. 5 with letters in place of the numerals, but until some time in the 80s, No. 4 seems to have been used with numerals only, except that P. O. was used, probably at the Post Office itself. Late in 1878 the year date came back into use and from then on the obliterators used in each year can be identified, at least as far as New York is concerned. This date was shortened to two figures, "78," and may be found either inside the postmark, or to the right of it.

The numerals used in various cities differed somewhat in shape and size. No effort has been made to identify these. The highest one which has come to my notice is 43, and all below that have been found. That all were used in any city I can not say. It seems at present doubtful.

After New York began to use this form of obliterator it was adopted in a number of other cities and gradually superseded the forms that had been in use in them. Several modifications of it are found on 3c green stamps. The numerals vary in size and shape, the circle is sometimes omitted, the number of bars above and below the circle varies from three to five, the number of short bars on the sides may be three, four, five or six. The long bar next to the circle is sometimes not cut away in the center. These bars and the short ones at the sides may be replaced by a solid block. And some other modifications are known.

Of course to identify the place in which any of these designs were used it is necessary to see it in connection with the postmark, and it is not the purpose of this article to attempt differential descriptions even if that is possible.

Several cities used letters in place of numerals, and the letters vary in size and shape. Five letters have not been reported as having been found, T, U, X, Y, Z. One city, as yet unknown, used open letters in a black disk.

One error has come to light. This is a reversed 6 in the number 16. It is on a 3c re-engraved off cover. The ellipse has four bars above and below the circle, and four short bars at each side.

Besides the numerals and letters there were a few other designs used. The ellipse is found with the space inside the circle blank, three varieties of small stars, and two of small crosses in the circle are known. Two types of U. S. have been noted. New York used P. O., and Lake Placid, N. Y., used L. P.

This obliterator was used in many towns on the two cents red brown. The same and other modifications are to be found on this stamp as noted above. Mr. R. L. Hustis reports more than sixty

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The purpose of this Decree is to convert the postal revenues of the country to the Red Cross for a period of three days. The Spanish Red Cross deserves special recognition in view of the great amount of work thrust upon it by the campaign in Morocco.

The Spanish government has authorized Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., to execute the designs. I have before me reproductions of several of the new values. The 15c shows pictures of the Infantas Beatriz Y Maria Cristina, the 20c a Greek group picture of the Royal Family, the 50c a picture of Her Majesty, Victoria Eugenia in the dress of a Red Cross nurse. She is pictured again on the 4 pesetas in her regal robes with a tiara, the 60c a picture of His Majesty, Alfonso XIII. The entire set will be 14 values: 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50 centimos, 1, 4, 10 pesetas, and 20c Special Delivery. The total face value of the set figures are about $2.80 at current rates of exchange. The stamps will be placed on sale in the 70 important cities of Spain, and will be good for domestic and foreign postage without any excess fee, as is the case with normal Red Cross and Charity stamps. They will be accepted at the P. O. at full face value. At the same time a series for the Spanish Colonies will be issued. In order to prevent future forgeries, the Spanish government intends to print the stamps intended to be surcharged for use in the colonies in different colors. This marks an innovation, which might well be copied by other countries using their own stamps surcharged for their colonies. It has been definitely decided to have the following surcharges: Zona De Protectorado Español En Marruecos," "Correo Español Tanger." It would not be surprising to see the three colonies receive them as well, i.e., "Cabo Juby," "Guinea Española," and "Sahara Español."

Of course there is no way of predicting whether the stamps will follow the Red Cross stamps of Belgium of 1918, and the St. Anthony set in value, but I believe it will be a great novelty to finally see Spain produce a really fine looking, well perforated set of stamps.

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By BILL BLOSS.

IV—From Stamp Collector to Philatelist

In previous articles, we have carried the beginner from the desire to collect stamps through the various stages, until he is now equipped with a printed album, and the accessories used by collectors. It is now time that he turned his attention to the study of his stamps, if he is to make a real collection and become a philatelist.

In the development of the hobby, collectors have given close attention to the various features that go to make up a postage stamp. To the stamp collector, a stamp is a piece of paper on which a design has been applied. To the philatelist, it is a certain kind of paper bearing a particular watermark in many cases, on which a design has been applied by engraving, lithography, typography, in a particular shade of color, separated by cutting or by a means of assistance, and if used, obliterated in a particular fashion.

All collectors like to arrange their stamps in proper order, and it is the study of these variations which makes this possible in many cases. A stamp on one kind of paper may be common, while the same stamp on another kind of paper may be a rare first printing. A stamp perforated with one size hole may have been issued at one period, while that with another size hole may have been issued at another time, and may prove that the stamp was made by a different manufacturer. First printings may be worth more than later printings, and are often distinguished by the shade of color used. In some cases, stamps have been printed in limited quantity on paper bearing a different watermark from that commonly used for the issue. The collector who learns to distinguish these features often profits from his knowledge by finding a rarity which would slip through his fingers otherwise.

Close attention to detail in connection with postage stamps not only makes a better stamp collection, but develops the collector into a student of detail, a trait of character worth dollars in any line of work he attempts.

Since Mr. Poole has covered the various kinds of paper, printings, watermarks, separations, etc., in his useful book "The Stamp Collector's Guide," obtainable for 35c from the publishers of this paper, or from almost any large dealer, it is hardly necessary to reprint this information in this limited space.

By means of this handy book, your catalog and your collection, you can readily learn to distinguish any variety. Read the book to see what the variety is, then study your catalog until you find a stamp in your collection that comes in that variety. Examine the stamp closely, until you become familiar with the variety, and you will soon have no trouble in distinguishing other stamps of the same variety.

For instance, you suspect you have a rare stamp on laid paper, but you do not know what laid paper is. Read the chapter on paper varieties in the book, then look through your catalog until you find an issue on laid paper. Assuming that you select the Russian stamps, since many are common on that kind of paper, place your stamp in your watermark detector or hold it to the light. If it shows the laid lines, and your susp stamp shows similar lines, it is als laid paper.

Paper varieties are often conf even to advanced collectors, but the of great importance. Give them attention, until you learn the va kinds of paper.

Watermark varieties may be tol means of the watermark detector often by holding the stamp to the lig placing against a dark surface. Th lustrated plates in the back of the rent Scott catalog are useful in di guishing watermarks. Since water varieties are recognized among the important features of stamp variat exceptional care should be paid t In thousands of instances, a stamp w a few cents with one kind of water will be worth as many dollars with other. Don't let the other fellow p by your ignorance on waterm Know when you have a good one.

Printing varieties offer the gre field of study, and are usually the ea for the collector to determine, since are visible on the face of the stamp making the plates or stones from w stamps are printed, many different cesses are used. In some cases, par larly in the early issues, the plate wa touched by hand by the engraver, so each stamp is a distinct variety fro fellows in some minute detail. Th particularly true in the case of p that became worn through use. means of these "retouches" of a lines, lines strengthened, or variatio design, it is often possible to recons the plate or "plate" the stamp, as the is known. In other words, havi number of these stamps, showing the ferences made by the engravers on stamp, it is possible to arrange the st in the order in which they were origi printed. This requires much close and is really advanced specialistic w but is fascinating, and the coll should know how it is done.

A study of the type varieties of th S. issues of 1851-7 and the price tached to the rarities will prove to collector that close study of his pri varieties pays big dividends.

Unfortunately, most of the minut rieties on individual stamps can on learned through study of texts on particular issue, or by working on stamps themselves. Much has written but the field is so large that i been scarcely touched by the student

General type varieties which occu different plates or on more than stamp of the plate are often describ the catalog, and are generally easily tected for that reason.

Color variations are important in ing the value of a stamp, and the lector should lose no time in beco thoroughly familiar with the diff shades of his stamps. Remember where the non-philatelist sees a stamp, the philatelist sees a carmine, carmine, carmine-rose, pink, scarlet, milion, red, lake, crimson, and a ho other shades.

Very often a stamp common in color will be rare in another shade, to the fact that the rare shade is a printing or a very late printing, of v few were made. Naturally if few made, it is much sought for by th vanced collector and will fetch a h price than the common variety.

Unfortunately for the collector, very hard to obtain a color chart to with. Several attempts have been to produce these charts, but none

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The stamps of this foster-child of America divide themselves somewhat naturally into two main groups, the imperforate and the perforated. The earlier issues, all imperforate, are the ones in which the specialist takes most delight, on account of their rarity, the questions connected with their issue and use, the study they afford in minor varieties, and the delights of plating. These include the so-called "Missionary Stamps," type-set in the office of the *Polynesian* newspaper and issued for the convenience of the early missionaries from the United States; the so-called "Numeral Stamps," which were mostly due to lack of regular stamps and are therefore in the nature of provisional issues, and which have given tremendous scope to the devotees of "plating"; the two engraved stamps of 1853 and the lithographed stamp of 1861. This group has been ably treated by specialists whose researches in that field enable them to handle it properly and authoritatively, as witness the monumental work on "Hawaiian Numerals" by the late Henry J. Crocker.

With the second group, all perforated—or intended to be—we come to the more prosaic issues with few varieties which, through their abundance and comparatively low price, are more or less familiar to all collectors. They are almost all engraved portrait stamps and form an excellent gallery of Hawaiian royalties, in which many collectors of an historical or biographical turn of mind find enjoyment.

The letter ordering the first perforated stamp and fixing its design seems interesting enough to reproduce here. It was dated November 4, 1863, and was written by the then Postmaster-General David Kalakaua (afterwards King) to Alvah K. Clark, a former Postmaster-General, who was then in New York.

"This office being nearly out of 2-cent postage [the lithographed stamp of 1861, Ed.], I am desirous of procuring a fresh supply, and, thinking from your long connection with the postal affairs of this kingdom, that you would know just about what is wanted, I send you this order to have filled in New York, if it will not be too much trouble. The color and design of the new stamp I should like to have as near as possible the enclosed Nova Scotia stamp, but in place of 'Nova Scotia' have the word and figures '2 Hawaii 2,' and underneath 'Elua Keneta' in the same style of lettering as the sample. I forward also a likeness of His Majesty for the center, which please have copied as correctly as possible; the one on the old stamp was not done well. If it will not be attended with much extra expense, I should like to have the sheets perforated, so as to avoid the inconvenience of separating them with shears. The number required will be 10,000 sheets, of 25 on a sheet, etc."

The Nova Scotia stamp was, of course, the 10-cent vermilion of 1860. The likeness on the old stamp referred to, which was unsatisfactory, was of King Kamehameha IV, and a comparison of the two stamps does show a difference in the two portraits, though the second attempt was not wholly acceptable either as further correspondence shows. The stamp was line engraved by the National Bank Note Co., who with their successors, the American Bank Note Co., were responsible for all subsequent engraved stamps of Hawaii, and was issued some time in June, 1864. One sheet of 50 is said to have been issued imperforate. This value was for inter-island letter postage and was therefore much used. The monarch did not enjoy seeing his features upon this stamp, as he died November 30, 1863.

When the second requisition for the 2-cent stamp was sent in 1865, an order for a 5-cent stamp was included, the design to be the same, but the portrait to be that of the new King, Kamehameha V, a brother of the late King, and the color to be dark blue. Of course the inscription at the bottom was changed as "elua keneta" is the native Kanaka dialect for "two cents," whereas the word for "five" is "elima." The stamp was issued about October, 1865.

Although the 1-cent stamps of the numeral type were printed at various times from 1859 to 1865, they could not have been very extensively employed or they would be much more common. They were intended to frank newspapers in the islands and there were naturally not many of these in circulation; besides the wrappers, or even the papers themselves if the stamps were attached thereon, would be very likely thrown away and the stamps thus readily lost to posterity. In 1870, however, conditions apparently warranted a permanent 1-cent stamp and this was ordered, together with 6-cent and 18-cent values, from New York. The latter two were required to meet certain rates stipulated by a postal convention with the United States in 1870. The three stamps were issued about April, 1871. The 1-cent stamp bore a portrait of Princess Victoria Kamamalu, a sister of both Kamehameha IV and V. The 6-cent has a portrait of Kamehameha IV, still different in appearance from the two on the 2-cent stamps, and the 18-cent a likeness of His Highness M. Kekuanaoa, the "Custodian of the King's Spittoon." This curious office is thus explained:

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One sheet of 50 of the 6-cent was issued imperforate, having been sent to the office of Honokaa, Island of Hawaii.

David Kalakaua, a grand-nephew of Kamehameha I, was elected to fill the then vacant throne on February 12, 1874, and it was decided to place his likeness on a new 2-cent stamp to supersede the vermilion stamp of 1864. At the same time a 12-cent stamp was ordered to meet the requirements of a

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That the International Philatelic Exhibition is taking form is shown by the appearance of an "advance program" that replaces all previous editions of what may be called prospectuses of the Exhibition; and it is noticed that a final edition is to be dated July 20, 1926. There are sixteen pages in the booklet and the contents cover the event in all its phases, if we take into consideration an insert in the form of an application for entry, with shipping instructions and a form of insurance policy. A cut of Grand Central Palace is shown and reference is made to the official catalogue of which an edition of five thousand will be printed; and it is advised that collectors book their orders now at fifty cents each. There is to be exhibits by the governments of Austria and Sweden and other exhibits of the kind will be made, no doubt. The United States post office department will be represented, and we quote: "The Post Office Department is preparing a very interesting exhibit of United States stamps to be displayed at the Exhibition. They have also arranged with the U. S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving to have printed on a hand press at the Exhibition, the 1926 two-cent Sesqui-centennial Stamp, which is issued in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They will bear a special imprint and be printed in sheets of twenty-five, the regular issue being in sheets of fifty. Collectors and dealers may obtain them at the U. S. Post Office Branch Philatelic Agency, at the Exhibition, where all current issues of U. S. stamps in mint condition will be on sale."

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Last week an appeal was made in this column for funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the great undertaking, and we are hopeful that it is not destined to have been made in vain. It is absolutely necessary that philatelists removed from the scene of action rally to the support of this worthy cause, and the sponsors of the Exhibition lay stress on the assertion that the event is to be an asset to the philatelic nation. Naturally, the active workers for the success of the Exhibition must be within hailing distance of the enterprise, and it is but fair that the financial burden be lightened by the co-operation of many willing hands. It is the duty of all collectors to establish an intimate contact with the Exhibition by being part and parcel of it through the contribution of money for its consummation. Mr. Theodore E. Steinway, treasurer, 109 West 57th Street, New York, or the editor of the WEEKLY will acknowledge the receipt of the offerings of the rank and file of philatelists.

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The following letter has been received from Mr. F. B. Wilson, Nashville, Tennessee: "In a recent issue, F. L. Applegate in his 'State Revenue Notes' seems to have overlooked the growing popularity (?) of the tobacco stamp for taxation purposes. Tennessee adopted this form of taxation last year, but if Hill McAlester is elected governor this autumn, he promises to repeal it. I think that Georgia started the fun about four years ago, and Arkansas and a few other states are using adhesives as a form of state tobacco taxation. I attach a few of these stamps which run from 1/16c to 50c. As a part of a general collection, I doubt if they have any place or value." We thank Mr. Wilson for his letter with exhibits, as we have had no notices of the Tennessee tobacco stamps further than those that were given when the stamps first appeared. Quite properly our correspondent moderates his opinion of them as having a general collecting appeal but, nevertheless, there are a number of collectors who attend eagerly to issues of the kind.

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Several letters of unusual interest on the question of U. S. commemoratives have been received, and in fairness to a reader in Washington, we present his angle: "The core has not been reached in my opinion. Why do collectors assume that they are the chief actors? Are the stamps issued for their benefit, or detriment, as some would say? Do they believe that their likes or dislikes decide the matter? To my mind, the subject extends far beyond them. I have some basis for saying that the department is influenced by the reaction of the people as a whole and that is reasonable that great events of the past be brought to the eye of the public for the good effect that results. Philatelists are not being milked by the modest denominations that recent commemoratives have taken." Mr. E. W. Determann, Vincennes, Indiana, says that a great event should be commemorated by a "proper stamp" in order that the public be made familiar with it and he has in mind "the sequi-centennial or George Rogers Clark Memorial to be celebrated at Vincennes, Indiana, in 1929, where in 1779, the Northwestern Territory was created by Colonel Clark who defeated the British forces at Fort Sackville 'on the banks of the Wabash'." One thing we must do in this connection, and that is not to make airily suggestions for future commemorative stamp issues, as the good old post office department is overworked as it is.

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Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, writes: "I am in receipt of your issue of July 5, 1926, reporting the scandal of the forgeries of the 'Postage' series, and I notice one slight error which it would be as well to correct as it gives a wrong idea. You state: 'and one end of the word "Postage" is usually more heavily inked than the other.' This should read: 'One end of the word "Postage" is usually more embossed than the other.' I mean by this that the pressure of the type on the stamp is uneven. This can easily be seen when the stamp is turned over." Here we wish to acknowledge the interest attaching to the information that this correspondent favors us with periodically.

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Our brother in service, Mr. Harry F. Kohr of the Kansas City *Star*, does us a good turn by sending a recent number of *Poetry*, containing an unpublished letter from Eugene Field, which we read with avidity, having known him when he was first headed for the Hall of Fame. The letter in question was written to the late Henry Stanton Monroe, from Frankfort-on-the-Main, July 26, 1890, by Field, and has the charm of the delightful intimacy that characterized his private and other correspondence. The following sentences were marked by Mr. Kohr: "When I got to Hanover I found that they were collecting postage stamps, and I'm blessed if I didn't pitch in and go to collecting, too. The result is that I have amassed about 2,000 stamps and incurred my wife's eternal ill-will and disdain." This is a side-light that is new to us, as by his own words, it is proved that Eugene Field had one virulent att at least of stamp collecting.

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The Honolulu "Star-Bulletin" July 16, 1926, forwarded by Mr. W. Slusser of Fort Kamehameha, Haw tells that shipment of the Wolt "$175,000 stamp collection begins n week." This is the collection, c tained in sixty volumes, that was by will of Mr. Wolters to his nat city of Bremen, but which was accepted by the officers of the mu ipality because no provision was m for the expenses of installing maintaining the collection. This pr erty is to be sold in New York "at time of the Exhibition." The ne paper article is a good one and worth republishing.

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E must correct our Ohlman item of last week. Copy has been received use in his absence for his S. P. A. and there will be no break in his ertising.

UTHORITY has been granted for a Special Air Mail Flight from the ois State Fair Grounds on August , at 4 P. M. This year we will maina branch Postal and Aeroplane Stain on the State Fair Grounds during the ual State Fair. A cancellation stamp is g prepared which will be used for the t time for this Special Flight. A Government Air Mail Plane will leave State Fair Grounds on that date and ie for Maywood Field, Chicago, conting with the New York Night Plane. also the Air Mail Plane for the wit."—From letter to ALBERT E. GORHM.

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BARBADOS TERCENTENARY, 1927

By HARRY E. HUBER

In March last a suggestion was made to the Government of Barbados that a series of special stamps be issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the colonisation of the island, in 1626, and of the institution of representative government in 1627. The design proposed for the Colonisation series is vertical rectangular in shape, with the head of His Majesty the King in an oval at the top, and a representation of "William & John" below, while that for the Legislative series follows the design of the current 5s of Great Britain (horizontal rectangular) in the use of His Majesty's portrait at the right, and the Colonial Seal (not confined to a circle or oval) at the left. Favorable action has been taken by the Island Government, and in a recent issue of the *Official Gazette* the Colonial Secretary has advertised for designs for these commemorative stamps, which designs must be submitted by August 15th. A prize of £10 is offered for the best design submitted. It is doubtful if these stamps will be in readiness for issue much before March, 1927.

It was in 1625 that King James I granted Barbados to the Earl of Marlborough, and under the latter's protection, Sir William Courteen, a London merchant, fitted out the "William & John," commanded by John Powell, for the colonisation of the island. They reached their destination in January, 1626, and disembarked near the spot where the sailors of the "Olive Blossom" landed in 1605, and there laid the foundation of Jamestown (so called in honour of the King), and appointed Capt. William Dean their Governor. The town is now known as Holetown, and is about seven miles to the northwest of Bridgetown.

In 1627 King Charles I granted all the Caribbees to the Earl of Carlisle, who settled an annuity of £300 on Lord Marlborough, to compromise his claim; and under the impression that Barbados was not one of the Caribbee islands, the King granted it to the Earl of Pembroke in the following year. Lord Pembroke supported Courteen's right of preoccupation against Lord Carlisle, and under this last grant, the settlers of Jamestown continued to hold possession until 1629, when they were defeated by Lord Carlisle's men, who, landing in Carlisle Bay, in 1627, had founded the town of Bridgetown.

The institution of representative government in Barbados dates from the Royal Charter of James I, of June 2, 1627, and was confirmed by the Commonwealth in the articles of surrender of the island, signed January 11, 1652.

Next to the House of Commons, and the House of Assembly in Bermuda (1620), the Barbados House of Assembly is the most ancient legislative body in the British Empire. The Government now consists of a nominated Legislative Council of nine members, and a House of Assembly of 24 members, elected annually by the people on the basis of a moderate franchise.

Of all the islands of the British West Indies none have made as many interesting issues of postage stamps, and in as pleasing designs as Barbados, and while most of these have been of a general nature, commemorative stamps have not been lacking.

Seal Series, 1892-99.

The typographed Seal design of 1892 was of a simple nature, showing merely the Colonial Seal (crowned female figure riding in a seashell chariot drawn by two sea horses), lettered at the top "BARBADOS," and having the denomination in a horizontal label at the bottom, added at a second operation from duty plates. It had a life of almost 20 years, and in that time appeared on paper with three distinct watermarks, i. e., Crown CC, Crown CA, and multiple Crown CA. Introduced July 18-22, 1892, the denominations ½d, 1d, 2½d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 10d and 2s6d were printed on Crown CC paper, as was also the ¼d added May 5, 1896. Three years later (1899) a 2d slate and orange was brought into use, and in 1903, the 2s6d was changed in color from slate and orange to purple and green—these two being on Crown CA paper. Printings made in 1904 and 1905 were on multiple CA watermarked paper, and in 1909-10 the ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 6d and 1s were issued in colors according to the Crown Agents' color scheme. On August 14, 1912, the remainders in this design, comprising ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2½d and 1s in Universal colors, and 2s6d of 1904-5 were burned.

Diamond Jubilee Series, 1897.

The first commemorative series of the Colony was issued November 15, 1897, in honor of the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne. The stamps were in large size, of nine denominations (¼d to 2s6d) and typographically printed on Crown CC paper. The design, by E. F. S. Bowen, of the Barbados Public Works Department, was intended to be in the usual size, but to save expense the die of the Seal series of 1892 was adapted to a diamond shaped frame, and heraldic devices of the United Kingdom added in the four corners. Two consignments were received, one in November, 1897, and the other in June, 1898, in the following quantities:—

	1897	*1898*
¼d,	500,040	
½d,	499,680	
1d,	500,040	
2½d,	50,040	
5d,	10,080	8,400
6d,	10,080	5,280
8d,	20,040	2,160
10s,	10,080	
2s6d,	10,080	

The remainders were destroyed at the end of 1901.

Nelson-Trafalgar Centenary, 1906.

In 1905, the Centenary of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar (October 21, 1805), was celebrated, and a commemorative series of stamps was prepared in seven denominations (¼d to 1s), printed in two colors, on Crown CC watermarked paper, showing the monument erected to Nelson's memory on Trafalgar Square, Bridgetown, Barbados, on March 22, 1813, —with a background of palm trees. The inscription, "First monument erected to Nelson's memory, 1813," is not quite correct, as an earlier monument was erected in Montreal, in 1808. The dates "1805" and "1905," as well as "Nelson" and "Trafalgar" appear at the sides. The design was by G. S. Goodman, the Solicitor

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United States

The review of new catalog quotations on the first page of this issue will take the place of our regular Chronicle by Mr. Ward.

ALGERIA.—Designs of the new set, recently chronicled, issued on June 1st, are described in the *Times*, from which we extract the following notes:

The entrance to the Great Mosque of Djama el Kebir, which adorns the values ½c to 10 centimes, is from a design by M. Watremetz, while the characteristic street scene upon the stamps of 15c to 25c is the work of the Parisian artist, M. Montader. The highest denomination so far issued is 45 centimes purple, showing a view of the Kasbah (Citadel) by M. Anthony. On the franc values, yet to be issued, appears a panorama of the city of Algiers as seen from Mustapha Superieur, after the design of M. Brouty. Like the majority of modern French Colonial issues, the new stamps are surface-printed at the French Government printing establishment on the Boulevard Brune, Paris.

New values in the Citadel Type are reported by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. 50c deep blue, 60c yellow-green, 75c carmine, 80c orange.

Numbers issued. M. Weber informs us that the new set has been printed in very large quantities, the 40 centimes alone being twelve million copies.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BERMUDA.—Changes reported by the Crown Agents: Ship design—Colour changes: 2½d reverts to blue, and 3d reverts to purple on yellow. New Scripts: 1sh black on emerald. King's Head design—New Scripts: 2sh 6d black and red on blue.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

CHILE.—The following information has been received from Mr. R. Roberts:

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3rd	" "	4 60c; 11 40c.
4th	" "	3 40c; 12 20c.
5th	" "	15 20c.
6th	" "	15 10c.
7th	" "	12 10c; 3 8c.
8th	" "	15 8c.
9th	" "	2 8c; 13 4c.
10th	" "	1 4c; 14 2c.

Each row of the above reading from left to right. Printed on unwatermarked paper, perf. 12½.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. copies of two new items of this country. They are the 4c blue, portrait or Santander, 1917 design and 8c blue, 1917 Arms type.

COSTA RICA.—Whitfield King & Co. send for note the new 20c blue Air Post stamp. It is oblong in shape, with an airplane flying above the clouds at the right. At the top is the name of the country in a frame, while at the upper left corner the usual crest of the country. Our correspondents also report the 5c, No. 121, in green.

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have shown us the 10fr green on red, in the Oliver Merson type.

GREECE.—Air stamps? Mr. E. Melingounakis writes us that the Company which exercises this line is absolutely a private one, so stamps created by it have nothing to do with the Greek Government. The Greek Post Administration gets the air mail taxes through the old postage stamps still in use. This shows you that if the Society should issue air mail stamps, those would be nothing else but "ETIQUETTES" without any philatelic collecting value. It would be simply a private issue, which could be bought later on by Kilos.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

ICELAND.—Mr. W. T. Wilson reports the appearance of a new provisional. The 40a blue, No. 128, has been surcharged "EIN Krona" in two lines in red.

ITALY.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to the 25c green and yellow that has recently been issued. It is a new color and new design for this value, and is like the type for the 1L of the 1901 issue.

KELANTAN.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for chronicle the 2c green, and the 30c lilac and carmine, script watermark.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the 9p, King George type, engraved, in a shade of olive yellow. The perforation is 14 x 13½ and the perforation in the sheets received is peculiar, it being done in two operations, 5 rows and 12 from the bottom, and the operation being repeated from the 6th row up. It frequently happens, therefore, that vertical perforations of the top half of the sheet are not in line with those of the lower half, so that many stamps will be found from the middle two rows corners torn off. Two separate combs seemed to have been used, one round cutting the perf. and the other a perfectly clean cut; they seemed to have been used either together or independently, so that some sheets are clean cut all over; some sheets clean cut at the top and some at the lower half.

TANGANYIKA.—An esteemed correspondent asks, "What is the authority for the statement that Tanganyika is to have King's Head stamps. Do you mean only the high values or all denominations?"

The authority in question is that of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, who now inform us that the new surface-printed stamps will be bicoloured, the King's head being enclosed in a border similar to the familiar Nyasaland type, with the inscription "Mandated Territory of Tanganyika."

The denominations will be as follows: Ordinary size—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. "Receipt" size—1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, £1.

Stamp booklets, containing twelve of the new 5c, six of the new 10c, and twelve of the new 15c adhesives, are also in active preparation. Details of colour, etc., will be given in a later issue.—*Stamp Collecting.*

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—An impending alteration in the colour scheme affects the ¼d value, which is about to appear in black.—*Stamp Collecting.*

URUGUAY.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2c lilac, 5c pale blue, 12c deep blue, 20c pale brown and 36c rose of the type of Scott's A100, no watermark, with surcharge for Official use as the 1 issue, all in black.

ZANZIBAR.—The following are the denominations and colours (obtained from the Crown Agents for the Colonies) of the new series foreshadowed by us May 1st:—New Design, Engraved, Sc wmk.—1c brown, 3c orange, 4c green, blue-purple, 8c grey, 10c sage-green, red, 20c blue, 25c purple on yellow, purple, 75c sepia.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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neral of the Colony, and his initials ear in the two lower corners of the me. Originally planned for issue on falgar Day, 1905 (October 21st), the mps did not materialise until March 1, 6. On July 6, 1907, the ¼d, 2d and d were re-issued on multiple Crown paper.

ve Blossom Tercentenary, 1906.

n the same year (1906) a special 1d mp, dated 1605-1905, was created to rk the Tercentenary of taking possesi of the island in July, 1605. Lady ter, the wife of the Governor, was re-nsible for the design, which represents hin a frame of bearded fig trees, a nette of the "Olive Blossom," from ich Sir Olive Leigh, and his men, ded at a spot near the present Holeon, and set up a wooden cross inbed "James K of E and this island." ess printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., three colors (green, black and blue), multiple Crown CA paper, the stamp s issued August 15, 1906.

ingston Relief Fund, 1907.

or the relief of the sufferers from the hquake and fire at Kingston, Jamaica, January 14, 1907, a special stamp was horised for issue by the Governor-in-Executive Committee "in order to exed as widely as possible in this island ilities to subscribers of small sums to fund for the relief." To this end the slate and orange of 1899 was surrged locally by T. E. King & Co., h the words "Kingston—Relief—Fund. d." in four lines of script type, and issd to the public January 25, 1907. It s sold at 2d, was good for 1d postage, the overage was credited to the Reli Fund. Two panes of 60 having been irdvertently issued with the overprint irerted, an entire printing of 6000 stmps was purposely run off upside dwn to prevent philatelic speculation in tl errors. A total of 24,000 of these stcharges were made, of which approxiately 14,000 were inverted.

King's Head and Seal Series, 1912.

n 1911 the Colonial Government decied to philatelically mark the accession o King George V to the throne by a new isie of postage stamps, and to this end advertised for designs in the *Official Gazette* of April 13, 1911.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.
April 5, 1911.

Three designs were used for the series, all of which embodied the King's head in a medallion, and the Seal of the Colony. The pence values were in small size; one design being used for the ¼d to 2½d, and another for the 3d, 4d and 6d. The shilling values were in large size. Although typographically printed the stamps are one of the most pleasing series of the Georgian reign. The ¼d and ½d were issued July 23, and the other values August 13, 1912. The following quantities were requisitioned:—

¼d,	980,000	6d,	60,000
½d,	1,700,000	1s,	36,000
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2d,	60,000	3s,	12,000
2½d,	900,000		
3d,	60,000		
4d,	40,000		

Between April 1 and June 22, 1916, large quantities of all values excepting the ¼d and ½d were overprinted "Revenue," pending receipt of London prepared fiscal stamps.

Large Seal Series, 1916.

A representation of the corrected Seal of the Island (the figure in the chariot being changed to that of King George V) was reproduced in the design of the large Seal series, issued June 16, 1916. The stamps, which were of large size, were recess printed in single colors, on multiple Crown CA paper. On February 18, 1918, the 4d and 3s were issued bicolored, with the vignette re-engraved, and the circular border omitted, giving the stamps a very unfinished appearance.

1d War Tax, 1917.

On October 10, 1917, the 1d in the 1912 King's head and Seal type was issued with WAR TAX overprint, applied in London, and used from October 15, 1917, to April 1, 1920, when the war tax on letters was removed.

Victory Series, 1920.

To commemorate the success of the Allied arms, a Victory series of stamps was prepared after designs by the Colonial Treasurer, W. L. C. Phillips, and issued Sept. 9, 1920. The pence values were in a design showing the Winged Victory from the Louvre, Paris, and the shilling values, the figure of Victory surmounting the Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace, London. The stamps were again in large size, recess printed in two colors, and on multiple Crown and Roman CA paper. The 1d was re-issued August 22, 1921, with the script CA watermark.

Small Seal Series, 1921.

The large Seal series of June, 1916, had never been altogether satisfactory for general use, and in the summer of 1920 the Crown Agents were asked to prepare a design with the Seal reduced in size. These stamps were issued November 14, 1921, the 3d and 4d (on yellow) and the 1s (on green) being on multiple Crown and Roman CA watermarked paper, and the others on script CA. A printing of 6000 of the 1s on script green was issued September 18, 1924, and exhausted within a few weeks.

Postage & Revenue Series, 1925.

A unified series of stamps, for postage and revenue use, line engraved, and with the Colonial Seal slightly larger than in the series of 1921, incorporating the Colonial motto, and the inscription "Postage & Revenue," was issued April 1, 1925. All denominations were printed on script CA watermarked paper.

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In compliance with an order of Judge E. K. Massee, the entire collection, which is one of the five greatest in the world, will be sold at auction. Although the stamp volumes, valued at $175,000, were willed by the late H. W. Wolters to the city of Bremen, Germany, it was learned by executors of the will that the German municipality would consider such a valuable collection in its present form as a liability rather than an asset. Legal steps were then taken to convert them into cash. The collection will be auctioned by J. C. Morgenthau & Co., on a commission basis.

At present the Wolters' collection, which includes examples of all the rarities in the stamp world, is being listed and valued in the vaults of the Bishop Trust Co.

To the uninitiated, the business of listing, cataloging and poring over the pages of Scott's catalog for valuations, appears to be a dreary pastime. But the huge task has been undertaken by a pair of stamp enthusiasts for whom the work, judging by their continued application over a period of many weeks, has been an adventure rather than a dusty job.

Every morning between 8.30 o'clock and noon, Bruce Cartwright, a stamp collector and authority on rare Hawaiian stamps, and F. W. Reid, professional stamp collector, are engaged in going through the massive volumes of Wolters' stamps.

To date they have examined 45 of the 60 volumes and, when the work is completed, the men will have listed and valued at least 50,000 stamps. At the same time the volumes are being treated for mildew, which was found to have attacked the pages in a slight degree. None of the valuable stamps were touched by it, Reid said.

According to the stamp expert, the most valuable stamps in the entire collection are five Hawaiian stamps, of the type known as "missionary stamps." These were issued in the Hawaiian kingdom in 1851. The "five cent blue" of the group is valued at $2,000; two "13 cent blue" are valued at $1,500 each; while a valuation of $2,500 each is placed on two other "13 cent blue," thus placing the value of the Hawaiian group at $10,000.

Other valuable stamps included in the collection are: "12 pence black Canadian," $1,000; two Tuscany stamps, $1,000 and $1,500 each, and two stamps from Switzerland valued at $750 each.

"The Wolters' stamp collection is unusual not only because of its great monetary value, but because it is so well balanced," Reid said. "One would think that Wolters would have been partial to the stamps of his native country, Germany. There are only five volumes of German stamps, while the remaining 55 volumes are devoted to stamps of other nations. The collection includes all the rarities of the world. Besides the rare stamps mentioned, there are 50 stamps in the albums worth from $250 to $1,000 each," Reid declared.

The Wolters' collection represents the result of zealous collecting covering a period of 25 years. During the latter years of his life, Wolters devoted practically all of his time to stamp gathering. The collection is in custody of Joseph Caetano, C. C. von Hamm, James L. Cockburn and John L. Fleming, temporary administrators of the Wolters' estate.

The stamp collection has been an inspiration to numerous collectors in the territory, Reid said. It was recently made the subject of a talk given by Reid before members of the Hawaiian Philatelic society, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Library of Hawaii, at 7.30 o'clock.

Among the enthusiastic collectors and owners of valuable stamps in Honolulu are: Mrs. W. D. Westervelt, who has a collection valued at $40,000. Dr. A. N. Sinclair has a complete collection of unused 20th century stamps. Bruce Cartwright is one of the leading authorities on Hawaiian stamps, and is consulted by philatelists abroad. C. W. Best has a large general collection of some 25,000 varieties. F. W. Reid is the only professional in the territory and has collected since 1885. John Gribble has a fine collection of United States and British colonies only. Dr. H. S. Palmer, of the University of Hawaii, has an extensive collection of European stamps. E. M. Ehrhorn specializes in stamps of South America. E. L. Caum owns an interesting collection of Pacific islands and Oriental stamps. — Honolulu *Star-Bulletin.*

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are clearly visible.

Two printings were made of
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ety in the 10 cents if it had not been
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with a round "o" in "10." Every on
these stamps was removed, and all
said to be now in the Treasury va
The sheets were issued to the Post O
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ing.

The first printing of the 10 cents
shows a minor variety, the fourth st
having the "0" of "10" clearly br
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The breach is more or less visible acc
ing to the inking of the plate.

In the 15 cents, some sheets show
round portion of the "5" completely
in with ink, and one "s" in "cents
defective.

The writer has seen two sheets, o
the 15 cents and one in the 10 cents, w
the printing shows perfectly cl
through the stamps of the whole sh
a clear black inscription appears at
back.

There are some misplaced surcha
to right or left but never extending
two stamps, except in some very
cases.

One curious accident did occur
block of 24 stamps with the margi
bottom went over the press, in the 3c
charges, resulting in four rows of
charged stamps and one row of surcha
on the margin of the block. Only
such block escaped the notice of the C
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varieties of the figure 1, but not so many of the figure 2, and it is probable that higher numbers will be found in less variety, since many towns used only one of two numbers.

Mr. Gilbert M. Burr reports numbers as high as 52, but no odd numbers above 23, and Mr. S. C. Rogers reports practically the same. Miss McClenthen sends a cover from New York showing 37.

Several cities used letters instead of numbers, and a few used two letters. New York used PO; Philadelphia, PA; Lockport, N. Y., US; Lake Placid, N. Y., LP; West End, N. J., WE; Chicago, Ill., CG for Cottage Grove Sta., MS, Madison Street Sta., SY, Stock Yards Sta., WD, West Division, SW, South West, and High Bridge, New York City, used H. B.

The 2c green of 1887 was also much cancelled by this design. Mr. Burr reports New York numerals as high as 52 with odd numbers missing above 23, and Mr. Rogers' list of letters omits T, U, V, X, Y, Z. He includes a new double letter, IP, and a combination of a letter and a numeral, 4 inside of C.

Mr. Rogers reports the high number in the 1890 and 1894-5 issues as 56 and his missing letters as Q, T, U, X, Y, Z.

At about the same time the vertical ellipse, No. 5, also came into use, though less generally. It was used in New York with the branch letters in the center on three cents re-engraved, and the PO of the Post Office on the same stamp. The letters are A to H, K, L, M, R, and should include S, T, though no one has reported these two. Boston used it with numerals, but how high these ran I am unable to say. Mr. Rogers reports 10 as the highest he has.

There were some modifications of this design. One has the side bars much heavier and only two heavy short bars at top and bottom. This is also known without the central circle. The Boston design has four short bars at top and bottom.

On the 2c red-brown the missing letters are N, Q, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, and on this stamp the numerals go up to 12. On the 2c green all the above letters except N are missing and in addition I, L, M, O, R, S, T, and 11 is the high number. In 1890 I, N, Q, T, U, X, Z, have not been reported. The highest numeral is 15, but 3, 4, 6, 13, 14 are missing, and in 1894-5 besides the letters missing in 1890, C, M, and S are also missing and the only numbers reported are 2, 7 and 8.

This design is the one used in New York on supplementary mail, with numbers 1 and 2 in the center and four short bars at top and bottom. It may be that the numbers differ from those used in other places, but this requires verification. Again an error in the form of a reversed 2, off cover, so that the place in which it was used is not known. It occurs on a 3c green.

Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 are other forms of cancellations which came into use at about the same period. No. 6 has numerals up to 20, and some letters. Boston used letters in a block of this size and also in a smaller block, H being the one most frequently seen. The highest numeral reported in No. 7 is 22, while the letters include A to J, T and Z. Another form of this obliteration has a bar on the sides as well as at top and bottom. No. 8 has numbers as high as 19, and the letters A, D, E, H, J, K, M, O, S, T, V, X, Z.

Number 9 was used at Cincinnati, O., before 1883, as it has not been reported on 2c red-brown, and is found in both blue and black. The numbers run up to 11, but Z seems to have differed from the others in that it had two circles instead of one, and only three short bars at the sides. This type was also used at Louisville, Ky., in black for a short time. The only letters I have seen in this design are A and C. No. 10 was used at Washington, D. C. The numbers run up to 6. No. 11 was used at Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., and No. 12 was also used at the latter place. The highest number reported in these is 18. The last three are known on American printings and on 2c red-brown.

Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 are some other forms of this class of obliterators. The towns using them are not known by me.

This is by no means all of the forms used. There are a number of others, but space forbids an exhaustive attempt to list them all now, and most of them are modifications of the ones shown in the illustrations.

If there is sufficient interest in these cancellations to warrant it, more will be said about them later.

Letters were frequently used with a different significance. Some of them are undoubtedly the initial of the town, others of the postmaster, and still others to denote the direction in which mail was to travel.

It will be seen that there is still a great deal of research work to be done regarding these cancellations, and that these notes are most elementary.

CANAL ZONE BOOKLETS

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Although U. S. postage and due stamps, envelopes and post cards overprinted for use in the Canal Zone, were issued July 1, 1924, stamp booklets were not available until October, 1924, when three varieties were placed on sale. The overprint (CANAL ZONE, in two horizontal lines, flat "A") is in the same type as on the sheet stamps.

15,000 booklets (24 1c stamps, 25c)	360,000
50,000 " (12-2c " 25c)	600,000
10,000 " (24-2c " 49c)	240,000
	1,200,000

These stamps were printed from plates containing 360 subjects (20 horizontal by 18 vertical) with a ¼" margin between each third horizontal row, and then cut into sixty panes of 6 stamps each (2 horizontal by 3 vertical, with margin at the top for binding). The stamps of these panes are not perforated at the outer edges. On these sheets of 360 stamps, the plate number apears in the upper margin (over the 14th stamp), and in the lower margin (under the 7th stamp), but in cutting into the small six-stamp panes, the lower margin with the plate number (as well as the side margins) is trimmed off, leaving only the one in the top margin, through which two wire staples pass in binding the small six-stamp sheets between covers.

The 2c (25c) stamp booklet contains two panes of six stamps each; and the 1c (25c) and the 2c (49c) booklets, four panes of six stamps each, with interleaving wax sheets.

The stamp panes, placed sideways with top to the left, are stapled at the left between colored covers, 79 x 43mm., bearing on the front a double lined circle on an engine turned device, lettered "Canal Zone —Postal System," and to the right nine lines of printed matter, viz.—"The Panama Canal (curved)—25c (within a shield)—This book contains— Twenty-four — One-Cent — Canal Zone — Postage Stamps—Price—Twenty-five Cents." The inside and back covers contain information as to postal rates. The 1c (25c) booklet has a pale green cover (with blue green printed matter), the 2c (25c) buff with red printing, and the 2c (49c) pink with red printing.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, a further lot of 2c booklets was sent to the Isthmus from Washington, but with the overprint in the sharp "A" (1925) type.

25,000 booklets (12-2c stamps, 25c)	300,000
5,000 " (24-2c " 49c)	120,000
	420,000

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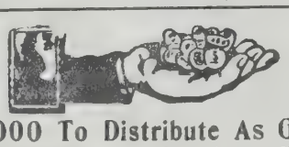

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postal treaty with New South Wales. This bore a portrait of Prince Leleiohoku, a younger brother of the new King and Heir Apparent to the throne. The two stamps appeared about February, 1875, and one sheet of 50 of the 2-cent was issued imperforate. The black color of the 12-cent stamp proved ominous, as the Prince died scarcely more than two years later.

In 1881 a new 1-cent stamp was ordered with a likeness of Princess Likelike, younger sister of the King. The first supply was in dark blue. As Hawaii joined the Postal Union on January 1, 1882, it was evidently thought wise to obtain 10-cent and 15-cent stamps for double and triple rate letters, so these values were ordered with the new 1-cent stamp. The 10-cent shows a bust of the King in uniform and the 15-cent a bust of Queen Kapiolani. The stamps were issued about March, 1882.

The Postal Union colors for the 1- and 2-cent stamps were adopted and ordered about the time of joining the Union. The 1-cent in green and 2-cent in lilac-rose, together with supplies of the 5-cent in ultramarine instead of the previous dark blue, were received and issued about June, 1882. The 5-cent stamp is known imperforate and also imperforate horizontally. A curious practice of the Postal Department is to be noticed in requisitions for the 1-cent stamp, the old stamp of Princess Victoria being ordered in several and both colors of Princess Likelike being ordered right along, although the green was always in larger amounts.

Because of the apparent need of higher values than the 15-cent stamp, orders were given in 1883 for 25-cent, 50-cent and 1-dollar stamps. The first bore a representation of the statue of Kamehameha I, which stands in the square in front of the Government Building in Honolulu. The 50-cent has a portrait of King Lunalilo, a descendant of Kamehameha I, who succeeded to the throne on the death of Kamehameha V in December, 1872. He reigned but a little over a year, dying on January 3, 1874. The 1-dollar bears a portrait of Queen Emma, consort of Kamehameha IV, a beautiful woman both in feature and character, who was almost idolized by the natives. With the same requisition for the high value stamps was an order for new supplies of the 10-cent and 12-cent stamps, but in new colors, as the black in which both were previously printed did not show cancellations well. New supplies of the 2-cent were also included, which were in bright rose instead of the previous lilac-rose. This bright rose stamp is known imperforate. These new stamps were ready for issue by October, 1883.

In 1886 the Legislature passed a bill licensing the sale of opium, and instead of providing a revenue stamp of $1 to meet the requirements of the new law, they used the postage stamp of that value, as there was a large quantity on hand and they were not greatly in demand for postal use. This use continued from 1886 to 1888, with no other distinguishing mark but the cancellation, this being either the written name of the collector or a hand-stamped Maltese cross in black or violet.

In 1884 the 10-cent stamp was again changed in color from vermilion to red-brown, being issued about October.

In 1890, when on a trip to the United States, King Kalakaua was taken sick and died in San Francisco. His remains were taken to Honolulu in a warship. Having no issue, he was succeeded on the throne by his sister, Liliuokalani, and this resulted in the substitution of her portrait in the place of the late king's on the current 2-cent stamp. This, the last stamp issued by the kingdom, was placed on sale on November 8, 1891.

Queen Liliuokalani had held the reins of government but two years when she made an attempt to force the Cabinet to grant a new Constitution giving greater powers to the sovereign and the natives. She not only failed, but was deposed in consequence, and a Provisional Government was formed on January 17, 1893. On May 20, 1893, all values and colors of stamps on hand were issued with the overprint "Provisional—Govt. —1893" in three lines in red or black. The 12-cent mauve, at first overprinted in black, soon appeared with it in red, a mistake of the printers but about twice as common as the black. One sheet of 50 of the 6-cent was overprinted in black in error, and the same of the 10-cent brown in red in error. Of course there are a number of minor varieties in the overprint; inverted overprints on the 2-cent of 1891, and the 5-cent of 1882; double overprints on more than half the set, and the 1-cent green and 18-cent in pairs, one without overprint.

In October, 1893, a public competition for designs for a permanent set of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25-cent stamps was announced, accepted designs being paid for at $10 each. It resulted in the selection of a set by Mr. E. W. Holdsworth of Honolulu. The designs were sent the American Bank Note Co. in November and the beautiful set issued on February 28, 1894. The 1-cent is, of course, the coat-of-arms of the Islands; the 2-cent is a view of Honolulu with the "Punch Bowl" in the background and Diamond Head at the right; the 5-cent is the statue of Kamehameha the Great, as already seen on the old 25-cent stamp; while the new 25-cent stamp gives a portrait of Sanford B. Dole, head of the Provisional Government, later President of the Republic and first Governor of the Territory after annexation to the United States.

Efforts looking toward annexation failed, owing to the opposition of President Cleveland, and on July 4, 1894, a Republic was proclaimed. This is the reason that the set of stamps bears the word "Hawaii" only, while the 12-cent value, issued October 27, 1894, is inscribed "Republic of Hawaii." This latter stamp shows a picture of the steamship "Arawa" of the Canadian-Australian line.

About the middle of January, 1897, the Foreign Office of the Republic was supplied with a set of six values for use on official correspondence. The stamps bore the likeness of Mr. Lorrin A. Thurston, who had served as Cabinet Minister under both King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, and afterwards represented the Republic as its Minister in Washington. Their use continued until August 12, 1898, when the formal transfer of the Islands to the United States took place.

The regular postage stamps were not superseded with the annexation of the Islands, but remained in use while the status of the former Republic was being settled by Congress. During this time the 1-, 2- and 5-cent stamps were changed to the Postal Union colors, forming a sort of provisional colonial issue, the 2-cent rose appearing on February 2, 1899, the 1-cent green in May and the 5-cent blue in July. All the Hawaiian postage stamps issued for general postal purposes were available for use until the Islands finally became a Territory of the United States, on June 14, 1900.

On January 28, 1897, all obsolete issues, being those preceding the regular series of the Republic, were burned in the furnaces of the Electric Light Works at Honolulu. The remainder of the Republic's issues were forwarded to Washington and on February 9, 1901, were burned in the special furnace used for such purposes in the Post Office Department building. —*New England Stamp Monthly.*

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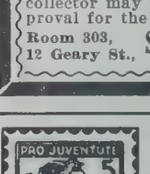

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First Day, Aug. 9

The 32nd Annual Convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans was called to order by President W. L. Doepke, at 10 a. m., after invocation by Rev. S. H. Alling. The Postmaster of Cincinnati, Hon. A. L. Behymer, extended the address of welcome.

The Secretary read the call for the Convention, 77 members being present and 301 represented by proxies. The President announced the following Committee appointments:

Officers' Reports: Albert E. Gorham, Clifford W. Kissinger, Thomas Scallon.

Branch Societies: Spencer Anderson, Dr. M. G. Skinner, Dr. L. G. Tedesche.

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Election of officers announced—Pres., W. L. Doepke; Vise Pres., E. W. Heusinger; Secretary, Wm. Lycett; Treasurer, Dr. D. G. Bray; Board of Governors, F. F. Greeley; Directors at Large: F. L. Coes, A. H. Wilhelm; International Secretary, G. C. Cuenod; Counterfeit Detector, Gustave Larson; Attorney, T. V. Morgan; Publicity Manager, O. J. Richardson; Librarian, W. R. Ricketts; Asst. Librarian, H. V. Bachman; Historian, N. R. Hoover; Trustees: Samuel Bennett, Dr. J. J. Waygood, P. M. Wolsieffer. Official Organ, *Stamp Collector's Magazine.*

Telegrams were read from several officers and members expressing regrets for not being in attendance. Reports of officers were read and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports. Mr. C. D. Millar announced the entertainment features provided by Branch No. 2, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Second Day, Aug. 10

The reports of officers evidences a healthy growth during the past year, as may be noted from the following resumé:—Membership 1925, 718; 1926, 910; a net gain of 109. Finances, net gain of $76.01 in General Fund. Sales Dept., balance on hand. July 1, 1925, $2,524.90, July 1, 1926, $3,597.60; a net gain of $1,072.70. Cash sales for year ending July 1, 1926, $11,603.68. Exchange Dept.: An increase of 82% over previous year with no losses chargable to Insurance Fund.

Assistant Librarian reports about 6,000 pieces of literature in Library available for use of the membership.

Historian has compiled a history of the Society since organization for future publication.

Board of Governors report a most successful year as to increase in membership and branch societies and advised that the Society would be represented at the International Exhibition in New York City in October.

The Board also gives great credit to Miss Helen Hussey for her recruiting efforts during the past year, and presenting her with engraved resolutions as a testimonial. The reports of all officers, upon recommendation of Committee on Officers' Reports, were approved and an honorarium of $70, voted to Secretary Lycett in lieu of traveling expenses to and from the Convention. A number of amendments to the Constitution were adopted, which will appear in the next issue of the Year Book.

Some of the more important changes in the Constitution involve a payment of a reinstatement fee of 50c; notice or call for the annual convention two months instead of three months in advance; Board of Directors, eleven members instead of nine; final authority on questions of interpretation of Constitution, subject to approval of the Board of Governors, to be determined by review by the Convention; Secretary to attend each annual convention and receive reimbursement for expenses as approved by Board of Governors. Sales Manager to deduct dues of any participant in Sales Department in arrears 60 days for dues and to retain books of members in arrears. Exchange Manager—an entirely new section governing the Exchange Department; Auction Manager to have discretionary power to reject any offering of stamps submitted; Board of Governors to have entire charge of liquidation of Sales Department claims against the Society.

Committee on Necrology reported deaths of the following members since last Convention: 3793, Hezekiah Weed; 3994, Henry F. Leonard; 4217, Fred W. Klayer; 4133, Geo. J. Filsinger; 4106, Robt. K. Thomson; 2374, M. O. Garritt. In respect to their memory the members present arose and stood in silent reflection on their passing.

Action was taken looking to the protection of stamp collections of members who might die intestate.

Reading, Penn., was unanimously decided as the place of holding the 1927 Convention.

A special Committee was appointed to consider the advisability of formation of juvenile branches throughout the country.

Meeting was adjourned at noon for a sight-seeing tour of Cincinnati at 2 p.m. and an auction sale of stamps at 8. p.m., both of which were largely attended.

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SHANGHAI - CHINA FLIGHT

To The Editor

On page 396 of your issue of August 2nd, there is a brief description of the covers carried by Major de Pinedo from Shanghai to Japan on his flight of last year. Altho a full description of this flight and the covers carried appeared in the *Aero Newsletter* of the Aero Philatelic Society, it would seem that information about these covers has not had general circulation, and as this short article raised some questions about these covers, I desire to give thru your columns some added information.

Major de Pinedo, on his history-making Rome-Melbourne-Tokio-Rome flight, carried 50 covers from Shanghai to Kagoshima, Japan, where they were turned over to a Japanese postal official. These covers are franked with the provisional three cent stamp, China No. 229. The stamp carries the cancellation of Shanghai September 12, 1925, and the covers have a special cachet in violet as illustrated in your article. It is interesting to know in this connection that at the time of the flight of the Danish aviator, Lieut. Botved, this spring, the Postal Department in Peking issued an order, of which I hold a copy, forbidding foreign aviators flying over Chinese territory carrying any mail within Chinese territory. This would seem to end the possibility of any further covers carried by European aviators from China to Japan.

Permission was secured of the Italian Consulate General in Shanghai for the carrying of a small lot of fifty letters. The Consulate reported that latest cabled information was that Pinedo would arrive in Shanghai on the 12th, and because of the long delay in the Philippines, he would continue his flight to Japan the next day. The Deputy Postal Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Mails agreed to handle the letters and the letters were turned over to him and delivered at the Consulate on that day. However, just at that time one of the typhoons that sweep up along the China coast in regular periods from the middle of August to the last of September got under way. During the few days that one of these storms last, navigation in the smaller coast steamers is dangerous; so that to attempt to continue the flight across to Shanghai from the Philippines was out of the question. The flight was delayed day after day as the storm continued, and it was not until the 21st, nine days later, that the weather was satisfactory to continue the flight. After a one day delay in Shanghai to go over the engine, the aviator resumed his flight on the 23rd, not going directly across to Kagoshima as he originally intended, but because of fear of another typhoon going by way of Korea.

A word of explanation is also necessary as to why these covers have been so late appearing on the market. The letters were all addressed to parties in care of the American Consul at Nagasaki, Japan. Major de Pinedo reported turning over the letters to a Japanese official upon arrival at Kagoshima to be carried to their destination by Japanese post. After waiting some time for the letters to arrive at Nagasaki, the consul there began an inquiry, which only ended the first week in March when the letters (a part of them missing) were located in the Department of Aviation of the Bureau of Communication at Osaka.

These covers, I believe, are the first letters to be carried by airmail from China to Japan and foretell the day not far distant when there will be regular airmail service between Shanghai and Tokio, connecting with American steamers at Yokohama. A Japanese company has already been organized at Osaka and chartered by the Japanese government to carry on a passenger and mail service between Osaka and Shanghai.

Trusting that this covers the points of inquiry raised in the previous article, I am,

Very truly yours,
Lloyd S. Ruland.

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Our correspondent, Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, has proved his prowess on the racing track, as it is learned that at the First International Motor Car and Motorcycle Speed Races, held at Athens on July 18th, he won the first prize in the Motorcycle race of 200 kilometers for motorcycles up to 350 c.c., on a 2¾ h. p. machine. Congratulations are extended to our speeding philatelist.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Company has issued an album for new issues that is intended for their reception temporarily. This "New Issue Provisional Album" is to appear quarterly, beginning July 1, 1926, and is to be sold by subscription only. This year's printing is limited to 2,000 copies.

Mr. B. H. Lorenz, Valley City, N. D., has remembered us with a cover bearing the 5c Ericsson, postmarked July 31, 1926, the 123rd anniversary of John Ericsson's birth on July 31, 1803.

First day covers of the new Sesquicentennial stamped envelopes have come from Mr. P. H. Ward, Jr., Philadelphia; Mr. Charles J. Buckstein, Atlantic City, N. J., and others. Mention should have been made before of the receipt of a photograph postmarked May 30, from Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio, showing the laying of the corner-stone of the Harding Memorial at Marion, Ohio, on May, 30, 1926. In the foreground Senator J. S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, member of the American Philatelic Society, is shown as a leader in the ceremonies.

From Corporal J. M. Cohen, 132nd Infantry, I. N. G., a card has been received showing an aerial view of the Illinois National Guard Encampment at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Some of the changes found in the Advance Sheets are No. 3966, third issue revenue, 2c orange and black on green, inverted, from $7 to $15.00; Panama-Pacific, 10c orange, perforated 10, unused, from 42 to 43 and No. 477, unwatermarked, perf. 10, 50c unused, from $7.50 to $10. The new price of the 75c parcel post unused is $1.50 instead of $1.75, the old price. It looks as though 20th century are on the upward grade in the U. S. section.

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HE radio station KFRC, San Francisco, Cal., is deserving of the thanks organized philately for the attention s bestowing upon stamp collecting. ry Monday evening from 5.30 to 6.30 A. F. Merell Stamp Club has the t of way. Harrison Holloway, the nager of the radio station, is very h interested in this feature. When known that ordinarily there is a ti charge per hour for broadcasting, honor accorded philately is emphaized. . .

IE Wayne Stamp Society of Detriot, Mich., is bustling with activities. If o would like the advantages of this iety portrayed in glowing terms write A. Deimel, 3531 Harding Ave, Detc, Mich. The club has just celebrated tsfirst anniversary. The secretary is rl. A. Sommerhoff, 3700 Sheridan Av., Detroit, Mich., and meetings are held rsdays, 8 P. M., at the St. Clair Recton Bdg. LeMay and Canfield Aves.

A E. HUSSEY, M. D., sends us a specimen of the menu card of the S. P. A. Convention banquet held at Cincinnati recently.

M. C. STONE, of Springfield, Mass, was a visitor recently at the Portage office of the WEEKLY. Mr. Stone was intimately connected with the old *Philatelic Era*, which was printed and published by Mr. Jewett of the Severn-Wie-Jewett Co., and his occasional calls are always been appreciated.

ICA, N. Y., wants a memorial stamp for August, 1927, when the city proposes to celebrate the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes for the first time over Fort Stanwix. This honor has previously been given to the Battle of Brandywine. Chas. S. Hibbard sends us a clipping.

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8.	3c 1861	?	"	F. A. Wheeler
9.	Env. 2350	?	"	W. H. Schneider
10.	3c 1869	Waterbury, Ct.	"	M. R. Sanborn

Shields all, and you have perhaps seen the majority of these, or others that looked very similar. No. 1 is a bit out of the ordinary, as the stars are given a definite shape, where they are generally depicted as open spots, being mere gouges into the cork, or wood from which the obliterator is fashioned. No. 3 is a finely executed shield, and being so large, the maker took plenty of time to make it carefully. The copy I saw was hit very neatly, giving the full impression. It is quite possible that this comes from N. Y. City, and if any reader has it on cover, the town name would be welcomed. Note that all five stars are cut so as to show each of their five points, this takes much care in cutting them out of wood or cork. No. 10 was most cleanly hit, not a bit smudgy, and while it almost blotted the little blue locomotive out of existence, the cover as a whole is very handsome.

Many readers like Confederate stamps and covers, especially the latter. Here is an unusual cover sent in by Mr. R. S. Nelson, "The Old Stamp Hunter." Glancing at it we see a beautiful wide-margined copy of the Incomplete Die of the common 10c stamp, in blue—not indigo. The stamp is pmkd. MARION DEC 31 ALA, and in mss. on cover is FORD DUE 10, as the first address, Demopolis, is crossed out, and Jefferson replaces it, both towns in Alabama. So far it is just a very fine cover. But the interesting part is inside, for it is a folded or turned cover, being used twice, as often was the case where envelopes were so scarce. The inside shows the pmk. EUFALA DEC 11, ALA. And in the corner is C. S. above and PAID directly under the CS. These two letters are in large Capitals being as long as the word "Paid," and making a neat rectangular form.

We read and read about these prestamp cancellations showing PAID 5 or PAID 10, and while the accepted ones are those shown in the Scott Catalog only, it is surely possible that many a true Local is not "in it" to date. The accepted ones are those which occur only at the top right where the stamp should be, and they must be printed, or up till a short time ago they were all printed, tho now some rubber, or wood stamped ones are recognized. The Montgomery was one; but this has been found so often that collectors are not very keen about them any more. They would rather have them from some town they do not have in their collections.

If everyone could get together on this, a very finely illustrated set of these prestamp designs could be produced which would make an interesting booklet on Confederates.

In line with that Intemperance cover which showed a design all over the entire face of the envelope, we find another Propaganda cover, this one bearing on slavery. This cover is much the same in appearance as the English made Intemperance edition, and is one of those gray surfaced envelopes "ENGRAVED & PUBLISHED BY J. VALENTINE, DUNDEE. (25 Adhesives or 30 Plain Sent free for 12 Penny Post Stamps.)" At bottom of envelope is JOHNSTON-HUNTER EDIN & LONDON at left, and at right is ACKERMAN & Co LONDON.

The whole face of this envelope is covered by the design except for a small vignetted opening in the center for the address to be written. At the left is a figure of Liberty with a banner which reads "GOD HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS OF MEN," while at her feet in an attitude of supplication is a negro, and behind her is a lion. The group is looking across a choppy inlet toward a palm grown promontory, where the blacks are held in "fours" by wooden neck yokes. One unfortunate is being lashed at a whipping post, and another is apparently being branded, while a third is lying on the ground. The whites all have whips which are being flourished in a way that helps fill in the open spaces in this sordid picture. In the offing we see a two masted brig hove to, completing this work of art.

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Queensland, like Victoria, was originally a part of New South Wales, from which it was set off as a separate Colony on December 1, 1859. As usual it did not take long to consider the desirability of having a special set of stamps for the new Colony, as those of New South Wales were of course in use at the time. An order was sent to the Colonial Agents in London who applied to Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., and they prepared the simple and beautiful design that all collectors admire. The head of the Queen, which was stipulated to be the same as upon the then current Tasmanian stamps, was copied from the painting by A. E. Chalon which represented Her Majesty in robes of state on the occasion of her first visit to the house of Lords. Values of 1, 2, 3 and 6 pence and 1 shilling, as well as a stamp marked simply "Registered," were engraved by William Humphrys and a supply of the 1, 2 and 6 pence stamps sent out to the Colony in June and July, 1860. Of these the 6p were all imperforate and of the other two values part were imperforate and part were perforated. Upon receipt of the consignment a Post Office notice was issued to the effect that the new stamps would be put on sale on November 1, 1860, and that from that date the stamps of New South Wales would cease to be available for postage in the Colony. Other supplies soon followed, with the 6p perforated and the 1s and registered stamps, so that these latter should have been available soon after the first issue of the stamps. The 3p did not arrive until about April, 1861.

The 1, 2 and 6p stamps of the first supplies, both imperforate and perforated, were printed on paper watermarked with a large star which had been used for the larger sized stamps of Ceylon, St. Helena, South Australia and Tasmania. This was evidently a temporary measure during the preparation of paper with a smaller sized star for these smaller sized stamps, as the 1s and registered stamps sent out in August, 1860, and subsequently, as well as the 3p, were never printed upon the large star paper. The small star watermark was a special one for Queensland and all the stamps were printed on it by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. as well as the 1, 2 and 6p later on in the Colony.

The London printers sent out their last consignment of all values to the Colony in June, 1861. The Colony then decided to establish a Government Printing Office and do its own printing, and therefore ordered the plates sent out, which was done on February 1, 1862, together with twenty reams of the small star watermarked paper. The large supply of English printed stamps on hand, however, did not require any further printings until November, 1862, when work was begun upon 1 and 2p stamps. The watermarked paper was not used, however, but a rather thick, soft, yellowish-white wove paper. The colors varied some from the English printed stamps, particularly the 1p which was in Indian red and also orange-vermilion instead of deep rose. These locally printed stamps were issued on December 16, 1862. Early in 1863 the 6p stamps were required and this value was printed in a yellow green instead of deep green and issued on April 17, 1863. The 1s followed, being printed in a grayish-black instead of violet and issued on July 14, 1863. The 3p stamp was printed in a somewhat lighter shade of brown the English printed stamp and issue September 1, 1863.

The use of unwatermarked paper the absence of certain checks upo manufacture of the stamps were the subject of a letter from the Tre to the Government Printer, in whic use of the watermarked paper proper control was advised. This dently brought out the stock of watermarked paper that had come England with the plates, and its use was to fill a requisition for the istered" stamps. These were issue latter part of June, 1864. No fu supplies of this special stamp printed and its use was discontinu July 1, 1873. Though no value wa pressed it represented the usual reg tion fee of 6 pence. Printings of 2 and 6p stamp followed on this marked paper, but dated copies ar known with year date earlier than

Of course further supplies of the marked paper had to be obtained these were ordered from Englan usual. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & furnished them on request and in of their following the previous watermark, the new sheets had the "QUEENSLAND POSTA STAMPS" in disconnected script italics as a watermark. This was dis in three lines, the word "Queens having the remaining two words i line repeated twice beneath it, the being surrounded by an interlaced border. Apparently four of these "fra occupied a sheet of the size of the sheet with a quatrefoil ornament 12 mm. in diameter separating them each other. (The sheet containe stamps in 20 horizontal rows of 12 e Single stamps only show a portion o or two letters of this watermark shape of curved lines, though some the quatrefoil is found. Only the 2p stamps were printed on this pape issued in January, 1866. The reaso this was that a large amount of Tre bills were needed about that time be of financial difficulties, and as the p stamp paper was the only waterm paper available for these notes it appropriated and used up, so that th of unwatermarked paper for printin postage stamps was reverted to time.

Meanwhile new values of 4 penc 5 shillings were found desirable an Government Printer was asked to pare them with as little delay as po As it would take a long time to get plates from England, the new s were prepared by lithography in the way: an impression was taken fro of the steel plates (probably the the least worn), the original erased from the stamps, a lithog transfer taken, and the new value in by hand on each stamp on the This resulted in slight differences size and spacing of the letters o stamps which may be readily det Supplies of both values were print the unwatermarked paper and issue

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From 1868 until 1875 two different types of watermarked paper were used. The first was some on hand which had apparently been left over from printing Treasury notes; it bore the word "QUEENSLAND" in large single lined capitals repeated four times in the sheet, and a large number of truncated stars placed at equal distances in straight rows throughout the sheet, so that one star fell more or less irregularly on each printed stamp. New special paper for the stamps had also arrived from England, having been furnished by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., and this bore a double-lined letter "Q" surmounted by a small crown, regularly spaced in the sheet so as to fit one watermark to each stamp impression from the plate. Both papers were used for all values, but the truncated star paper was apparently exhausted by the end of 1874. About this time a new perforating machine gauging 12 was imported, where the one previously in use gauged 13, and all values on both watermarks are found with both gauges, the 2 and 6 pence also being reported compound.

In 1874 a new plate of the 4p was made by lithographic transfer as before, but in this time of only 120 subjects printing sheet of 12 horizontal rows of 10 stamps. It was printed in a pale yellow, instead of pale lilac, upon the "Crown and Q" paper so there is no confusion with its predecessor.

For some years the question of collecting all stamp duties, both fiscal and postal, by means of one set of stamps instead of separate "postage" and "stamp duty" sets had been under consideration. The step was finally taken and a Treasury notice of December 22, 1879, stated that: "The public are informed that from and after 1st January, 1880, the issue of separate stamps for duty and postal purposes will cease. The present postage stamps from one penny to one shilling, and the present duty stamps from two shillings upwards, will, in future, be the only stamps issued." The only postage stamp above one shilling was the 5s of 1866, which was thus available for revenue use. The revenue stamps all had the words "Stamp Duty" on them, and to avoid any misunderstanding it was decided to replace them by new stamps similar to the postage stamps which bore nothing but the name of the Colony and the value. Consequently lithographic transfers were made from one of the postage plates (probably the 1s), and stones for printing values of 2, 2s6d, 5, 10 and 20s stamps were prepared, as had been done before. The paper was the "Crown and Q" watermark and the perforation by the 12 machine. The various values were issued between March and August, 1881.

These lithographed shilling values were only temporary, while awaiting new steel engraved plates ordered from Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. in London in March, 1881. These were the large and handsome stamps issued in April (2s and 5s) and July (2s6d and 10s) 1882 and May, 1883 (£1). The plates had thirty stamps in six horizontal rows of five each. The watermark first used by the printers at Brisbane was the small "Crown and Q" used for the ordinary sized stamps. For use with the high value plates the sheets were cut in two and placed sideways, so that the stamps show two watermarks sideways, one above the other. The perforation was 12. In November, 1886, the stamps were printed on "beer duty" paper with watermark of a "large Q and Crown" and of thicker quality. The spacing of this watermark more nearly fitted the size of the stamps and it is upright. The 2s became obsolete in June, 1889, on the issue of a new 2s stamp in the small postage size.

It was suggested in 1876 that by the electrotype process the production of stamps might be accomplished in a more rapid and cheaper manner than by the engraved plates. The Government Engraver went to Melbourne and Sydney to look into the process and on his return recommended its adoption. He ordered a die for the 1 penny postage and another for the 1 penny stamp duty from Sydney, both cut for the production of electrotypes. They arrived in May, 1877, but the electrotype plate of the 1 penny postage was not ready until August, 1878. The sheet was arranged for 120 stamps in twelve horizontal rows of ten. The stamp was supposed to be a close copy of the engraved 1d stamp, but the design was "reversed"—the colored part showing white and *vice-versa*—and the profile bust of the Queen was substituted for the full face portrait. A curious fault occured on the 48th stamp on the sheet, the "U" of Queensland resembling an "O." This was caused by the electro sticking to the matrix and a bit of the raised surface being broken away.

The 2, 4 and 6d stamps were next taken up. In making the electros from the matrix, the value was erased, leaving a blank space in the lower half of the oval band on the electro, upon which the new value was then engraved by hand. Consequently, each of the 120 stamps of each value shows some slight variation in the lettering of the value. These new stamps were not issued until 1879, the 2d in April, the 1d in May, the 4d in June, and the 6d at the end of 1879 or beginning of 1880. A second electrotype plate of the 2d prepared in 1880 is recognized by the fact that in nearly every case the letters "T W" of the value are joined together. The letters are also very large, occupying nearly the whole width of the oval band. A second plate or rearrangement of the 1d shows the "QO" error as Number 44. A third plate shows no trace of it. The

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It is unusual to find in midsummer so many indications that interest in philately is not flagging, as at present. Indeed, so much attention seems to be given to the externals of stamps just now that one would think that we are in the midst of the stamp season. This favoring circumstance may be due in part to the wave of expectation aroused by the coming Exhibition, but at any rate, it exists. The absence of many collectors from their accustomed haunts is to be expected but some of the absentees are taking their stamp interest with them, in effect. Never before has there been a time when so many clippings have been coming from readers who find them in the outside press. Underlying all this, is the comforting thought that philately is establishing its position in the large outside world. It will no longer be denied its place in the sun.

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From Mr. Chas. H. Garrett, Kalamazoo, Michigan, president of the Stamp Dealers Protective Association, we have received the important information that the alleged "society" operating from Birmingham, Alabama, is probably sponsored by the most persistent philatelic swindler of the time. It is claimed that "Axel J. M. Johansen, *alias* Svend Munk, John Jansen, M. Friberg (at New York City) and later, Martin Johnson and the Edgewater Stamp Company, 900 Montrose Avenue, Chicago," is the guiding spirit of the Alabama enterprise. Investigations that we have instituted showed that while something was irregular in this connection, the real findings were somewhat confusing. The organization and its president are entitled to praise in its success in definitely tagging the outfit.

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Here is an interesting story of a pen-cancellation on the original envelope as submitted by Mr. Richard E. Tims, Tama, Iowa: "A collecting friend recently turned up an odd cover bearing a 2c of 1898. On the back of the envelope was the receiving postmark, 'Tama, Iowa, Aug. 17, 1902.' The 2c stamp was canceled with four pen-strokes and in the place where the postmark would appear normally, there was written in black ink: 'Basque, Ok., Aug. 15, 1902'. (The 'Ok.' stood for Oklahoma). The original letter which was inside shed some light on this. I quote one passage: 'The post office here is just being established and they are having a hard time getting settled. No cancelling machine is provided yet.' Evidently, the postmaster must have had a tough job, as all letters would have to be cancelled and postmarked by pen and ink."

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Through a delay in delivery of a letter from Mr. A. E. Pade, New York, which he sent under date of July 20th, we have been unable to publish the following interesting news that Denmark is to establish a philatelic agency, heretofore. Word has been received that the Danish Postal Administration has decided to open a Philatelic Agency in Copenhagne this Autumn, thereby acting upon a suggestion made to it by Mr. A. E. Pade. As a member of the Collectors Club and, incidentally, a Fellow of the Hot Stove League, Mr. Pade wrote recently to the Postmaster General of Denmark complaining about certain circumstances in connection with the later new issues of Danish stamps. Mr. Pade also is a member of the Copenhagen Philatelic Club and being of Danish birth, he recommended that Denmark follow the example of the United States. He explained the workings of the Agency at Washington and now has the satisfaction of knowing that another postal administration has recognized philately and shown that it is friendly to the great army of stamp collectors. Mr. Pade may know that he has rendered a service to philately and has been instrumental in increasing the prestige of our pursuit and as a philatelic benefactor, he is worthy of acclaim.

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Several weeks ago, Mr. Joseph A. Steinmetz, Philadelphia, suggested that the cataloguers could augment the value of their works by obtaining more data on the subject of legitimate bi-sects and in consequence giving these interesting varieties more attention in the catalogues. It is known that scores of these split stamps were used with official sanction but it may be difficult to authenticate their existence by postal records, at this late day. In many cases, the provisionals were used without express permission but custom may have said to have validated their office. In the case of some countries, the catalogues are rather complete in their lists of the bi-sects, but as Mr. Steinmetz says not a few of these oddities are ignored in the consideration of other countries. We understand that the cataloguers are not averse to amplifying their compilations of such stamps and that they will be pleased to have submitted to them documentary evidence that would tend to validate the postal significance of the bi-sects. In late years, there has been a tendency to question the pretensions of halved stamps because of the possibility of philatelic intent having entered into their creation, but even so, there may be said to be a few sheep among the goats that may be browsing around.

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In the Children's Section of the Baltimore *Sun* of Sunday, July 25th, 1926, there is an article headed, "Children Revive Stamp Collecting," and while we shall not discuss the minor note sounded in the opening sentence, "Stamp collecting is coming back," it will be worth while to refer to a portion of the subject matter that is illustrated by a picture of a cover which is said to be the only one of its kind in existence. We quote: "Mr. Perry W. Fuller, himself a collector, has a stamp which apparently was used by a postmaster of Baltimore on April 5, 1848, and is the only one of its kind known to be in existence. . . . . For thirty years it was in the collection of Count Ferrari, said to have been the largest and most valuable collection in the world. It is the 'unusualness' of this stamp that makes it impossible to determine its value. Should another one be discovered, showing that this is part of an authentic issue, instead of just the whim of some postal employee, each stamp would be worth about $10,000. As it is, Mr. Fuller says, the stamp is worth only what anybody is willing to pay for it. The stamp is about an inch square and bears no printing or figures except a large 10, in a circle. Within the circle and around the figure, which appears in white, is finely tooled engraving. The letter on which it was found was mailed from the jewelry firm of Canfield Brothers & Co., to Lemuel Lynch, another jeweler, living at Hillsboro, N. C. . . . . It is possible that the stamp might have been a sample submitted by some engraver to the postmaster. . . . . Count Ferrari's collection to which Mr. Fuller's stamp belonged was recently sold at auction by the French government." This cover was bought in the Ferrari sale by Mr. Michael Miller of Baltimore, one of our correspondents, and it would be interesting, indeed, if a fellow to it were found. The configuration of this label is similar to that of the "5" impression of the Lynchburg Confederate envelopes.

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The Noah Webster Memorial Library of West Hartford, Conn., takes its place upon our honor list through the courtesy of Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg of West Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Kellogg will be remembered as a longtime advertiser in the WEEKLY. Her letter concludes:—"I had almost decided to sell out my stock but there's such a fascination about selling that I may retain it."

Dr. G. M. Guidi of Elizabeth, N. J., is an oldtime subscriber of the WEEKLY. He has been upon our list for more than fifteen years and in connection with the recent expiration of his subscription he decided to join our Honor Club.

Our fourth applicant for membership this week is Bradie Buchanan, East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. Buchanan very kindly accompanies his check for $5 with a cover from South Africa bearing one of the new triangular stamps. A unique cancellation is employed:—"Fruit for health." It is of roller type and the English inscription alternates with one in Dutch.

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The *Mailbag* in a recent issue heads an item: "Chorus—We want those beautiful green stamps back." It approves the fight being made by the National Council of Business Mail Users to have the old rate of one cent restored on unsealed, third class matter and private postal cards.

Mr. John Rausch of San Francisco, Cal., has found three different shifts on the 10 cent green, U. S., 1894, type. No. 1 shows line in white circle from "E" of Ten to "N" of Cents; also line on bottom below background. No. 2 has line at bottom of stamp and No. 3 presents line in lower circle from "N" of Ten to "E" of Cents.

Alma Newcomb of So. Brewer, Maine, writes: "Mr. Walter N. Emerson of Chicago called to see me several times in July and spoke of his friendship with you. I think that he would tell you of me and how I am crippled for life. The notice in the WEEKLY last winter was a wonderful help and I sold thousands of mixed stamps and now to sell more would interest me as well as help." Our correspondent has been a shut-in since childhood and any one who has stamps that are in the way may draw their own conclusion; they would be thankfully received.

Dr. H. I. Daveport of Auburn, New York, writes:—"I bought a pane of the current seven cent stamps at the local post office a few days ago. In looking them over, I discovered that stamp No. 33 in the pane has a distinct prolongation of the upper frame line about 1 mm. beyond the right frame line. Also, stamp No. 63 shows a prolongation of the lower frame line about 1 mm. beyond the right frame line. This is the right upper pane of plate 17623 and unfortunately there was not another similar pane in the office. I thought that someone might spot a similar pane and determine whether this is a constant occurence in this plate."

We have a card from the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia from Mr. William Butler, Toronto, the publisher of the forthcoming Year-Book.

QUEENSLAND

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first plate of the 2d shows the "C" of "PENCE" made into a "G" by a white flaw Number 116.

The watermarked paper ran out and for a period in 1878-9 a white paper watermarked with the name of "T. H. Saunders" and the date "1877" was used pending a new supply of regular paper from England. For protection, because of the lack of the regular watermark, bands of interlaced wavy lines were lithographed in pale lilac upon the back of each row of stamps, this being the so-called *burelage*, or *moiré* or *burelé*, band noted in the catalogues. It appears only on the 1 and 2d typographed stamps and a new printing from the engraved plate of the 1s stamp of 1860. The electrotyped 1s was not issued until June, 1880.

In February, 1880, the rate on newspapers was changed to 1½d when sent to Europe, and as this required a half-penny stamp which did not exist in the then current set, 20,400 1d stamps were overprinted "Half-penny" vertically and issued on February 21st. The old rates were restored one week later so the ½d had but a short life. The "QO" error occurs in these stamps.

As already detailed, the issue of separate series of stamps for both postage and revenue purposes was discontinued on January 1, 1880. "The present postage stamps, from one penny to one shilling, and the present duty stamps, from two shillings upwards, will, in future, be the only stamps issued." So reads the notice; but the public jumped to the conclusion that every value of every issue of the "duty" stamps was available for postage, and so used any of them that were at hand. This view was tacitly admitted by the Post Office, which permitted them all to pass unchallenged. Hence any Queensland revenue stamp issued up to that time is liable to be found with proper postal cancellation; but as a matter of fact few stamps of a higher value than one shilling seem to have been required for postal purposes at that period.

The die used for the 1879-1881 issues of electrotyped stamps was never wholly satisfactory, and in 1880 the Government Engraver decided to order a new one from Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. of London. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining just what he wanted from them, but he finally received it in April, 1882. It was engraved for the 2d value, and the oval band bearing the lettering was widened and the lettering made larger as specified. It may be interesting to reproduce the following portion of the Government Engraver's letter: "For further information, I may state that I make the plates for printing in the following manner, viz.:—Impressions are taken in lead by means of a drop hammer. A sufficient number of these are soldered together to form a part, or the whole of a sheet, numbering 120 stamps; this mould is then placed in the battery to receive a deposit of copper, which, when sufficiently thick (taking two or three days), is separated from the lead, backed type high with metal, and is then ready for the press." As a matter of fact, the stamps of this issue, as well as the one immediately preceding, were electrotyped in blocks of four, thirty of these blocks making up the printing plate. In preparing values other than that denoted on the die, the lettering of the value is filled in, so that this portion of the oval band appears blank on the electros, which then have the new value engraved by hand on each one.—*New England Stamp Monthly.*

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New Zealand 1909, ½c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 1sh, cat. .73	.32
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2p on ½p Victory	.02
1915, 9p	.05
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2718	On 1c white	15.00	15.00
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2720	On 1c white, Die A	.75	.25
2721	On 1c amber, Die A	.50	.75
2721	On 1c amber, Die D	.75	.50
2722	On 1c buff, Die A	..	10.00
2723	On 1c blue, Die D	..	2.00
	On Issue of 1916-1921 (Round Die)		
2725	On 1c white, Die A	.10	.10
2725	On 1c white, Die C	.15	.10
2725	On 1c white, Die D	.20	.10
2726	On 1c amber, Die A	1.00	.50
2726	On 1c amber, Die D	1.00	.50
2727	On 1c buff, Die A	.75	.50
2728	On 1c blue, Die A	.15	.10
2728	On 1c blue, Die C	.35	.10
2728	On 1c blue, Die D	.20	.15
2729	On 1c manila, Die A	.30	.15
2730	On 1c brown, glazed, thin paper, Die A	.50	.75
2730	Same on unglazed thick paper	.20	.25
2731	On 2c white (error)	..	10.00
2732	On 2c buff	..	15.00

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On Issue of 1899

2733	On 1c amber	15.00	25.00
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	On 1c amber	1.25	1.00
	On Issue of 1907-1910 (Oval Die)		
2734	On 1c white, Die A	1.00	.75
2734	On 1c white, Die D	1.00	.50
2735	On 1c amber, Die A	1.00	1.00
2736	On 1c buff, Die A	1.50	.75
2736	On 1c buff, Die D	..	25.00
2737	On 1c blue, Die A	1.00	.50
2737	On 1c blue, Die D	1.00	1.00
2738	On 1c manila, Die A	1.00	.75
	On Issue of 1916-1921 (Round Die)		
2739	On 1c white, Die A	.10	.10
2739	On 1c white, Die B	1.50	.50
2739	On 1c white, Die C	.10	.10
2744	On 1c white, Die C (Magenta Surcharge)	.10	.25
2739	On 1c white, Die D	.20	.15
2739A	On 1c amber, Die D	1.25	1.25
2740	On 1c buff, Die A	.75	.50
2740	On 1c buff, Die D	1.25	.50
2741	On 1c blue, Die A	.20	.15
2741	On 1c blue, Die C	..	.50
2741	On 1c blue, Die D	.25	.25
2742	On 1c manila, Die A	.25	.25
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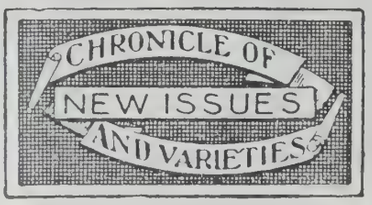

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

As a member of the Executive Committee of the International Philatelic Society, I was authorized sometime back to take up with the proper authorities at Washington the subject of a Government exhibit at the coming International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in New York from October 16th to 23rd inclusive. I was officially informed that the Department would be pleased to arrange for a fitting contribution to this Exposition. It is hoped and expected that a branch of the Philatelic Agency will be opened so that visitors may be able to purchase the same supplies that could be obtained from Washington. In addition, the Department will make a display of proof stamps as well as other stamps that are now available. I had suggested that a special size plate of the 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp be sold at the Exhibition in unlimited numbers and I am informed that some arrangements of this kind can no doubt be made and the matter will be taken up the latter part of August. We are not asking for a new issue but simply the prevailing stamp made in a special sheet of possibly twenty-five stamps and as their sale will be unlimited, there will be no possibility of anyone claiming that the issue is speculative or that any special person or persons are favored. If such stamps are printed, they will be available to the visitors in New York and those out of town will be able to secure the identical variety through the Philatelic Agency in Washington.

I have also taken up with the Department the subject of actually printing some of the stamps at the Exposition but have had no definite promise on this point. It is to be hoped that the Postmaster General, the Third Assistant Postmaster General and the chief of the Stamp Division, Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., will be in attendance at the Exhibition. It is also hoped that Mr. Warren Irving Glover, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, will be present, for although he no longer is in control of the stamp producing portion of the Department, he nevertheless is greatly interested in stamp collectors and has direct supervision of the air mail.

Scott's 1927 Catalog

In my review last week of the advance sheets of the Scott's 1927 catalog, I overlooked two details which are worthy of special mention. It is noted with pleasure that the new catalog will not separate the first issue of Postage Due stamps into two sets, namely the yellow brown and brown, but are rightly combining these sets as one. No one has ever been able to furnish the two sets originally listed for with the exception of the 3c, none of the others are found in the real yellow brown. Mr. Luff now lists the set and gives us the 3c yellow brown as a sub-variety. This change is to be commended and we hope it will be reflected in the new albums when published.

I also note that in the case of the first issue of Newspaper stamps, that the reprints are listed for the first time. They certainly are worthy of catalog rank just as much as any of the other reprint issues.

It is hoped that the time is not far distant when the "Specimen" Department stamps will be listed in the standard catalog. They are special prints in every sense of the word and have just as much right in the catalog as the special prints of the postage stamps prepared at the same time. It is true these were never available for postage, but then it will be recalled that the reprints of 1847 and 1857 which are now in the catalog were never available for postage. The new edition of the catalog will be one of the finest ever published and the Scott Company is now reaching a point where we will have a difficult time in criticising their listings.

Postage Due

I have recently been shown the northeast pane of the 3c 1917 perf. 11 Postage Due from plate No. 8477, wherein the twenty-sixth stamp showed a slight defect in the plate. This is particularly noticeable in the large central figure.

Envelopes

J. M. Bartels Company has just issued a small twelve-page pamphlet devoted to the new envelopes from 1916 to date. This is particularly interesting because it lists and prices the known varieties of the recent 1½c surcharges. A careful study has been given to the subject and practically all varieties known to date up to and including the recent Sesqui-Centennial variety are listed. It is difficult to criticize prices on these new varieties for one man's judgment is almost as good as another. The only omission that I offhand note is the Universal type on the 1c issue of 1907, die D on buff. This is quite a rare variety of which less than twenty-five were found in one of the southern post offices. Every collector interested in our envelopes should certainly have one of these lists on hand which may be obtained from the Bartels Company at twenty-five cents.

Air Mail

The below cut is self-explanatory. Full information concerning this air flight was given in our issue of August 9.

Canal Zone.

Mr. L. Bartlett Gatchell calls my attention to the surcharge found on the recent issue of Sesqui-Centennial stamps. The lower slugs are not always spaced the same in respect to the upper slug so that in some cases we find the "E" of "Zone" directly under the "L" of "Ca instead of evenly spaced as on the nor stamp.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Mr. R. Rob and the Economist Stamp Co. have sh us copies of the new commemorative issued July 1st last. They are the green, portrait of Rivadavia, 5c portrait of San Martin, 12c blue, bu ing, "Central de Correos 1926", brown, side view of old building. stamps are all of different designs bear the dates "1826-1926" and also date of issue "10 Julio". The w mark is multiple Sun.

BRUNEI.—A supply of the new 1c been despatched for the first time script paper. The colour has changed to black.—*Philatelic Maga*

CHINA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises the 4c has appeared in a new color. is now issued in olive green, no wa mark, the usual Junk design.

CYRENAICA.—The Economist St Co. report the 1L 25c blue, Vi Emanuel commemorative stamp of with the surcharge "Cirenaica" in bl

ERITREA.—The Economist Stamp have shown us the 60c special deli stamp of 1924 with the surcharge over the original value in blue and the 2L of the same series with the o print "2.50". The surcharge on former is in blue while that of the l is red. Also the 1L 25 Victor Ema commemorative stamp in blue has surcharged in black for use in colony.

The 75c red, 1L 25c blue and 2L orange and black stamps of Italy l been overprinted for use in this col

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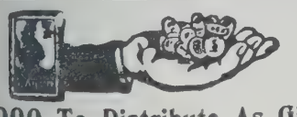

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

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Bureau Prints—The Bureau precancels maintain their place in the limelight, and many new precancel collectors are a result of their issuance. The 7c, 8c and 9c are appearing from a few cities. San Francisco appeared to be the first city to use the 7c, and Kansas City, the 8c and 9c. Chicago is reported on the 10c coil, and Rochester has at last appeared on the 2c, which is the sole variety issued to this office. A list of the May orders received at the Bureau is as follows:

Ordinary	
Memphis	3c
Providence	2c, 8c
Coiled	
Chicago	3c, 4c, 5c, 10c
Pittsburgh	3c, 4c, 5c, 10c
Philadelphia	4c, 5c, 10c
New York	4c, 5c, 10c
Scranton	2c

General Survey—The number of new electroplates that have appeared recently has tended to arouse new interest. The precancel hobby is fascinating in that there is something new always showing up. The first three types illustrated above seem to be universal, as a host of offices have received plates similar to the illustrations, especially the first two.

Logansport, Ind.—This style is similar to the one known as U-8, but differs slightly in spacing of lines, and spacing and thickness of the letters. Some cities that have recently received plates of this style are: Bellingham, Wash., Burlingame, Calif., Milwaukee, Wis., and Monticello, Ill.

Madison, Wis.—The 1½c is the only variety I have seen in the new type illustrated above. Norwalk, Conn., has a sister plate. Although South Norwalk has used precancels for many years, Norwalk has not employed precancels previous to this time.

Marion, O.—Is another office that has a new plate of this description. I have a quantity of the 25c Special Handling precancelled in this type, but have not noticed anything else. Staunton, Va., and Greeley, Colo., are also out with this style of precancellation.

Michigan City, Ind.—As the illustration shows, this is simply a three-line adaptation of the type used for the illustrated Madison. It makes a pretty appearance. Probably the future will bring forth many additions to the list of holders of this type of electro. As yet, Clay Center, Neb., and Wichita Falls, Texas, are the only others.

Los Angeles, Calif.—It was somewhat of a surprise to see the new style illustrated for Los Angeles. Kansas City came out with it also at the same time. Perhaps others will follow.

Omaha, Nebr.—The Omaha illustration resembles slightly the Bureau style for this city, and may confuse the novice somewhat. It is a new 100-subject electroplate and will supersede the Universal Style 8 plate that has rendered service for so long.

Saginaw, Mich.—Is out with a peculiar style that appears to be a typesetting. It consists of large serif caps between lines. Mr. Francis Engel shows it to me on the old 8c and I have it on the current 3c.

North Chicago, Ill.—Is using a neat printed precancellation of condensed caps between bars. Have noticed it on the 1½c and 2c.

Eminence, Ky.—Still precancels with bright purple ink. The type is tall, thin caps between lines. On the 11c, 20c and 30c it makes a beautiful appearance. I also have it on the 5c, but it is not as striking.

Bristol, Conn.—Chas. Metz reports the 10c in the U-53 style, which is handstamped. I also possess the current 11c. *Bristol, Pa.*, is another newcomer, which employs the U-52 handstamp. This was shown me on the current 2c by H. G. Tilley.

Lowell, Ohio—Chas. Metz reports the 3c and 4c from this town in the U-54 style, which are new to me.

Camden, N. Y.—I am indebted to Mr. B. S. Osborne for sample precancellations of this city, and the following information concerning them: "The Camden office has recently precancelled stamps as follows: ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 20 and 30c of the present issue. Also a few Lexington-Concord issue, 1, 2, and 5c, that were on hand. The Osborne Specialty Co. holds the only permit in Camden for these stamps and we are using them up principally on packages of pencils going to the small retail merchants throughout the country, after the goods are ordered by the wholesaler serving the territory."

Nashville, Tenn.—Some months ago I inquired for the reason why there appeared on Nashville precancels, in the new type, vertical lines between the bar intervals. At that time I suggested that probably the new style precancels were produced from set up type and not an electroplate. Mr. L. M. Bare of Nashville confirms this opinion and writes as follows: "Dr. W. J. O'Callaghan, the Postmaster at Nashville, says that he believes the post office to be a business proposition, and when run properly to be one of the greatest assets of the Nashville business man. To carry out his ideas he has set up a printing press in the main post office and issues a printed letter at frequent intervals conveying special ideas and features wherein the P. O. may be used as an advertising medium. This, it seems, has proven very beneficial to the P. O. here, as for the past quarter Nashville showed the greatest increase of any of 50 selected cities. But to get to stamps: this same press is used for precancelling purposes; type being set up, and the vertical hair-lines of which you make mention, are caused by the spacing bars being too high. All stamps precancelled in this office now have those lines."

Bloomfield, N. J.—Don't discard the 2c Bloomfield Bureau coil, because it has a postmarking in addition to the regular overprint. The reason for this is that these stamps are all used on first class matter and must be postmarked. As there has been much misunderstanding in regard to the regulation permitting the use of precancels upon first class mail, I consider it in order to reproduce the following at this time:

Use of Precancelled stamps on First Class matter. As published in U. S. Official Postal Guide, monthly supplement, dated Sept., 1924:—

"Precancelled postage stamps may be used on first class matter by persons and concerns specially authorized to use such stamps on matter of that class in the manner indicated below.

Any person desiring to use such stamps on first class matter should file an application with the postmaster at the post office of mailing, showing the average number of pieces to be mailed daily, weekly, monthly, etc. The application shall be forwarded by the postmaster to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification.

On receipt of the department's authorization the postmaster will issue a permit to the applicant to use precancelled stamps on first class matter and accept first class mailings bearing such stamps under the following conditions:

(a) The date of mailing, in connection with lines similar to those used in a cancellation postmark, shall be placed by the mailer on each piece of first class matter.

(b) To facilitate the handling of the matter in the mails the mailer must comply with the requests of the postmaster for the facing and separation thereof into states, cities, etc., and present the matter at such place as the postmaster may designate.

Postmasters will please bring this matter to the attention of all persons using uncancelled stamps in coils on first class matter and advise them that for their future needs the department will, in cases where the quantity mailed is sufficient to make the use of precancelled stamps advantageous, furnish two-cent precancelled stamps in coils which they may use on their first class matter after obtaining permission therefor in the manner above set forth, thus expediting the handling of their first class matter."

I am indebted to Mr. H. S. Wheeler for the above information, who sends for inspection a cover from the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co. of Boston, bearing a precancelled 2c coil stamp, and a regular oval cancellation showing date of mailing, etc. There are seven wavy lines to complete the marking. Mr. Wheeler states that this is the only firm in Boston with a permit to use precancelled stamps on first class mail. The canceller is especially made for this firm and must be used *over* the stamp.

Conclusion—The editor will be pleased to render any desired assistance to collectors along the line of precancelled stamps. Universal Style Charts, showing the various styles of electroplate, handstamped, Bureau, and other precancellations, will be furnished for sixteen cents. Address all matters concerning precancels direct to the editor of this department.

3pf to the 1 mark denomination and will consist of stamps showing the heads of famous poets, musicians, etc. (Goethe, Schiller, Beethoven).

GUATEMALA.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise us of the following new items for this country: 1p 50c blue, portrait of Just Rufino Barrios, printed by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., of London, and 5p brown violet, in the type of Scott's A63.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. report that the 1L 25c blue, Victor Emanuel commemorative stamp has been surcharged "Somalia Italiana" in two lines in black.

Also the 75c red, 1L 25c blue, 2L 50c orange and black and orange and black Lira due, in the type of the Italy A46, as surcharged for use in the colony with the usual two lines "Somalia Italiana."

LIBIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the two special delivery stamps of 1924 have been surcharged as noted above under Eritrea. The overprint is the same value and type.

OLTRE GIUBA.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to the 1L 25c blue, Victor Emanuel commemorative stamp of Italy, which has been surcharged "Oltre Giuba" in black for use in this colony.

The current 75c red, 1L 25c blue and 2L 50c orange and black, of Italy, have been surcharged for use in this colony.

PERU.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. the 5c Tacna y Arica design in yellow green.

TRIPOLITANIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 1L 25c blue Victor Emanuel commemorative stamp with the surcharge "Tripolitania" in black.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us of the 3p blue, postage due stamp, redrawn, local print, no watermark, perf. 14. Heretofore this has only been issued in the De la Rue printing watermarked Springbok.

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12	1.25 M. grün	.15	.10
13	1.50 M. gelbbraun	.30	.18
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19	5 Pf./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	.02	.02
20	10 Pf./20 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	.06	.03
20a	Dieselbe mit doppeltem Ueberdruck	25.00	23.00
21	25 Pf./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	.06	.03
21a	Dieselbe mit doppeltem Ueberdruck	25.00	23.50
22	60 Pf./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	.20	.20
22a	Dieselbe mit doppeltem Ueberdruck	35.00	28.50
23	80 Pf./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	.08	.07
SET	von 19-23 (5 Marken)	.42	.32

VARIETAET 1.

Graues Netz nach oben und nach rechts zeigend.

25	1 M./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)		.20
25a	Ohne Moire	.50	1.00
26	1¼ M./3 Pf. braun	.60	.50
26a	Doppeltes Netz	..	7.50
27	2 M./35 Pf. rotbraun	.50	.30
27a	Dieselbe ohne Ueberdruck..	30.00	40.00
28	3 M./7½ Pf. orange	.30	.20
28a	Ohne Netz	..	7.50
29	5 M./2 Pf. grau	.35	.22
30	10 M./7½ Pf. orange	.50	.50
SET	No. 25-30 (6 Marken)	2.55	1.80

VARIETAET 2.

Graues Netz nach unten und nach links zeigend.

30b	1¼ M./3 Pf. braun und schwarz (buff)	3.00	2.00
30c	2 M./35 Pf. rotbraun	12.00	10.00
30d	3 M./7½ Pf. orange	1.25	1.10
30e	5 M./2 Pf. grau	1.25	1.00
30f	10 M./7½ Pf. orange	.40	.30
SET	von No. 30b-30f (5 Marken)	17.90	12.95

VARIETAET 3.

Violettes Netz nach oben und nach rechts zeigend.

30g	1 M./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	2.00	1.50
30h	1¼ M./3 Pf. braun	.25	.20
30i	2 M./35 Pf. rotbraun	1.50	1.00
30k	3 M./7½ Pf. orange	.50	.40
30l	5 M./2 Pf. grau	.30	.30
30m	10 M./7½ Pf. orange	.40	.35
SET	von No. 30g-30m (6 Mark.)	4.95	3.25

VARIETAET 4.

Violettes Netz nach unten und nach links zeigend.

30n	1 M./30 Pf. orange und schwarz (buff)	.50	.30
30p	1¼ M./3 Pf. braun	1.25	.90
30q	2 M./35 Pf. rotbraun	1.50	1.00
30r	3 M./7½ Pf. orange	3.00	2.00
30s	5 M./2 Pf. grau	.30	.30
30t	10 M./7½ Pf. orange	4.00	3.00
SET	von No. 30n-30t (6 Marken)	10.55	6.50
31	2 Pf. grau	8.00	6.25
32	2½ Pf. grau	15.00	13.00
33	3 Pf. braun	1.00	.75
34	5 Pf. grün	.03	.02
35	7½ Pf. orange	2.00	1.50
36	10 Pf. karmin	.50	.40
37	15 Pf. dunkelviolett	.05	.04
38	20 Pf. blauviolett	.06	.04
39	25 Pf. orange u. schw. (gelb)	.05	.04
40	30 Pf. orange u. schw. (buff)	3.50	2.60
42	40 Pf. lake und schwarz	.15	.10
43	50 Pf. purp. u. schw. (buff)	10.00	7.35
44	60 Pf. magenta	50.00	43.50
45	75 Pf. grün und schwarz	.15	.10
46	80 Pf. lake und schw. (rosa)	.20	.15
47	1 M. karmin	45.00	41.00
48	2 M. graublau	50.00	40.00
SET	von No. 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 40, 43 (7 Marken)	49.00	31.00
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49	5 Pf. braun und violett	.03	.02
49a	Mitte verkehrt	..	23.50
50	10 Pf. orange u. dunkelviolett	.08	.05
50a	Mitte verkehrt	..	23.50
51	25 Pf. grün und karminrosa	.05	.03
52	40 Pf. karminrosa	.25	.15
53	80 Pf. ultramarine	.08	.03
54	1 M. karminrosa und schw.	.30	.20
54a	Mitte verkehrt	..	23.50
55	2 M. dunkelblau und dunkelgrün	1.50	1.00
56	3 M. schwarz u. grün (blau)	.20	.15
57	5 M. indigo und rosenrot	.20	.15
58	10 M. dunkelgrün u. braunorange	.20	.15
SET	von No. 49-58 (10 Marken)	2.85	1.35
59	25 Pf. grün und karminrosa	.10	.08
60	40 Pf. karminrosa	.08	.07
61	80 Pf. ultramarine	.15	.25
SET	von No. 50 61 (3 Marken)	.33	.34
62	60 Pf./75 Pf. grün u. schw.	.08	.10
62a	Doppelter Ueberdruck	12.50	11.50
63	5 Pf. orange	.03	.02
64	10 Pf. dunkelbraun	.02	.01
65	15 Pf. grün	.02	.02
66	20 Pf. schiefergrau	.02	.02
67	25 Pf. dunkelgrün	.03	.01
68	30 Pf. blau und karmin	.06	.04
69	40 Pf. grün und karmin	.02	.02
69a	Mitte verkehrt	30.00	27.50
70	50 Pf. dunkelgrün u. karmin	.02	.01
	Dieselbe, unperforiert	..	6.50
71	60 Pf. karmin	.06	.05
72	80 Pf. schwarz und karmin	.10	.06
73	1 M. orange und karmin	.02	.01
73b	Dieselbe, unperforiert	5.00	7.50
	Dieselbe, ohne Netz	..	1.00
74	1.20 M. blauviolett	.15	.20
	Dieselbe, ohne Net	3.00	2.00
75	2 M. grau und karmin	1.00	.55
	Dieselbe, ohne Netz	..	4.00
75a	Unperforiert	20.00	21.00
76	3 M. violett und karmin	1.00	.60
	Dieselbe, ohne Netz und vertik. Wasserzeich.	..	15.00
SET	von No. 73-76 (14 Marken)	2.49	1.20
77	5 M. grün, rot und schwarz, horiz. Wasserzeich.	.25	.20
	Dieselbe, vertik. Wasserzeich.	..	.25
78	10 M. ultramarine, rot und blau, vertik. Wasserzeich	.30	.18
	Dieselbe, horiz. Wasserzeich.	..	.23
79	20 M. rot und schwarz, vertik. Wasserzeich.	.30	.25
	Dieselbe, horizont. Wasserzeich.	..	.35
SET	von No. 77-79 (3 Marken)	.85	.55
	Die 3 Varietäten	..	.75
80	75 Pf. tiefviolett	.02	.01
81	80 Pf. grün	.06	.04
82	1.25 M. violett und karmin	.03	.04
83	1.50 M. schiefergrau	.03	.02
	Ohne Netz	..	1.00
84	2 M. karminrosa	.04	.03
85	2.40 M. dunkelbraun u. karm.	.15	.13
86	3 M. lake	.06	.05
	Ohne Netz	..	1.00
87	4 M. dunkelblau	.10	.15
88	5 M. tiefgrün	.03	.02
	Ohne Netz	..	1.00
89	6 M. karmin lake	.08	.03
	Ohne Netz	..	1.00
90	8 M. hellblau	.10	.08
91	10 M. orange	.03	.02
	Ohne Netz	..	1.00
92	20 M. orangebraun	.02	.01
	Ohne Netz	..	1.00
93	9 M. rosenrot und orange, horizont. Wasserzeich.	1.50	.55
	Dieselbe, vertik. Wasserzeich.	..	.55
SET	von No. 80-86 (7 Marken)	1.76	.80
94	50 M. gold und rot, vert. Wasserzeich.	.80	.40
	Dieselbe, gold und ziegelr., horizont. Wasserzeich.	1.50	1.25
	50 M. gold und rot, vertik. Wz.	..	.50
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SET	von No. 94-95 (2 Marken)	2.05	.65
96	8 M./4 M. dunkelblau	.05	.04
97	6 M./3 M. karmin lake	.04	.02
98	20 M./8 M. hellblau	.08	.06
SET	von No. 80-92 (13 Marken)	.75	.35
99	4 M. dunkelblau	.03	.02
100	5 M. dunkelgrün	.03	.02
101	10 M. orange	.03	.02
102	20 M. orangebraun	.03	.02
SET	von Nos. 99-102 (4 Marken)	.09	.07
103	40 M. blassblau	.03	.02
104	80 M. rot	.05	.02
SET	von No. 103-104 (2 Marken)	.08	.03
105	50 M. blassblau und rot	.03	.02
106	100 M. d. grün und rot	.03	.02
	Ohne Netz	..	2.50
107	150 M. violett und rot	.04	.02
108	250 M. violett und rot	.12	.10
109	500 M. grau, schw. und rot	.08	.06
	Ohne Netz	..	3.10
110	1000 M. braun und rot	.10	.06
111	5000 M. silber und rot	.30	.25
SET	von No. 105-111 (7 Marken)	.10	.50
113	50 M. blassblau	.04	.02
114	100 M. tiefgrün	.04	.02
115	200 M. orange	.05	.04
SET	von No. 113-115 (3 Marken)	.13	.06
117	250 M. violett und rot	.05	.03
118	300 M. blaugrün und rot	.05	.04
	Ohne Netz	..	2.50
119	500 M. grau und rot	.03	.02
120	1000 M. braun und rot	.05	.03
121	3000 M. violett und rot	.03	.03
	Dieselbe, unperforiert	..	17.50
SET	von No. 117-121 (5 Marken)	.22	.13
123	10000 M. orange und rot	.05	.03
124	20000 M. blassblau und rot	.15	.07
125	50000 M. grün und rot	.12	.06
126	100000 M./20000 blassblau und rot	.40	.34
SET	von No. 123-126 (4 Marken)	.72	.45
127	1000 M. braun	.05	.04
129	5000 M. rosa	.03	.02
129a	Dieselbe, unperforiert	10.00	11.00
131	20000 M. blassblau	.03	.02
132	50000 M. grün	.03	.02
SET	von No. 127-132 (4 Marken)	.14	.10
133	100000 M. tiefblau	.03	.03
	Dieselbe, unperforiert	10.00	11.50
	100000 M. tiefblau ohne Netz	..	2.20
134	250000 M. violett	.04	.03
	Dieselbe, unperforiert	10.00	9.50
135	500000 M. schiefergrau	.05	.03
SET	von No. 133-135 (3 Marken)	.12	.08
137	40000 M./200 M. orange	.15	.04
138	100000 M./200 M. orange	.12	.04
139	250000 M./200 M. orange	.50	.40
140	400000 M./100 M. dunkelgrün	.04	.03
141	500000 M./50000 M. grün	.04	.03
142	1 Mil./10000 M. orange	.20	.10
143	10 Mil./1 Mil. M. orange	.08	.06
SET	von No. 137-143 (7 Marken)	1.13	.65
144	1 Mil./10000 M. rosa	.03	.02
145	2 Mil./10000 M. rosa	.03	.02
146	3 Mil./10000 M. rosa	.03	.02
147	5 Mil./10000 M. rosa	.03	.02
	Dieselbe, dopp. Ueberdruck	..	21.00
148	10 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.03	.03
149	20 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.05	.02
150	25 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.03	.02
151	40 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.06	.02
152	50 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.05	.02
153	100 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.05	.02
154	300 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.04	.02
155	500 Mil./10000 M. graulila	.05	.02
SET	von No. 144-155 (12 Mark.)	.48	.20
156	5 Pf./50 M. rosa	.05	.03
157	10 Pf./50 M. rosa	.10	.05
158	20 Pf./100 M. rosa	.20	.10
159	25 Pf./50 M. rosa	.25	.12
160	30 Pf./50 M. rosa	.30	.15
161	40 Pf./100 M. rosa	.40	.20
162	50 Pf./100 M. rosa	.50	.25
163	75 Pf./100 M. rosa	.75	.35
SET	von No. 156-163 (8 Marken)	2.55	.95
164	1 Gld./1 Mil. rosa	1.00	.45
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166	3 Gld./1 Mil. rosa	3.00	1.65
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SET	von No. 164-167 (4 Marken)	11.00	4.80
168	5 Pf. orange	.03	.02
169	10 Pf. gelbgrün	.06	.03
170	15 Pf. grün	.09	.05
171	20 Pf. karmin und rot	.12	.06
172	25 Pf. schiefer und rot	.15	.10
173	30 Pf. grün und rot	.18	.12
174	40 Pf. dunkelblau und blau	.25	.15
175	50 Pf. tiefblau und rot	.30	.20
176	75 Pf. violett und rot	.45	.30
SET	von No. 168-176 (9 Marken)	1.63	.90
177	1 Gld. gelb, grün u. schw.	1.50	.40
178	2 Gld. rot, viol. und schw.	2.00	.85
SET	von No. 177-178 (2 Marken)	3.50	1.15
179	3 Gld. blau und schwarz	1.80	1.00
180	5 Gld. blau und schwarz	3.00	1.70
181	10 Gld. braun und schwarz	5.00	3.00
SET	von No. 179-181 (3 Marken)	9.80	5.10
182	1 Gld. orange und schwarz	.60	.40
183	2 Gld. rosa und schwarz	1.20	.80
SET	von No. 182-183 (2 Marken)	1.80	1.10
184	15 Pf. rot	.09	.09
185	35 Pf. ultramarine	.20	.20
401	40 Pf./40 Pf. rosa	.12	.12
402	60 Pf./40 Pf. rosa	.12	.10
402a	Dopp. Ueberdruck	..	95.00
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403	1 M./40 Pf. rosa	.12	.10
SET	von No. 401-403 (3 Marken)	.35	.30
404	40 Pf. blaugrün	.03	.02
405	60 Pf. dunkelviolett	.03	.02
406	1 M. karmin	.04	.02
407	2 M. orangebraun	.04	.02
408	5 M. violettblau	.06	.05
409	10 M. tiefgrün	.10	.05
SET	von No. 404-409 (6 Marken)	.30	.15
410	40 Pf. blaugrün	.03	.01
411	60 Pf. dunkelviolett	.03	.01
412	1 M. karmin	.03	.01
413	2 M. orangebraun	.03	.01
414	5 M. violettblau	.04	.02
415	10 M. tiefgrün	.05	.02
416	20 M. orangebraun	.06	.02
418	25 M. blassblau	.02	.01
419	50 M. orange	.03	.02
420	100 M. rot	.03	.02
421	250 M. dunkelbraun	.04	.02
422	500 M. karminrosa	.06	.03
SET	von No. 410-422 (12 Mark.)	.45	.18
423	250000 scharlach	.03	.02
424	500000 scharlach	.03	.02
425	2 Mil./100000 M. scharlach	.03	.03
425a	5 Mil./10000 M. (Fehl.) scharlach	2.00	1.40
427	5 Mil./50000 M. scharlach	.03	.02
SET	von No. 423-427 (5 Marken)	2.12	1.50
428	10 Pf. vermillion	.06	.04
429	20 Pf. karminrosa	.10	.06
430	40 Pf. olivenbraun	.20	.12
431	1 Gld. tiefgrün	.50	.30
432	2½ Gld. violettbraun	1.25	.75
SET	von No. 428-432 (5 Marken)	2.11	1.15
551	30 Pf.+30 Pf. grün u. or'ge	.05	.04
552	60 Pf.+60 Pf. rosa u. or'ge	.15	.10
553	1.20 M.+1.20 M. dunkelblau und orange	.15	.12
SET	von No. 551-553 (3 Marken)	.35	.20
554	50 M.+20 M. lake	.05	.02
555	100 M.+30 M. rotviolett	.07	.02
SET	von No. 554-555 (2 Marken)		.10
601	5 Pf. orange		.06
602	10 Pf. dunkelbraun		.02
603	15 Pf. grün		.02
604	20 Pf. schiefergrau		.04
	Dieselbe, verk. Ueberdruck		15.00
605	25 Pf. dunkelgrün		.06
606	30 Pf. blau und karmin		.15
607	40 Pf. grün und karmin		.08
608	50 Pf. d. grün und karmin		.04
609	60 Pf. karmin		.05
610	80 Pf. schwarz und karmin		.30
611	1 M. orange und karmin		.05
612	1.20 M. blauviolett		.30
613	2 M. grau und karmin		3.00
614	3 M. violett und karmin		2.00
SET	von No. 601-614 (14 Mark.)		6.17
615	5 M. grün und schwarz		1.50
618	75 Pf. tiefviolett		.04
	Dieselbe, dopp. Ueberdruck		7.50
619	80 Pf. grün		.08
	Dieselbe, horizont. Wasserzeich.		..
620	1.25 M. violett u. karmin		.08
621	1.50 M. schiefergrau		.04
622	2 M. karminrosa		.10
623	2.40 M. dunkelbraun u. karm.		.30
624	3 M. karmin lake		.06
625	4 M. dunkelblau		.10
626	5 M. tiefgrün		.04
627	6 M. karmin lake		.02
628	10 M. orange		.04
629	20 M. orangebraun		.03
630	6 M./3 M. karmin lake		.08
SET	von No. 615-630 (14 Mark.)		.24
631	4 M. dunkelblau		.03
632	5 M. dunkelgrün		.03
634	10 M. orange		.03
635	20 M. orangebraun		.03
636	50 M. blassblau und rot		.03
637	100 M. dunkelgrün und rot		.03
639	50 M. blassblau		.10
640	100 M. dunkelgrün		.03
641	200 M. orange		.04
643	300 M. blaugrün und rot		.08
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645	1000 M. braun und rot		.05
SET	von No. 631-645 (12 Mark.)		.45
646	5 Pf. orange		.03
647	10 Pf. grün		.06
648	15 Pf. grau		.09
649	20 Pf. karmin und rot		.12
650	25 Pf. schiefer und rot		.15
651	30 Pf. grün und rot		.18
652	40 Pf. dunkelblau und stumpfblau		.25
653	50 Pf. tiefblau und rot		.30
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SET	von No. 646-654 (9 Marken)		1.63
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802	20 Pf. tiefviolett		.02
803	40 Pf. tiefviolett		.02
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816	200 Pf. tiefviolett		.02
817	300 Pf. tiefviolett		.02
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	Dieselbe, unperforiert		5.00
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828	10000/20 M. tiefviolett		.05
829	50000/500 M. tiefviolett		.08
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833	20 Pf. blau und schwarz		.12
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WE are indebted to H. R. Peterson, Harlan, Iowa, for a clipping from the Des Moines *Sunday Register Magazine* of August 8. It is a half-page feature, finely illustrated, and gives the particulars connected with the Highland Park Stamp Club of that city. The article is attractively written and displayed and makes a good publicity feature.

IF any of our readers know the present address of A. R. Werner, 148 E. 92 St., N. Y. City, it would be greatly appreciated by Benedith Prieth, Avon, N. J. This party is reported as having left the address given and cannot now be located.

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IN a recent issue Harry E. Huber in an article upon the Canal Zone Sesqui-Centennial issue stated that July 6 was probably the first date of issue. Mr. Huber said that sales were authorized July 4 but on account of the double holiday no post-offices would be open for business until Tuesday, July 6. Fernald Hutchins has shown us a cover postmarked Balboa, July 4, and we quote from his letter:—"While it is probable that most offices did not commence using this stamp until July 6, the office at Balboa was open for duty on July 4 and actually used this stamp. I have also seen a letter from the postmaster at Balboa in which he states that his office was open for business on that day."

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(Several subscribers have sent in the following clipping. T. R. Hungerford of Washington accompanies his with a further clipping from the Washington "Post" showing a group of representatives from patriotic organizations calling on Postmaster General New in advocacy of the "Old Ironsides" stamp.—Ed.)

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Navy, 1-90c, 11 var. complete	..
P. O. Dept., 1-90c, 10 var. complete	..
2-90c, 9 var., all in green, cpl.	..
2-90c, 9 var., all in red, cpl.	..
2-90c, 9 var., all in blue, cpl.	..
2-90c, 9 var., all in brown, cpl.	..
State, 1-90c, 11 var. complete	..
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1869, 1-90c, 10 var.	1
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1-12c, 6 var., pairs	1
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o $1000 (4288)	2
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MEXICO.—He has travelled a good deal in Mexico with his charming wife, hence its stamps have won their way to his favor. He has specialized in that most interesting section, Guadalajara, of which his recent article on the sub-offices and postmarks in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* is a fruit.

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	2p		.15	.07
*53	2½p		.40	.16
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*64	1916, 3p		.20	.11
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By Bill Bloss.

V—Cancellations and Their Place in Philately

After considerable neglect by philatelists for a number of years, the subject of cancellations and postal markings is finally coming into its own.

Some of my readers will laugh at this statement, and will say that cancellations have certainly arrived, judging from the prices that are now being charged for common stamps with rare obliterations. However, considering the long period of time in which little or no attention was paid to cancellations, and the fact that countless foreign cancellations of equal merit to our "paid" and "steamboat" markings can still be bought without premium, we are inclined to think that cancellations are only commencing to arrive.

It is surprising how little attention is paid to cancellations by the average collector, even those most interested in used stamps. Many collectors are satisfied to get a single copy of a used stamp, and as long as it is used, they do not care how it is used.

About ten years ago, when extreme specialization of the common U. S. stamps commenced generally, much attention began to be paid to cancellations, though even the rarities commanded little in price. The writer recalls a beautiful copy of the 24c 1857 with Supplementary Mail in oval frame in blue, which he purchased in a New York sale for $3.60 and finally, after considerable argument on his part, "landed" on ye Editor of Mekeel's at the modest price of $5.10, said Editor passing remarks having to do with highway robbery, and we personally know that he did buy the stamp out of the goodness of his heart, rather than because it would be worth $59 to-day. We hope he still has it, but it has probably gone on its way into some big collection.

At about the same time, we were favored with an opportunity to go through a hundred thousand unpicked, and these were really unpicked, three cent greens and kindred stamps. Out of every thousand, we found a few "paid", some nice colored, letters, numbers, and once in a while a "forward" and "steam" and railroad. We sold the commoner varieties at a nickel, but we could not sell the rare ones at more than a dime for some years, and then they went like hot cakes. To-day we could ask two or three dollars for some of them, without blushing or dropping any extra change in the Conscience Fund. This merely to show how cancellations have increased in value in the past ten years.

Cancellations play an important part in the study of stamps, and because of this fact, deserve all the attention a collector can give them. The dated marks fix indelibly the time of use, and in some cases, are extremely valuable in recording the history of issuance and use of the stamp. The odd cancellations are interesting in themselves, and because they tell of customs of the postal service and of the times in which the stamp was used.

Foreign cancellations are quite as worthy of study as United States cancellations, but many collectors are still unaware of this fact. The wise are buying up the good ones and salting them away, awaiting the day when they will cash in by selling to the fellows who are letting them slip through their fingers.

Foreign cancellations are even more valuable to the collector than United States markings. All United States postage stamps are postage stamps solely, while many foreign issues are available for fiscal, telegraph and telephone use, and in many cases the cancellation is the sole means of identifying the stamp as a postage stamp, or of condemning it as being a misfit in a postage stamp collection. A stamp used postally may be quite rare, but very common as a telegraph or fiscal. The student of cancellations can distinguish, while the ignorant pays the postage price for the fiscal.

By the same means, it is often possible to identify a genuine postally canceled specimen from a canceled-to-order variety. The postally canceled stamp may be rare, and should command a higher price than the canceled-to-order stamp. Here again the man who knows, profits.

The demand of specialists for U. S. cancellations is beginning to be reflected in the foreign stamps, and we prophesy that the next ten years will see some fancy prices attached to foreign stamps with meritorious cancellations. Certainly, in the case of the smaller countries, particularly the African, Asiatic, and insular countries and colonies, the small town cancellations are rare and well worth saving.

The collector interested in some particular group or country, for instance Congo, Sudan, Bolivia, West Indies, will find fun and profit by securing a large map of his pet country, studying it for the small towns, and learning which towns do a big postal business and which do not. He will soon learn to consider a common stamp with town cancellation from some little bush village as being a real rarity, and can make a nice collection by study and watchfulness.

It is surprising what the cancellation hunter can find in going through a mixture of ordinary stamps. Many countries use railroad, steamboat, and travelling post office markings for these branches of the service, and a little careful study soon reveals them. What real collector would not get a thrill from finding a "T. P. O." on his ordinary Sierra Leone penny stamp, or a "paquebot" (packet-boat — an obliteration in wide use in the smaller countries, and even on late U. S.) on a common West Indian stamp? He would be dead indeed if he could not stir his imagination with

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Shades, Shades, Shades

I have some blocks of four of Scott's No. 483, 1917, 3c imperf., in four different shades. These are type II, cataloging 60c per block. Price for one block of each, only $1.00.

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Mr. Gustave de Lachasse, France, who arrived in New York City some time ago, has completed his trip to Oakland, California. He will return to New York in time for the Exhibition. Mr. de Lachasse has many friends in this country who follow the movements of this veteran collector with interest.

Here is how one of the umpires in the philatelic league puts it: "A single stamp issued to celebrate something of (vague) history is not like issuing a set, a la some foreign lands!"

That redoubtable editor, Mr. H. L. Lindquist, specialist in Norway, and a member of the convention committee of the A.P.S. is wooing nature in the Adirondacks, where thought of "copy" and men do not disturb his slumbers sweet. We trust that his pay goes on while he rests as it is the first vacation that he has had in years.

Mr. K. W. Hecht, Romona, California, sends for inspection copies of the 10c orange and blue Guatemala, No. 118, with the surcharge "specimen" showing variations, one of which is "speciman."

The Advance Sheets are coming on the air and about half of them have been received, the "M's" having been reached. It is safe to say that the catalogue will appear on time.

An important new volume is announced for September 1st, on the stamps of British North America, by Fred Jarrett. The work of three hundred pages with many cuts and exhaustive notes is promised and attention will be concentrated on the cancellations, postmarks and minor varieties. All stamps, including minor varieties, will be priced.

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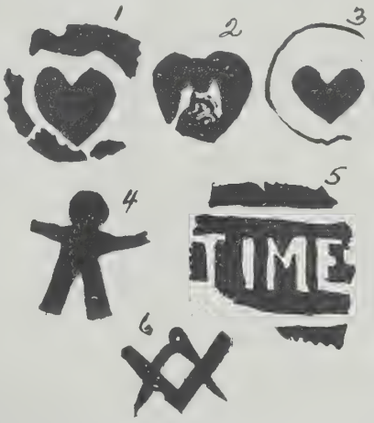

Nos. 1, 2, 3, hearts on 3c green, No. 4, ginger-bread man on 3c green. No. 5—who can tell us anything about this one? It's on a 3c green. No. 6, Masonic, also on 3c green but as the cancellation is red it's rare and very attractive.

Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, were sent by Mr. K. N. Woodward.

Mr. J. E. Spanmeth sends a little lot of 3c green covers, pieces, and loose stamps. Among the covers are three postmarked Ward, Nevada, in blue. An adhesive dated "Jun 28 1877" and a stamped envelope dated "Jul 16 1877" have a round postmark and are cancelled with Targets, but a stamped envelope dated "Dec 21 1877" shows a change to an octagonal postmark and a magenta open star in a circle on the stamp.

Two covers from Hamilton, Nevada, both dated Dec. 16, 1879, have a single adhesive, and a strip of three, each cancelled by a solid star in a circle.

A piece shows a stamped envelope cancelled by an eight-pointed star in magenta. The star is crossed by parallel lines something like the one used at Glen Allen, Va. Postmark reads "bury Park" "w Jersey" Aug. 14, 1877. Of course everyone knows that town is Asbury Park.

Off cover we have a large purple round block with a big open figure two in the center. Not often seen in purple.

A double cancellation, consisting of a neat Maltese Cross and a bull's eye on the same stamp. Probably from a forwarded letter.

The initials R. K. N. with five lines above and presumably the same number below. Each line shorter than the one below. No doubt the initials of a postmaster. Not an uncommon practice in those days.

A nice blue Lehigh Valley R. R. Mahonoy, Pa., Dec. 10, 1877 cancellation squarely on the stamp.

A blur on the chin of G. W. making it look as if he had decided to wear whiskers. Another blur, and a big one, completely obliterating the word cents, and all the engraved detail in the lower right corner of the stamp. Carelessness!

A heavy line on the neck of the vignette, and a damaged "T" in "Three," may indicate damages to the plates. More about things of this kind later on.

A shift of the whole upper part of the stamp, which gradually lessens in intensity toward the bottom, is a very interesting item. A 2c 1883 showing a peculiar condition of the hair back of the ear, making it look as if some sort of ornament were there, is another item sent. Has anyone a duplicate of this? It is extremely odd.

Mr. S. J. Hoens sent a little booklet full of nice items. Most of them are 3c P. O. Dept. stamped envelopes cut square. They are cancelled by stars of various designs in blue, purple or black, and are really attractive.

Then there are three pages of 3c green adhesives with colored cancellations, among them being one of those elaborate monograms which Mr. Atherton showed us a few weeks ago, in magenta and some unusual stars and crosses.

From Judge Benners come two covers bearing postmarks which are new to me, though perhaps others have seen them before. The stamps are 2c 1895. The postmark is a large circle. At the top are the words "Collect'n & Dist'n Wash'n. D. C." in two lines following the curve, "Nov. 27" between the W and C, below this "Trip 5," and following the lower curve "Wagon No. 1" The date "97" is between the postmark and the obliterator, and the latter is an ellipse of bars with the figure 1 in a circle in the center. The second cover differs only in the date, May 27, and it is "Trip 6" and "98."

In the same lot is a 3c green from Clarion, Wright Co., Iowa, Aug. 9, 1881. If this isn't in Mr. Bates' list you can add it.

Then there is a cover from San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31. No year and no stamp. Possibly, perhaps that ought to be probably, a letter sent at the time of the earthquake, when stamps were not obtainable.

Mr. George W. Corwin sends an example of an advertising scheme which is quite novel and striking. The stamp is a 2c brown stamped envelope cut square. It is surrounded by a square of heavy lines. The angles of the square are filled with horizontal lines. The square is bordered by a white band. Then comes a blue frame, bearing in white letters the inscription at the top, "The Mutual," at the right, "Life Ins. Company," at the left, "of New York" and at the bottom, "Richard A. McCurdy, Pres." In each top angle is a small white ornament.

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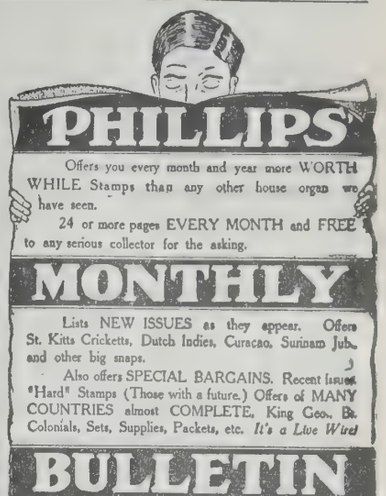
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Outside this frame is another white band, and then the outside frame line. It was probably printed on the stamped envelopes after they were purchased from the government, and the combination of the brown stamp with the blue of the advertisement is very attractive. (Due to postal regulations this cannot be illustrated.—*Ed.*)

Mr. C. R. Hurd reports a cover addressed to Hanover, Germany, on which the postage was paid by a 15c orange and a 2c vermilion of the 1871 issue and a 3c 1869 re-issue. That's a mighty uncommon combination for very few of the reissue of the 1869 stamps were used.

Mr. J. W. Sampson also reports some very unusual and interesting covers. One has a 7c vermilion with a strip of three 2c vermilion used to pay the postage and registration fee on a domestic letter, in 1875. Another has a 7c and 15c on a cover to India which was the rate at that time. Another to India has a 7c and a 6c which is nine cents less than it should be. Can anyone give us an explanation?

Mr. Sampson also describes two pieces of covers, which at present writing are about as rare as Alexandria Postmaster's provisionals, though perhaps not quite as valuable. One has a 7c National with a 12c 1869 and the other a 7c National with a 3c 1861, in each instance the stamps being tied by a cross roads cancellation.

Another of Mr. Sampson's prizes is a 7c with a cancellation somewhat resembling that used on the "Bomba Heads" of Sicily. You know, a fancy frame which doesn't obliterate the medallion. Has anyone a similar cancellation on any other stamp of this series?

A 2c vermilion on a 3c Centennial green stamped envelope is another of Mr. Sampson's nice items.

SCOTT'S CATALOG U. S. NUMBERS

We are indebted to W. E. Whitnall, Birkenhead, England, for the suggestion contained in this feature. It is intended to help subscribers who desire to translate an advertisement into catalog terms. It will prove a ready reference list in connection with many advertisements which appear in the WEEKLY and in which there may be insufficient catalog information:—

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QUEENSLAND

By C. A. HOWES.

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The first plate prepared from the new die was naturally the 2d, as that required no alteration. The stamp was issued August 1, 1882, on the "Crown Q" watermarked paper and perforated 12, as was the previous issue. The 6d was next prepared, being issued November 6th; the 1d followed on November 23d, a period being placed after the value. The 1s appeared on February 6, 1883, and the set was completed by the 4d on April 18th. Between 1882 and 1889 several new plates of the 1d and 2d were prepared, that of the 1d in 1887 having no period after the value, and having the shading on the throat cut away from the vertical line at the left, leaving a narrow white space to the right of the throat line. This latter alteration was probably made on the die, as the 2d appeared with it at about the same time, while a new 2s stamp prepared from the die and issued on March 19, 1889, shows the same variety. This latter stamp superseded the large 2s blue, as the value was much in demand and was somewhat slow and expensive to produce by the steel plate process. A scarce perforation, 9½ by 12, is found on the 1d, 2d and 1s of the first die variety and the 2d of the second. In 1890 a new perforating machine of the "comb" type was procured with a gauge of 12½ to 13, which has been in use since that time.

The shades of color found in the 1d range from pale yellow to vermilion, and on March 4, 1887, the Postmaster-General complained of the varying shades of both the 1d and 2d and threatened to refuse them unless they were printed in the approved colors. The official explanation of the cause was simple. The color of the 1d was supposed to be vermilion, made from "cinnabar" or sulphide of mercury, but there was a chemical reaction between this substance and the copper of the electrotype which caused the ink to change color more or less after printing. With the 1896 and subsequent issues the electrotypes were given a thin coating of silver, which prevented the copper coming in contact with and affecting the printing ink.

On January 1, 1891, the postage to the United Kingdom was reduced to 2½d per half ounce letter, so that both ½d and 2½d stamps were called for. The Government Engraver used the Queen's profile of the Bradbury Wilkinson die but engraved a different frame for each value, the ½d having the longer dimension horizontal. The ½d was issued December 19, 1890, and the 2½ on December 9, 1890. On April 4, 1892, a 3d value was issued, prepared as before from the second variety of the die. This superseded the 4d value. It may be remarked that all values prepared from this second variety of the die show one stamp in each block of four used in making up the plate with the "LA" in "QUEENSLAND" joined together.

In 1892 revenue stamps were again reverted to as the following notice announces:—"On and after 1st July, 1892, all duties hitherto payable in Interchangeable Postage and Duty Stamps must be denoted by Duty Stamps only (new issue) with the exception of the One Penny Stamp which may be used as heretofore for either Postage or Duty purposes." The new revenues were "long" stamps and were never authorized for postal duty. They began with 6d, so when in 1894 an insurance fee of 3d was imposed in certain cases, the 3d postage stamp was used temporarily. The 3d duty stamp was issued on November 28, 1894, when official notice reaffirmed the fact that the 1d stamp only was interchangeable as postage or duty. Finally, in consequence of the formation of the Australian Commonwealth, which took over the postal systems of the six states while the local revenues of the state remained their own, a new 1d duty stamp was issued on January 1, 1901, when it was announced that "the Penny Postage Stamp shall *not* be available for other than Postal purposes."

Toward the end of 1894 the re watermarked paper ran short and ings of the 1d and 2d stamps were upon the thick "beer duty" paper large watermark that was being use the large shilling stamps. A quantity of the 1s (30,000) was printed on this paper, as well as th (114,000). The 1d and 2d were January 16, 1895 (1,041,000 and 8 respectively), the ½d on August 7th the 1s on October 15th. Supplies 1d proving insufficient, a further pri (420,000) was made on unwaterm paper and a *burelé* band lithograph blue across the back of each hori row of stamps. This was issued ruary 19th, and the ½d printed same manner (171,600) on Augus The ½d was again printed on a unwatermarked paper with the "Q" embossed (240,000) and issue August 10th, 1895. Early in 1896 same paper had to be used for th (1,560,000) which was issued on ruary 25th, and the 2d was likewise p on it in limited number (30,000) b parently was not issued, and then by take, until 1899.

Toward the end of 1894 it wa nounced that a modification of the of the stamps from ½d to 2s wa pending, to consist in the removal background of lines surrounding head. This portion of the design to be left plain in order to rende postmark more conspicuous, as it said that lightly cancelled stamps frequently being used a second The first stamp so modified was t which appeared in February, 1895 lowed by the ½d on May 11th an 2d on June 19th. In September stamp was issued, similar to the with figures in lower corners but white background; and the 2½d white bacground followed it in June. The next modification to be under was to add figures to the lower co of the stamps without them, and t appeared thus in September, 1896. 6d stamp was being made ready i manner when it was countermanded, had finally been decided to place nu als in all four corners of the s Proofs of the 6d with numerals in corners only had been taken, and s parties have declared they have cancelled copies, though others deny this can be so.

The stamps with numerals in all corners (and with white backgroun the profile in those not previously i thus) began their appearance wit 2d in April, 1897. The 1d follow August; the 6d in April, 1898; t in September; the ½d, 2½d (carr and 3d in October; the 2½d, lilac on in January, 1899; the 1s in July; the large single numeral, and 5d in Oct and the 2s in February, 1900.

In 1898, in order to perforate the value stamps by a quicker process officials tried a "form" made up of zig-zag or saw-tooth rule which w "roulette" the sheet at one impre As the impression did not show well when "registering" the sheets "rule" was inked at first until p alignment was made. Thus some s show the rouletting in black, or ever orless and black where a sheet had put through twice. The 1d only experimented on and was issued in vember, 1898; but as they did not rate readily, public disapproval prompt and emphatic and they were withdrawn. About the middle of uary, 1899, some 2500 sheets of the letted stamps were perforated and issued, causing the "rouletted and 13" varieties.

On July 4, 1903, appeared the 9d s in what was supposed to be the runner of a general Commonwealt

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, the name of the state to be inserted the bottom. It had a companion in w South Wales, but the idea went no ther. The stamps were prepared in lbourne and printed on "V and Crown" er, being perforated 12½. There are varieties in the size of the word ueensland." In 1906 it was printed "Crown and double-lined A" paper. n September, 1906, the 2d appeared re-engraved form, the portrait having n altered; and a second re-engraving, in upon the portrait, appeared in ril, 1908. The salient points of differe are: Original—diadem, back hair point of bust do not touch oval frame ; 1st re-engraving — they all touch; re-engraving—diadem only does not ch and forehead not shaded. The t re-engraving comes watermarked h "Crown Q" and "Crown and single-ed A," but the second comes with the er watermark only.

Because of the wearing of the old tes, the 5s and £1 were printed from iographic transfers in 1906 on the rown Q" paper used sideways, thus ing two watermarks to a stamp.

Beginning in 1907 the series began to printed on the "Crown and single-ed A" paper, the 2s 6d and 10s being ded in lithographed form like the 5s d £1, and a new 4d like the ½d of 1898 ng issued in 1909. Following the is- of the first Australian Commonalth stamp on January 2, 1913, the neral issue gradually superseded the ate's issues.

The so-called "Charity Stamps" were ued during the Boer War of 1900 to the Patriotic Fund for the wounded d dependents of the victims, as Queensld sent several contingents to South rica. The Post Office notice of June 1900, announcing them says: "A ecial Issue of Postage Stamps of the minal value of One Penny and Twonce, to be sold at Sixpence and One illing respectively, for the benefit of e Patriotic Fund of Queensland, is now sale at this [Brisbane] and all other ncipal Post Offices in the Colony . . ese stamps can be used for Inland stage only, if desired." The stamps re oblong, of about the size of two dinary stamps, the 1d being upright d the 2d having the longer dimension rizontal. They were lithographed in eets of sixty on the ordinary paper, so at each has two watermarks, the 2d ving them upright and the 1d sideways. he numbers printed were 6,500 1d and 920 2d, of which approximately 4,000 the former and 3,000 of the latter re sold.—*New England Stamp Monthly.*

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3h to 400h, #1 to 10, used ..... .10
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3h to 200h, #12 to 20, used ..... .25
*1919, 1h to 1000h, #23 to 40 ..... 1.50
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1h to 500h, #41 to 55, used ..... .30
*1920, 125h to 1000h, #61 to 63, 3 var. .. .75
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*1920, 5h to 600h, #65 to 81, 17 var. 1.25
5h to 600h, #65 to 81, used ..... .20
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CANADIAN POSTAL DOINGS

J. Avery Wells of the Home of the Postage Stamp writes us from Ottawa, Ont., under date of August 16, as follows:—

"I made a call upon the Philatelic Agency here in Ottawa this morning to buy our supply of the new commemoratives which were announced for today, August 16. Owing to a change in the government since the authorization and also the uncertainty over the coming elections, the date of issue has been postponed. The stamps may come out at any time. They may not come out until after the election, and they may be suppressed altogether.

I was shown sheets of the three stamps, the 5c with the portrait of McGee, which is really the one over which there is question, the 12c green with portraits of Baldwin and La Fontain, and the 20c carmine with Laurier and McDonald. The 5c stamp is of the same size as the current issue and the 12c and 20c are of the size of the Queen Victoria Jubilee. The Agency is really very much embarrassed over this uncertainty, over which it has no control.

I learned also that the current 3c, both regular perforation and some that were printed for coils, are to be overprinted '2 CENTS' to use up the supply. About ninety million of these will be overprinted. The envelopes have already been thus overprinted."

We are greatly obliged to the manager of the firm for this information.

LOOKING ROUND

By "MARQUETTE".

With reference to Mr. Stanley Phillips' remarks *re* market correspondents, in his article in the June *M. J.*, I may say frankly that I am a member of the Gibbons staff, but that in these notes I try to give readers unbiased information. The value of my hints can easily be judged as time goes on, but, like all those who try to forecast market tendencies, I must admit that I do not expect all my "tips" to be "winners."

Regarding the Malta "POSTAGE" series, *La Revue Postale* publishes the "official figures" on the authority of M. Gisquière. The source of these official figures is not stated, and, while not intending to imply doubt of the good faith of those supplying or publishing such figures, I would remind readers that the only absolutely sure guide is an official statement published in an official publication, or obtained at a later date from the archives. I give the figures quoted, as likely to be of interest:

¼d, 120,000; ½d, 160,000; 1d, 80,000; 1½d, 160,000; 2d, 80,000; 2½d, 240,000; 3d, 160,000; 4d, 24,000; 6d, 80,000; 1s, 48,000; 2s, 8,000; 2s 6d, 8,000; 5s, 16,000; 10s, 24,000. The possibility of further printings being made of some values must not be lost sight of, even if these figures are assumed to be correct.

As regards the 2s, a reliable correspondent states that he himself saw 2,400 copies sold at the G. P. O. alone, between 9 and 10.30 on the day of issue, and that, taking into consideration sales effected between 7 and 9 o'clock, and the filling of requisitions, he considers the number sold is very much greater than has yet been stated in print.

A stamp worth picking up is the 4d Due, of Australian Commonwealth, with the narrow watermark, Type 6. This stamp has been obsolete for some time. Two "foreigners" of which I hear good reports are Holland 17½c, mauve, Queen's portrait, issued in 1906, and the current 25 öre, scarlet, of Norway, in the Lion type. This type is to be withdrawn, and the 25 öre has not been in great demand, so that used copies should be better than the other values.

A market correspondent of a contemporary states that the 2d, New Zealand, with the litho. "watermark," should be worth something like 2s 6d. I see that our Publishers still price it at 9d. Our readers must use their own judgment as to whether it is worth buying. I know, at any rate, that "391" only got about a third of the quantity it asked for, and that they are selling quickly.

The four values of the engraved series of Persia (portrait of ex-Shah) with "Pehlevi" overprint, have been withdrawn, and I am reliably informed that they are fetching about ten times face in Teheran. I do not think many have reached this country.

A Greek dealer tells me that he has to buy stamps of Crete for his stock, in Paris, and even then finds it very difficult to get any. All the remainders were used up for the Greek revolutionary overprint of 1922. Crete is an interesting little country and its stamps are very attractive. I should not be surprised to see prices rise before long. It would not need a very big demand to make them do so.

With the change now taking place in the current series of India, it will be advisable to fill up one's gaps in the Georgian issues of this country and the Convention States. There are numerous shades in the Indian series, which make a very good show in the album. I find a very brisk demand for Indian Native States stamps, not only from collectors in England and India, but from abroad. The pricing of this group seems to have been neglected in the catalogue for several years, but I do not expect that condition to obtain much longer. When the move does take place, there is no doubt of its direction.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Our Washington correspondent, whose information is so welcome and authoritative, even though his identity may not be divulged, sends a few comments inspired by the latest news, which will not be received with loud huzzas by collectors, as a rule. He says: "The newspapers have been telling of another commemorative that will bring the frigate, Constitution, into public notice and collectors will have something to augment their temperature at a time when cool breezes are in demand. There will be the expected arguments on the effect of commemoratives on philately and there will be much said by the adherents of either side of the question. Taking into consideration the position of the opponents of the issues among collectors, have they ever given weight to the position of the post office department? The pressure that may be wielded by an organized movement for a stamp that is based on what in a public sense is not an unreasonable request is not lightly ignored." We suppose that our correspondent could say more but contents himself by letting us read between the lines.

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While we really know little about the wire-pulling that may attend campaigns for special stamps, it is not to be denied that forces set in motion by those who petition for the commemorative stamp are not to be unheeded. We know, however, that any new issue means added work for the department and it is suspected that left to its own devices, the post office people would find enough to occupy their time and energy with the regular issues. If the great public reacts to the commemorative issues favorably, our guess is that they will be continued, as numerically, the objectors among the collectors do not stack high alongside of the people as a whole. When the public cries, "Enough," the commemorative will lose its potency as a reminder historically, or otherwise.

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We have received the following observations on the comparative rarity of the TEN cents Confederate, catalogue number 208, and the 10c Confederate with outer or frame lines, No. 209, from Mr. Edward S. Knapp, whose studies of the issues of the Confederacy have rescued many interesting details of the stamps from obscurity. Mr. Knapp writes: "Ask almost any collector of Confederates which of these stamps is the rarer canceled and the answer will be, 'Why, the Outer Line, of course,' but I have my doubts that the answer is correct. It has been my hope to reconstruct the plates of both of these stamps, some day. Mr. Ashbrook and I have been working together on the plating of the Outer Line for several years and during that time, I have been working myself on the plating of the TEN, so I have opportunities of seeing a good many of both stamps and have kept a record of each. The Outer Line unused is very rare indeed, while one frequently finds the TEN unused. Of their comparative rarity, unused, there is no question; the Outer Line is rarer ten to one, possibly. Now let us consider the used copies. Just to start an argument, I assert that a canceled TEN is as rare (if not rarer) as a canceled Outer Line. My record of used copies as singles is about even. We have the record of some ten used pairs of the TEN canceled. We have a list of some ten used pairs of the Outer Line. I have seen only three pairs of the TEN canceled. We have records of strips of 3, 4, 5 and 6, used, in the Outer Line. Who has seen anything larger than a pair of canceled TEN's? I have seen just one strip of the kind, a strip of seven. I have never seen a vertical used pair of the TEN, which hardly seems possible, does it? Yet, how many have you seen, Mr. Reader? We have a record of just two vertical used pairs in the Outer Line. I hope to be told that I am wrong and that is my object in writing this article, but anyone who tells me so, must prove his case by showing me used pieces of the TEN cents that have not yet come to light. My address is: 158 East 64th Street, New York City." It will be interesting to know whether any of our readers will be able to refute the findings of Mr. Knapp, which are based on practical experience, so to say, with the stamps.

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A reader in Pasadena, California, writes: "I have just come across the following, from a recent issue of the WEEKLY, which I should like to call to your attention: 'The *Philatelic Journal of India* states on official authority that no stamps overprinted 'Koweit' were either issued or printed. The numerous rumors regarding the existence of such stamps must therefore be set aside as false.' (Reprinted from *Stamp Collecting.*) I am at a loss to account for this statement, several British dealers having seen the Koweit stamps; also, some time ago, a complete set was put up for auction in London, and according to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, 'Ordinary and Service stamps with overprint Koweit were prepared for use but were not issued'." Here, it would seem that we have arrived at an *impasse*, inasmuch as the *Philatelic Journal of India* is recognized as an authority and Gibbons' catalogue admittedly is founded on philatelic fact. If we had to make a decision in this instance, we should say that the stamps existed, even though they were never issued. Competent witnesses have declared in favor of the physical existence of the two long sets, which are placed and priced in Gibbons.

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A reader invites attention to his query, which is to the effect: "When were stamps on the covers or envelopes first collected?" This is a question that does not allow of a definite answer, we should say, because almost from the beginning of philatelic time, certain stamps, such as U. S. locals, were preferred when attached to the missives on which they paid the postage. In correspondence with the late John F. Seybold, renowned as a collector of stamps on original, he said that he was attracted early in his collecting career to stamps of the kind and he expressed the opinion that "in time" he would have plenty of company in his field. However, it is not remembered when he first began to obtain his stamps on covers, but in the '80's he was in field. Mr. Edgar F. Nelton had amas many interesting covers by about 18 and from this time, the original co enthusiast has been with us in suffici number to make his presence felt. early as 1868, a New Jersey collector peared in the field, soliciting U. S. loc for which he offered other stamps exchange and he said that he "wo like them on the original letters on wh sent." It may be said that almost soon as collecting became somewhat g eral, a few stamp lovers saw that in case of stamps such as U. S. and C federate locals, their interest and desi bility were enhanced by their close as ciation with the covers, even thou there was the underlying thought t the correspondence that bore them tenc to authenticate the stamps.

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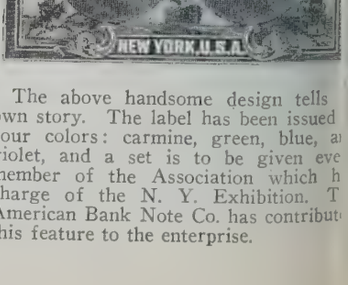

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"I tell you Abe Lincoln is wrong, all wrong." The voice was high pitched, with a tone of excitement. "Those southern folks who have paid money for slaves have as good a right to them as we folks here have to our cattle and horses."

There was a sound of a bang of furniture in the office, which made the banker pause as he hung up his overcoat.

"How would you like to be a slave and work for nothing?" answered a sturdy masculine voice, "then perhaps get a licking for not doing more work! I tell you President Lincoln is right, the slaves should be freed and the government should pay their owners for their loss."

The banker smiled at the little tiff between his Junior clerk and bookkeeper, but he thought it had gone far enough that morning, so he shut the outer door with a loud slam, and then after a minute he went on into the inner office, to find both of his assistants busy at work. "Good-morning, Miss Bell; good-morning, Sam," he said cheerily. "I think that this is the coldest November that I ever saw here in Cooperstown."

"Yes, sir!" said Sam Hale, a bit shyly. "They say the lake iced over last night as far up as Hutter's Point."

"You will have skating soon, I guess, Sam. Now, I want you to tackle a new job this morning. Come out here in the back room and I will show you what I want. You see these boxes of letters stacked up here? Well, I want you to carry them all up into the attic and store them away up there. You will notice that they are all tied up each week by themselves and then each year is put in one of these boxes. Now, when you put them away, Sam, be sure and arrange them according to date."

The boxes of letters were heavy, and by the time Sam had them all carried up stairs, he had forgotten all about the cold morning. Looking the letters over, he found the oldest ones dated 1825. These he put high upon the top of a long shelf, and then stacked the boxes in order of their years. With the years 1861 to 1870, the boxes grew bigger and heavier, so that the shelves were all full when he called Mr. Clarke, the banker, up to look at the finished work.

"Maybe it is a waste of space to save all of these old letters," said the banker, "but they are not worth much for waste paper now, but perhaps the price will go up during the war."

"The war!" gasped Sam, "is there going to be war?"

"I am afraid so," answered Mr. Clarke. "The feeling between the states is becoming very bitter, and I can see no way to avert a struggle in arms."

Then came the break at Fort Sumter in April, 1861, followed by the call for men to serve in the Northern army. Sam Hale was one of the first ones to enlist from Cooperstown, and one of the last to return after the last final struggle at Gettysburg. Pale and thin from the weeks and months of hard living, Sam came to the bank one morning in a badly worn uniform of blue. "May I have my place back, Mr. Clarke?" he asked.

"Mr. Russell, our treasurer, did not come back to us," answered Mr. Clarke, in a quiet tone. "Somewhere in the southland he gave his all for the Union. I want you to take his place, but first, I want you to carry all of those letters up in the attic, and be sure, Sam, that you file them carefully according to date."

So Sam Hale became the treasurer of the First National Bank of Cooperstown, New York. During the hard times that followed, Sam directed the policy of the bank, and then in turn, his son took his place.

One day Sam's grandson, Robert Hale, came home from Law College at Albany, bringing a friend, who inquired about the possible chance of finding any old stamps on letters around the bank. Robert recalled what his grandfather had told him about his early work, so, with his father's consent, the boys explored the attic of the bank, bringing to light over twenty thousand envelopes with old stamps on, the lot having a market value of nearly ten thousand dollars.

"What are you going to do with your share of the 'find', Robert?" asked his father, when the attic had all been cleaned out.

"I think I will buy a new Lincoln car for you and mother," answered the thoughtful youth. "I think grandfather would have liked me to do that; it surely proves that even waste paper cannot lie around a bank without becoming more valuable every year."

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OUR old advertiser Fred E. Prohaska has signed a contract for the coming season and will be with us beginning with the issue of September 13.

WE learn from the New York *Times* that the auction sale of M. Ohlman, at Cincinnati, in connection with the S.P.A. Convention, featured some high prices. A lightly cancelled copy of the 30c 1869 with center inverted sold for $1,255.00. It had a tiny tear which had been neatly repaired. A Hawker airmail cover brought $395.00.

THE collection of Lt. Col. J. Philip Benkard will be sold at public auction Sept. 8, 9 and 13, by J. C. Morgenthau & Co. This collection is very rich in all U. S. issues from 1847 down to 1925. Mr. Morgenthau will also handle the Wm. Wolters collection during the coming season. Its value is estimated as upwards of $200,000.00.

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United States

Washington Notes

I am informed that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is arranging to produce the 11c and 12c current issue on the rotary press for precanceling purposes. This will give us new varieties of the current stamp perforated 10 instead of 11 as heretofore. With these stamps available, the Department will have completed its original program of issuing all varieties from 1c to 12c upon the Stickney rotary press. In producing stamps by this method in addition to precanceling, the Department saves thousands of dollars during the course of the year. They will no doubt consider carefully as to whether it is worth while to produce the higher denominations by this method. If they find the quantities precanceled are sufficiently large, there is no doubt but what more will follow.

White Plains Stamp

As to the new White Plains stamp, it is more or less believed that the denomination will be 2c and the color, of course, red. The copy of the painting described in this column sometime back was found to be unsatisfactory for the purpose because of the great detail. As a result, a new painting has been submitted to Washington representing Captain Alexander Hamilton's battery. This shows four men working a piece of artillery. If the model is accepted, we will have something similar to the 1869 issue and the stamp will be most artistic. The lettering on the variety is being done by an old employee of the Department, who formerly designed paper money.

Other sections of the country have been active in asking for new stamps and one idea which may meet with favorable consideration is the suggestion to issue a stamp illustrating the frigate "Constitution"—"Old Ironsides." Upward of twenty patriotic organizations, including one headed by Mrs. Noble Newport Potts, President of the National Patriotic Council, have requested such a stamp in addition to a special canceler bearing the legend, "Save Old Ironsides." These organizations are aiding in raising one-half million dollars to recondition this famed frigate of Revolutionary days and they believe a special stamp and cancellation would create interest in this patriotic effort.

The Mohawk Valley Historical Association is asking the Postmaster General to issue a memorial stamp commemorating Revolutionary history in that vicinity.

Mr. W. R. Staplin kindly sends numerous newspaper clippings from Utica papers relative to this subject.

State 6c "Sepcimen"

I have just acquired a new error of the overprinted Departments, namely, a 6c State with the "Sepcimen" surcharge. This variety has not been noted heretofore.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of July 31st the Department announced additional schedules in connection with air mail service from the United States via London to continental Europe.

On August 7th, announcement was made of the fact that in connection with the national air races to be held in Philadelphia on September 4th to 11th, inclusive, special air mail service will be operated between that city and New York. We are informed that notice concerning schedule and rates of postage are to be announced later.

On August 14th, the Information Service of the Department announces that the Mexican Post Office Department is arranging with our own to connect with the contract air mail service between Fort Worth, Texas, and Chicago, Ill., and thence to the transcontinental air service both ways. Letters from the United States into Mexico via this route will be treated as special delivery upon their arrival. The Mexican Department issues a detailed schedule list with rates, and it is noted that the charges run from 30c to 55c in accordance with distance traveled. It is expected that a letter from Mexico will arrive in New York in eighty-one hours and twenty-one minutes or in San Francisco in ninety-two hours via this route. No definite date of inauguration is given and it is assumed that the service is now in effect.

On August 17th, the same Information Service announces that the Postmaster General has accepted the forty-five-day notice of discontinuance given by Charles Dickinson, contractor of air mail service No. 9 running from Chicago to St. Paul, Minn., and he has immediately readvertised for bids returnable September 4th, for the operation of this line. It is hoped that new arrangements will go into effect before the present contract is terminated. Mr. Dickinson accepted this contract on a basis of forty-eight percent of the receipts, whereas the other bidders required 75% and 80%. Evidently he has been running at a loss.

Philippines

The 1 peso violet unwatermarked, perforated 10, listed by Scott as No. 284-A but never priced, has heretofore b quite a rare variety. It is now belie however, that this is due to the fact the stamp had not been generally pla on sale. The peso value of the recent plane surcharges were all on this sta leading one to believe that the variet now available at the Manila post offic

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ALGERIA.—We have received from Economist Stamp Co. two values o new set of stamps. In the centre i view of an entrance to a building v two natives at the portals. At the to "Algerie Postes" and at the base usual "R.F." monogram in the left cor and the figures of value in the ri The 1c is olive brown and the 2c brown red. Whitfield King & Co. s for chronicle the following values i permanent postage due set similar in t to France D2 but with the name of country at the top and the figures value at the right instead of left: light blue, 10c brown, 20c olive green, rose red, 30c red, 45c green, 50c brc violet and 1fr red brown. Also 1c o green, 10c violet and 30c brown in design similar to France D3, but with name of country at the top.

BELGIUM.—We have received from Henry Hooreman copies of the 1fr blue, in the type of Scott's A58.

COSTA RICA.—Whitfield King & report that the 10c of the 1923 ser bearing the date "1921," Scott's No. has been issued in carmine shade.

CYRENAICA. — Whitfield King & have shown us the set of Italian Colo Propaganda stamps issued for this col They are all of the same design bear the inscription at the top "Instituto C niale Italiano" with "POSTE" just neath and the figure "5" at the left again the figures of value half way d the left panel. At the base is the n of the colony. The central figure is of a woman holding a sword in her r hand and with an implement of agri ture in the left. The values and co are 5c brown, 10c olive green, 20c gr 40c red, 60c orange and 1 Lire blue.

ERITREA.—We have received the se stamps of the Propaganda series for in this colony. They are as descri under Cyrenaica, except they bear name of this colony at the base of stamp.

ESTHONIA.—The Economist Stamp report that the charity stamp 3½m of 1922 issue has been surcharged "5" each of the upper corners and "6" o the two lower values. Also the 7m the same type has been overprinted over each original "5" in the upper c ners and "12" over each original "7"

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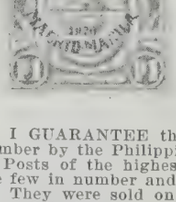

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ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that the Propaganda stamps for this colony have been received and are the same as those mentioned for Cyrenaica, except they have the name of this colony.

MONACO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends copies of two new items that have recently appeared. They are the 20c rose, the type of the same value in the 1924-27 series and the 20c brown on buff, postage due stamp.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—Mr. Bernard King notifies receipt of two novelties, viz.:—French currency; surcharged on current B.B. adhesive, Waterlow printing, Control C25: 75 centimes on 9d olive-green. Spanish currency; surcharged on current B.B. adhesive, Waterlow printing, Control A24: 15 centimos on 1½d chestnut. The latter is the first denomination of the Spanish currency set to appear with the new watermark.—*Stamp Collecting.*

NEJD.—The current set of postage and postage due stamps have been overprinted to commemorate the Islamic Congress being held at Mecca, representing all the Mohammedan Countries of the World. The overprint is in Arabic, and reads:—"10 Zilkada, sanat 1344, Al Mootamar al Islami," signifying "1st June, year 1926, Congress of Islam." The issue is a limited one.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Philatelic Bulletin.*

NEW ZEALAND.—Wilcox, Smith & Co. send us a photograph of the new 2sh stamp issued the 12th of July last. The central part of the stamp shows a profile head and shoulders likeness of the King in military dress. The figures of value are in the two upper corners and in the lower corners are ornaments with the name of the country between. The 2sh is blue and the 3sh, which is the same type, is mauve. The stamp is the work of the Government Printing Office and the printing is on a par with that done in the recent Exhibition series.

OLTRE GIUBA.—Whitfield King & Co. advise of the Propaganda stamps being the same as those listed under Cyrenaica, except they bear the name for this colony.

POLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 15gr rose with the two line surcharge "Port Gdansk" in black.

TRIPOLITANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the Propaganda stamps for this colony are on sale and are the same as those listed under Cyrenaica, except they bear the name "Tripolitania" at the base of the stamp.

STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

FORTHCOMING COLONIALS.

The latest news from the Crown agents shows that the following are to be expected, as they are either on order or have already been sent out to the places concerned:

Antigua: 1½d, in orange. *Bermuda:* 2½d, blue; 3d, purple on yellow; 1s and 2s6d Script. *British Guiana:* 48c and 60c Script. *Brunei:* 1c, in black. *Cayman Islands:* 10s, Script. *Gambia:* 5s Script. *Hong Kong:* $3, Script. *Leeward Islands:* 1½d, in red. *Mauritius:* New 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 8c, and 15c, all now to be in the King's Head type. *Montserrat:* The 2½d is reverting to blue. *Nigeria:* 5s, Script. *Nyasaland:* 4d, Script.; 2s (new value). *Sierra Leone:* 5s and 10s, Script. *Straits:* 2c to be green; 6c to be red; $5, Script. *Kedah:* 6c, red; 12c, black and blue; 35c, plum. *Kelantan:* 2c, in green; 30c, Script. *Fed. Malay States:* 4c, in orange; 6c, in red. *Tanganyika:* 5c, to £1 in new King's Head design, inscribed "Mandated Territory of Tanganyika." *Turks and Caicos Islands:* ¼d, black. *Zanzibar:* 1c to 75c in a new type.

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. A. A. Rosenblum sends us the following interesting budget:

"1. From 20th May control of stamp printing has been vested in the Commonwealth Bank, on its taking over the Note Printing Branch (to which stamps have been attached, *vide* Harrison imprint). As yet, no definite change of policy is anticipated. Stamps are supplied to the G.P.O. at cost.

2. Effects of Harrison's retirement are showing: (a) 1½d (new shiny paper) without imprint at base. This was objected to by the G.P.O., so we have (b) 1d with imprint of temporary printer, viz. 'A. J. Mullett' in place of 'T. S. Harrison.' Most other values are expected with Mullett imprint. A permanent appointment will be made next month, with a consequent further change.

3. *Paper.* All values of K.G. series have now been printed on new Wiggins Teape paper. (Only 1d and 1½d issued to date.) Use of this paper will not be continued. Meanwhile a fair supply of new Multiple paper is due from the same firm and will, of course, be used before supplies from a new making are brought into use.

4. *Perforation.* Large stocks of stamps on hand have not been perforated. These include Harrison and Mullett printings. The 14 machine is on its last legs, and may break down before the new machines are ready next month. Anyway, we can expect some duplication of control imprints when the 13 x 12½ machine is used for the reserve stocks.

5. *Plates.* The old 1½d plates with all the retouches have now been replaced. Electros from the new one are indistinguishable except by absence of retouches. Meanwhile hardened steel plates for direct printing are being prepared for this value. A *new die* is being engraved for the purpose—and will undoubtedly differ from the present one.

The new plate may be in use before the new perforator—anyway, we will probably have printings on both present and on Multiple wmk. paper. I leave you to work out all the possible combinations which we may have to expect. And yet, the whole thing is perfectly legitimate."

Barbados.—Miss I. Greaves shows us the current 1d in a rather deeper shade, recently issued.

India.—Mr. F. G. Mayhew brings to our notice some minor variations in the surcharge of the 1r on 15r, King Edward, Service.

(1) Foot of "E" of "ONE" more or less broken, appearing as "F."

(2) Both letters "E" of "RUPEE" similarly broken.

(3) Top of first "E" of "RUPEE" broken.

(4) "U" of "RUPEE" with stroke at left, forming a rough "N."

Kenya.—Mr. C. N. Luck shows us new shades of the current 50c and 75c, the former in the palest of greys and the latter in a paler, yellower olive.

Malta is very annoyed because the rarer "POSTAGE" values seem to have found their way into Italian hands and are now being offered in Egypt and elsewhere without any profit accruing to the local speculators, except, perhaps, the gentlemen who engineered the whole thing. It must be remembered, however, that political feeling runs very high in Malta, and finds much freer expression than it does in our own press, and a lot of the criticism in connection with the "scandal" is put forward with a view to embarrassing the Ministry, while there are naturally a number of people who feel that they should have had a share in the profits.

New Guinea.—The colours of the current 6d and 5s should be amended in our Catalogue. The 6d is reddish brown and the 5s olive-bistre. In pointing this out, Mr. A. A. Rosenblum records a new Colonial rarity, the 6d printed in olive-bistre, the colour of the 5s, and with the "O.S." overprint.

Mr. Rosenblum was in the Commonwealth printing office when a consignment of the 6d, unoverprinted, was being passed, and it was found that they were in the wrong colour. Only a very few sheets had been run off, and they were apparently regarded as "spoils." Stamps coming under this heading are regarded as unsuitable for issue as postage stamps, but not sufficiently so to be entirely rejected. They are therefore used up as "O.S." stamps, and this accounts for so many Commonwealth "freaks" being known perforated "O.S." only. In this instance the sheets in the wrong colour were similarly treated, and have now been issued with the "O.S." overprint, and one or two used copies are known. The total printing must be extremely small. Collectors should carefully examine the pedigree of any copies offered them, as the colour is not a difficult one to convert.

Palestine.—Mr. A. W. Tyrrell shows us new shades of the current issue, viz., 3m, distinctly paler; 4m, dull pink; 5m, brighter orange; 7m, deeper brown; 13m, deep bright blue; 2pi, brownish olive.

Papua.—Mr. A. A. Rosenblum states that the old South Australian paper has now run out, and printings are being made on the old Commonwealth "war savings" paper (as S. G. 50*b*, 50*c*). This will be easily distinguished. Mr. Rosenblum thinks that in a hot damp climate the 14 gauge will not hold, and that, after the first printing, a larger perforation will be found necessary.

Seychelles.—Mr. J. Harms shows us the 20c from Plate 11, in a dull blue, a very distinct shade. The 6c from the same plate is not so deep in colour, while

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MEMBERS OF THE SHARON STAMP CLUB OF SHARON, PA.

The Sharon Stamp Club is a live organization and is an important factor in the philatelic activities of that city. last regular meeting was held August 9 at the Bell Telephone offices. In addition to the regular business meeting auction, Paul Wentz gave a talk on lettering albums. The club now has twenty-one adult members and it meets mon right through the hot weather. The Sharon Club is Branch 71 of the A.P.S. The names of the group pictured from to right are as follows:—Back row: Oliphant, Sepashy, Newton, Shartle, Thompson, Everall, Esslinger, Neeley, Rud Dunfee. Front row: Draper, De May, Shaughnessy (President), Wentz (Secretary), Weyandt.

the purple of the 30c is brighter. A 9c in carmine-red, is expected to take the place of the current 12c which appears to be now unobtainable. The 4c, green, was also out of stock recently.

Union of S. Africa.—Writing in a South African newspaper, "Perforation" states that the 4d, triangular, "rouletted," referred to in our May notes, is probably one produced by a youngster with the aid of a sewing-machine, in order that his job as office boy might be facilitated. Several similar copies have been traced to this source.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Argentine Republic.—Mr. A. H. Davis has now ascertained that if the recent 5c, Rivadavia Commemorative, was used in Uruguay, it was done without official authority.

Costa Rica.—This country has given us the most beautiful Air stamp yet issued. It is an artistic gem. Mr. G. Noriega states that 500,000 were printed. Of the 10c on 12c, provisional, 100,000 were surcharged.

Esthonia.—Mr. F. Dreyersdorff kindly points out that, as regards the 5m, Air triangular, overprinted or surcharged in 1923, Nos. 44 and 45 were done only in vermilion and No. 48 only in carmine, while the 20m on pair of 5m was done first in carmine, and later in vermilion. The latter is scarce.

Of the 45m, Air triangular, imperf., there are two printings, one in bright violet and the other in a more reddish shade. Here the first printing is the best. The same value, perforated, came first in the reddish shade, but now comes in the bright violet colour.

France.—Algeria. The new Pictorial series is disgraceful. The designs would have been attractive, but the printers have surpassed themselves, and now all beauty is lost in a faded blur. It is time something drastic was done to improve the stamps of France and her Colonies.

Grand Lebanon.—Mr. F. G. Mayhew learns that a Republic has been established at Beyrout and that the stamps of Grand Lebanon will probably be overprinted, prior to the issue of a permanent series. Thanks !

Norway.—Mr. A. N. Jorstad states that it is unlikely that stocks of the 45 öre will be surcharged, as has been reported in some quarters. The current Lion type is to be printed in future from new steel dies, as were the "Svalbard" stamps. The 10 öre from the new die will probably appear before the end of the year.

Portugal.—Mr. C. J. Chambers states that an official decree announces that special Parcels Post stamps will no longer be issued, as their use is very limited.

The following values in the "Ceres" type are to be cancelled: 8, 20, 30 and 75c, 1.50, 2.40, 3 and 20 escudos.

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Siam.—Mr. A. Preecha informs us that the generally received opinion that the new stamps recently listed are a Cor tion issue, is incorrect. They were pared to commemorate the 15th yea the reign of King Vijiravudh, but o to the premature death of that mon in November last, they were qu issued to the public as ordinary pos stamps in March, and are still avai for postal use.

Uruguay.—Mr. A. H. Davis states the following numbers were printe the new Air Stamps: 6c, 50,000; 30,000; 20c and 25c, 20,000 each. first three values are used on the Mo video-Buenos Aires route, while the is for use on an internal route bet the capital and Rocha, which is linke by air because it has no railway sta though it is now an important centre.

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Canada.— The Elliot airmail service, which opened on March 5th, was suspended on the 20th of that month, writes a correspondent. This was due, he thinks, to the breaking up of winter. We have since learnt that a new airmail route, authorised by the Post Office authorities, opened on July 1st from Sioux Look-out to the Red lake goldfields and to the Woman Lake and Birch Lake areas. The extra airmail fee is 25c to Red Lake, as before, and 50c to Woman Lake, and a limited issue of stamps, in panes of eight, has been made in these two denominations. Mr. Roessler shows us a cover carried from Red Lake and bearing the third Elliot type stamp, which has the blue cachet of the Patricia Airways and Exploration, Ltd., at Sioux. It was postmarked at Red Lake on May 26th.

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Germany.—Mr. Wiley advises us that the first flight of the reopened Berlin-Moscow service left the Templehofer aerodrome early on May 1st. Covers carried on that day were postmarked on April 30th, and on receipt at Moscow a special three-line cachet in violet was applied, as well as the postmark, dated May 3rd, and a large cachet in Russian, advertising the service between Moscow, Berlin, Paris, etc. Though the mail actually arrived on May 1st, the date of the postmark is explained by the fact that it came after the last delivery of Saturday and was consequently held over till Monday.

India.—The Calcutta mail taken on board by the Danish pilots and addressed to Bangkok has at last been returned. The Royal Danish Consul applied his official rubber stamp on receipt of this small mail in Siam. One of the most interesting covers we have seen is one of a few that were carried on the Spanish flight from Calcutta to the Philippines. It is signed by the pilot, and the Indian franking stamps are cancelled by the small "Madrid-P.I." aeroplane cachet while the reverse side bears the large "Madrid-Manila" aeroplane in black, surmounted by the arms of U.S.A., Spain and the Philippines.

Italy.—During the aviation week at Padua, 1,000 special cards were issued and sold only to those who purchased tickets for the air field. Incidentally, the tickets entitled holders to a free flight. The flown cards bear circular red cachets and are postmarked June 7th.

Roumania.—The airmail from Bucarest to Galatz reopened on June 2nd, and on the first day a violent storm destroyed the machine just outside Galatz. The mail, however, was saved. Flown letters have the same type of air postmark as before, but the inscription is now in Roumanian instead of French.

Switzerland.—The airpost service from Basle to Schaufhausen was inaugurated on July 1st, when, according to the *National-Zeitung*, 13,650 pieces, weighing 71 kilogrammes, were carried. A rectangular cachet, which included the propaganda design of the exhibition, was used to obliterate the stamps, and an extra circular cachet for the first flight was also applied. On the same date a special flight was made, carrying mail, to commemorate the opening of the International Exhibition. Official cards and vignettes (at 50c each) were on sale, and a rectangular cachet was applied to all the mail. The vignette, printed in blue and black on a white background, depicts an aeroplane flying over a dock in front of which is a futuristic paddle-steamer with a suitable inscription. This is the first proof of the existence of a Swiss navy that we have yet seen! The vignettes were obliterated by a special propaganda cachet. Dr. Vogler has been good enough to give us all advance particulars.—*The Aero Field.*

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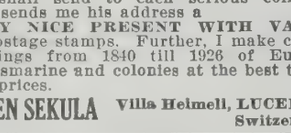

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(1) Faint Line across top of 1492.
(2) Same as above and also on right margin between first and second perforations at top.

2c Value

(1) Hair-line across top of stamp between 4 and 5, line across 1492 and 1892.
(2) Hair-line on top of 1492 or parallel with line 4 from top.
(3) Hair-line on 1492 and 1892, parallel with line 4.
(4) Hair-line on 1492, parallel with line 7.
(5) Blue line slanting down to perforation 6 on left side up.
(6) Blue line across T of POSTAGE, down near to end of second flag.
(7) Blue line near top of cross back of Columbus.
(8) Blue dot above 9 of 1892 on outer line of frame.
(9) Blue dot near scroll above T of POSTAGE.
(10) Blue dot on groundwork near lower left corner of inner frame.

3c Value

(1) Hair-line faint on 1492.

10c Value

(1) Hair-line on 1492.

BOOK REVIEW

The J. M. Bartels Co., 116 Nassau St., N. Y. City, is sending out its first supplement to its catalog of U. S. Envelopes. This supplement begins with the series of 1916 and includes all issues to July, 1926. The list is arranged according to dies, papers, sizes, knives and watermarks. The price is not indicated.

We have received from D. Field, 7 Vigo St., London, W1, England, a checklist of the postal issues of the Hejaz, Jeddah and Nejd. The list includes all the postal issues from 1924 up to June, 1926. It is very complete and fully illustrated. Practically every variety quoted is priced. The list was compiled by B. F. Warin. Here is a splendid opportunity for anyone who wishes an interesting side-line to engage in a study of the intricacies that can be found in the overprinting of the provisionals described. The price of the booklet is not given.

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the finding of the diamond dotted cancellation on his Sudan camel stamp, indicating a camel post or travelling post office in that remote land.

The collector interested in collecting town cancellations of a small country can usually obtain a list of the post offices of the country, for a small fee, by writing to the postmaster general at the capital of country. A courteous request, with return postage and registration, will usually bring the desired information or a letter telling how it can be obtained.

Another valuable use of postmarks is in identifying stamps used outside the country of origin, or "extra-territorials", as they are known. For many years, students of Great Britain stamps have carefully watched for letter and number cancellations indicating the use of British stamps abroad, and these have a catalogued value in Gibbons.

Circumstances have made necessary the use of many issues outside the country of origin. India stamps frequently are found canceled in Aden, Zanzibar, and other places. United States stamps are used to-day in Hawaii, Porto Rico and the former Danish West Indies, though these can scarcely be called extra territorials, since the three groups are now part of our country. Ante-dating the overprinted stamps, United States issues were used in the consular offices at Shanghai, China, with no mark to distinguish them except cancellation.

The sea-post cancellations are among the most interesting and desirable markings. In addition to the "paquebot" mentioned above, one may find markings of the various steamship companies of the world, indicating that the stamp was posted on a ship or picked up by a steamer at a port of call. Watch for the "Deutsche See-Post" on your Germans, Africans and Asiatics, or for the Hamburg-American Line Atlas Service, or United Fruit Co. or Royal Mail on your West Indians and South and Central Americans.

Various odd cancellations occur on certain countries. Japan has issued some ornate obliterations in connection with its commemoratives. Australians canceled "Too Late" refer to the fee charged on letters posted after the close of the mails, and from their profusion, would indicate that the Australians are particularly lax in doing their mailing early.

Cancellations are often of great value in determining the authenticity of a stamp. We were recently offered a rare Zululand stamp on Great Britain, beautifully canceled "Threadneedle Street", where the Bank of England mailing is done. Write your own conclusion to that. Here again, the date on the ca lation is important, for we have surcharged, trimmed and altered st on specimens dated before the issu of the variety in question.

In a later article, we will take up tain countries and show in detail can be done in cancellation collec one of the most fascinating studie the hobby.

Study your cancellations, and lear sheep from the goats. Start a little lection of postmarks and rare can tions, and you will find it the one vo that will interest collector and non lector alike. Watch for the small to the odd names, the colored and f obliterations, the T. P. O., the railr the ship marks. All are worth sa and will pay their own rent later o

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(On June 28 Bill Benedict, aged 11, son of William F. Benedict of San Francisco, Cal., gave a radio talk on "The Postage Stamps of Jamaica" to Mr. Merell's KFRC Stamp Club. Bill is one of the partners of the B. & B. Stamp Co., carried on from 1056 Clay St., as many of our readers well know. We are pleased to accompany this article with a picture of the bright young man who is taking such an interest in philately and who knows his stamps well enough to not only deal in them, but also to write and talk about them. The following article is the radio address which Master Bill Benedict gave to the Radio Club.—Ed.)

I have been a stamp collector for the past five years, ever since I was six years old, but this is the first time I ever made a speech about it. I am afraid I am not going to make a very good speech, but I have studied a lot about it and will do the best I can.

My father helped me with ideas for this talk and afterwards corrected it, but I hope you will not think my Dad wrote this because he didn't. I did myself, so if you feel like your time is wasted when I get through—blame me, not Dad.

I feel honored at the invitation of Mr. Merell to speak over the radio. Mr. Merell is one of the finest men I have ever met and I hope that all you members of KFRC Stamp Club will know him personally some day.

A little over a year ago I decided that I was not getting anywhere with general collecting because my father also collected general and we were only duplicating each other's collections. We thought it over and Dad started to collect only Scandinavia, especially Iceland, and I found no country I liked better than Jamaica. Dad gave me all his Jamaica and I gave him all my Scandinavia. I then bought a loose leaf album and started in collecting those Jamaica stamps I didn't have. I collect both unused and used, pairs, blocks, strips, errors, cancellations and so forth, and all I need is 34 more mint and 14 used stamps, not counting errors. When I get a stamp nowadays it costs quite a bit of money but it sure feels good to fill the empty space and cross it off my want list.

When my Dad made a talk over KFRC a few weeks ago on Iceland he told about the country itself first and then about its postage stamps. I am going to follow the same plan.

Jamaica is called "the land of wood and water." It is the largest and most important of the British islands in the west Indies and is 90 miles south of Cuba. It is 150 miles long and 50 miles wide. Its capital is Kingston, which is almost the size of Portland, Maine. There is a mountain chain called the Blue Mountains which runs from east to west through the island, the highest peak being Blue Mountain, 7,423 feet above the sea.

The highest temperature of Kingston is 97 degrees and the lowest 61 degrees, with an average of 81 degrees. The rainfall is from 50 to 120 inches a year and this is plenty for agricultural uses.

The main exports of the West Indies Islands, including Jamaica, are sugar, coffee, fruits and spices. Jamaica ginger and Jamaica rum are famous and are the best that can be had.

The southern part of the island suffered from an earthquake in 1907, which caused many deaths and much damage.

Jamaica's population in 1921 was 857,921, of which only about 16,000 were whites. The population of Kingston is about 58,000.

The money is the same as Great Britain's. One pound equals twenty shillings and one shilling equals twelve pence.

There are 112 Jamaican stamps, of which 31 were issued in the 19th Century and 81 in the 20th Century. There are 33 different designs. Among the 112 stamps, 94 are straight postage stamps, 4 are officials, 11 are war and 3 are charities. There are 6 different watermarks and 3 different perforations. The classes of stamps which Jamaica has not issued include air-mail, special delivery, postage due, parcel post, newspaper and military stamps. There are 16 surcharges, one for straight postage, 4 for official and 11 for war tax.

Jamaica is a favorite country with collectors because of its paper colors, its pictorials and its large variety of war stamps. The old queen's heads are among the finest surface-printed stamps issued by any British Colony.

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gan in 1858 and ended about 1860, when Jamaica issued stamps of its own. The first stamps of Jamaica appeared on November 23, 1860, with a pineapple watermark, perforated 14. Jamaica is the only country which has ever used this watermark. There are six values of this issue, each bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria. The values are 1 penny, 2 pence, 3 pence, 4 pence, 6 pence, and 1 shilling, the 3 pence not appearing until September 10, 1863. These stamps are usually not well centered so you cannot be too fussy about them. In November, 1861, the 1 penny was cut in two officially and used as a one-half penny. Scott catalogues it at $20.

The second series was issued in 1870-71 and was watermarked Crown CC, meaning Crown Colony. The change was made so that Jamaica would use the same paper that the other British Colonies were using. There were six varieties of the issue, running from 1 penny to 1 shilling. The perforation was 14, the same as the pineapple issue.

The first half-penny value Jamaica ever issued came out in 1872. This took the place of a 1 penny bisected of the Crown CC issue. The bisect is scarce and its price is high.

In 1875 two higher values, 2 shilling and 5 shilling, were issued for the first time, and were perforated 12½ instead of 14.

The first Jamaica stamp to have the Crown CA watermark was the 4 pence of the 1883-84 issue. CA means Crown Agents. The perforation was again changed to 14. Other values followed. The 2 pence rose, which was issued in 1884, is scarce because it was used only a short time.

Following this a number of color changes occurred, between 1885 and 1890.

An entirely new design appeared in 1889 and two values, the 1 penny and 2 pence, were issued. Queen Victoria's head was smaller on this stamp than on any other of the Colony.

The first and only surcharge among the strictly postal issues of Jamaica is Scott's No. 27, which came out in 1890 and catalogues $2.50 mint and $2.00 used. Certain errors in this surcharge catalogue as high as $12.50. As you might well expect I haven't got these errors but I hope to pick them up some day. The surcharge was made necessary by a sudden change in the postal rate between Jamaica and the United States. A permanent stamp of the new value appeared in 1891, in the small Queen's head design.

To follow the lead taken by other British Colonies Jamaica decided to issue a pictorial stamp. This appeared May 3, 1900. It was printed in red and showed a picture of Llandovery Falls, which is on the Roaring River near St. Ann's. The value was 1 penny and it marked the admittance of Jamaica into the Imperial Penny Post, which had been established May 24, 1899.

The stamp was very unpopular and was crabbed at a lot. Some people said that its size required a large tongue to lick it, and others said it gave the idea of the country of Wales, where there is another falls by the same name. The solid red color also was disliked and in fact the stamp was just about as popular as the measles. The paper, watermarked Crown CC sideways, was taken as an insult because the Crown Colony government had long before gone out of existence. It was later learned that the large size of the stamp had caused the use of this paper.

The criticism of the stamp's color caused the Government to reissue the stamp in 1901 in red and black, but even the new stamp was never popular because the cancellation could not be plainly seen against the black.

An interesting point about this design is that, above the "RY" in "Llandovery," a man appears to be standing on a rock at the base of the falls. This is not a man but is simply a peculiar appearance of the rocks, although some people tried to connect it with an old Indian legend of a Spanish don who committed suicide there.

In the year 1903 a new design, showing the coat of arms of the Colony, was adopted, and stamps of the values of ½ penny to 2½ pence were issued, with the watermark Crown CA and perforated 14. The famous error in which the "V" is left out of "Serviet" occurs on each value. This error catalogues high, Gibbons listing the 5-pence at ten English pounds.

In 1905-09 ten values were issued in the old designs, all having for the first time the Multiple CA watermark. Five of the values were on chalk-surfaced paper and the "Serviet" error occurred on the ½ penny, 1 penny and 5 pence.

In 1906-10 there was a slight change in design and colors and eight values were issued, five of them on chalky paper. The scarcest stamp of this issue is Scott's No. 54, the 4 pence black on yellow chalky paper. It is one of the scarcest stamps in Jamaica and is cheap at pretty close to full catalogue. By luck I have this one mint but I haven't yet got it used.

Jamaica was one of the few Crown Colonies that did not celebrate the coronation of King Edward the Seventh, which took place in 1902. The only stamp with King Edward's portrait, Scott's No. 58, appeared in 1911 after the King's death. It is not very common. The last of the Victoria heads appeared the same year, the 4 pence red on yellow paper.

King George's portrait first appeared on a Jamaica stamp in the issue of 1912-19. Four of the values were on ordinary paper, five were on paper colored through and having a chalky surface, and three were on paper colored only on the surface. These surface-colored stamps are by far the hardest to get. The 1 shilling on surfaced-colored paper catalogues $1 for instance, and only 30 cents for the same value on paper colored through.

In 1919, the first of the famous Jamaica pictorials came out. This set has made Jamaica a favorite among collectors, especially among the boys. The issue was printed on paper watermarked Multiple Crown and Block CA, and perforated 14 and 14½. There were eleven different

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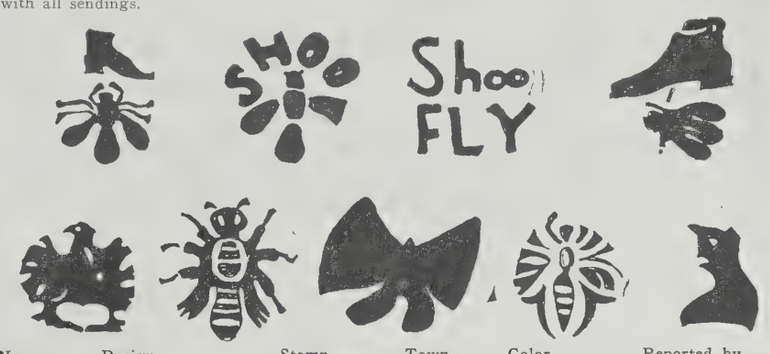

No.	Design.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	Shoo Fly	Env. No. 2350	?	Black	H. P. A.
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7.	Moth	10c 1869	?	"	?
8.	Wasp	Env. No. 2350	?	"	H. P. A.
9.	Gargoyle?	1c 1882	?	"	W. H. Schneider

Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are Shoo Flies. Inquiry among the "oldest inhabitants" here elicits this re "Shoo Fly"—"It was a train, went thro here at 5.30 a.m., and back at 7.30 p.m."; "It carried Boston & Maine R. R. workmen, as well as passengers."; "It was named after a song, Shoo Fly dont bother me."; "Old Fred had to make a shoe fly to catch it at 5.30."

Those are some of the answers handed me, wholly without charge, take your pick, and then you are likely to be wrong. My dictionary, a mere infant in size, says "shoo—a noise made to scare hens"; all of which is wonderfully helpful.

No. 5 is a dandy conventionalized eagle. No. 6 some reader may identify as from Waterbury. No. 7, apologies to the owner of this, as my notes do not show the name of owner. No. 8 looks more like a wasp than a bee, so have decided to name it a wasp owing to its delicate waist line, also to distinguish it from numerous others of the bee family. No. 9: This last thing should come in a Whatdoyoucallit Group, yet it fitted the space very well, and here 'tis. It was clearly printed, and the reproduction is exceedingly lifelike, meaning true to the original. While it may be the "speaking likeness" of a rooster, am calling it a gargoyle, a name handed to many an unheard of beast or bird.

The past week end was a regular orgy of cancellations, for Dr. Carroll Chase turned over his books in their entirety to me, and as a result we shall eventually see some 125 illustrations on stamps of the 1851 and '57 issues that we might otherwise never have seen. There are no "may-bees" in this lot, every one being a sure-nuf clean cut cancel, and worth looking at, as only the best were picked, stars, Paids, numerals, and a large variety of the commoner appearing cut cork cancels were passed by as there were so many rarities that had to go into the Forum, and time fairly gallops away in going thro many hundreds of odd cancellations.

You perhaps recall that in a former Forum the celebrated Carroll-Hoy correspondence was mentioned. I have often made inquiry re this find, the Doctor and I talked this over and came to the conclusion, after matching up the many versions, that it was made by two people, and divided by them. If some kind reader who has the facts at hand will permit these facts to come to the Forum, it will make welcome reading to us all. Names may be deleted if need be.

This is undoubtedly the most remarkable find of early U. S. covers ever made. That Palfrey correspondence found at about this same time was possibly far richer in stamps of higher denominations, and in the issue of 1847.

The reason I am so eager to present the data of the find, is that it would supplement very nicely the cancellations used from the philatelically noted town of Canton, Mississippi, and now my data, as far as the cancellations and dates go, is about ready to present to you in a coming number. This of course requires your co-operation, as I have but 26 different cancels so far.

If interested, readers will send a list of their cancellations, I will ask for any that are not included in my 26 varieties, as a complete layout would be nice to see. I have nothing of interest in the '60's, have you? Oh, yes, the two Confederates; but I mean in the early '60's,

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VI—Sources of Supply

Much of the successful growth of a stamp collection depends on the three words "Sources of Supply".

Without sources of supply the collection must needs stop in its infancy, or at least cease to grow, for if the collector had no source from which to obtain new stamps for his collection he would soon lose interest in the hobby. The stamp collector is indeed fortunate, for his sources of supply are world-wide, many and varied, and due to the ease with which he can obtain and transport his treasures, he has a great advantage over his fellows in other fields of collecting.

The man who lives at the beach can make a wonderful collection of seashells, but it is very difficult for the man who lives inland to collect shells. First of all, he seldom finds any near home, and secondly, it is quite a shipping problem to transport them to and from the man on the beach who may have some to sell. The antique collector faces the same problems, unless he is fortunate in living near good "hunting grounds" or has endless means to lure choice pieces from other localities. And so it goes down the whole line of collecting, though some of the collectors of other lines may take exception to this. How often does the coin collector find his friends donating coins to him?

The stamp collector is a lucky bird, in this respect, for his stamps come to him from all parts of the world, without difficulty. He gets stamps on his mail, his friends remember him and give him theirs, and the ease with which a valuable lot of stamps can be sent by mail make it possible for the collector to exchange, buy and sell over the whole world. So his sources of supply are everywhere.

The stamp collector's sources of supply may be divided into two classes: one involving purchase, and the other covering stamps acquired without pecuniary outlay.

In the early days of philately, collectors paid more attention to stamp hunting and exchange than they do today. In the old days, when the country was full of nice attics, with old trunks rich in hidden stampic treasures, an ambitious collector could scout around his own community and dig up a find or two, which not only helped his own collection, but gave him a goodly stock of traders or duplicates which he swapped with other collectors for stamps he needed. While there were dealers in stamps almost since the start of collecting, the business was not as extensive as it is today.

Today, while there are still finds to be made, they come few and far between. The old attics have been ransacked, and the old hair trunk has given up its treasures in too many instances. The present day custom of filing without saving the envelope does away with the nice accumulations of old covers. In fact, the old attic itself is passing out of existence. This, combined with the great number of stamps issued, makes it more difficult for the collector to obtain his stamps without purchase.

It is scarcely necessary to go into much detail regarding the means of obtaining stamps by purchase. The reader of this article has already discovered that there are hundreds of dealers who will gladly trade stamps for dollars with him. He buys his cheap stamps in packets, his better ones in sets, his rarities in singles, and patronizes the auctions. The city man has some advantage over the rural collector, for he can drop into his local dealer's store or office, and select his stamps from stock. The rural man, however, scans the columns of MEKEEL'S and orders his by mail, or requests favorite dealer to send him a selectio choose from. It is easy to buy sta if one has the necessary "wherewith

So we can dismiss the first clas supply, with a word of caution to the lector to appreciate a good d source, by co-operating with the d who serves him well. Don't expect impossible, don't hold his selec longer than two or three years, and order on approval a lot of stamps w you don't intend to purchase if he up to his part of the contract by sen what you ask for, in the way you it, at the price you want to pay.

Sources of supply not involving chase may be divided into three cla stamps found or received on stamps given by friends, and stamps tained through exchange. To classes I am going to add a fourth volving some cash, that of st bought from non-collectors who re them on foreign mail, such as the b mail order houses, etc.

It is possible for the man of stamp spending-money to obtain a collection by expenditure of effort, he will often be rewarded by sec pretty pieces which he cannot Every one receives some stamps on and in this day of cancellation hur shade chasing, block gathering, and cancelitis, it is worth while saving e thing, even to the commonest, if the dition is fine. Your common two stamp salvaged from the waste-b may be just the variety some spec will want, and will be glad to swap stamp you need to get it.

Inquiry among one's friends will bring many nice stamps into the lection. The collector who is ash of philately, and keeps his stamp-cra a secret does not get them, but the low who boosts for the hobby by co out into the open and saying, "I stamp collector, and proud of it, a want any stamps you care to give will often find that his friends get from some remote quarters and are to give him what they have no use Stamps are one thing that a non-coll is usually glad to give away.

Your banker probably will be gl pass you out a few of the stamps he through his foreign exchange nections. He doubtless divides other collectors, but he may have good ones for you. There are, in cities, thousands of good stamps into the fire daily because no coll has canvassed the business houses, t the stamps received. These may or not be worth much, but one never k

along with the Lyres, etc.; and after the War.

Were it not for the Carroll-Hoy correspondence, few collectors would have a cancel from Canton, Mi., I believe, for it must have been a small town back in the '50's. At the start of the Civil War the expert jack knife artist brought forth a hurriedly cut "PAID 5". Doubtless some of our readers have these cancels on covers. It shows the letters and the 5 in black ink. Another thing, it is far more difficult to cut a cancel so that the letters show black, than to cut one into the wood or cork, so that the letters show colorless.

You who have several of these Canton cancellations look at them very carefully. It is quite probable that this P.M. did some re-cutting on these cancelling devices. I think that at least four of his obliterators were recut—the triangle, the small sized PAID 3, the PAID 5, and the cross which shows both solid and then with a colorless rectangle inside this cross.

Canton put out a dandy Confederate Provisional now recognized by Scott Catalog as No. 19a. Take a look at it. What do you suppose the script capital "P" stands for Not paid, as the word appears in full, possibly the first letter of the P.M.'s name, or it may be as hard to puzzle out as that little 8 in the bottom of the number 5 in the New Orleans Local, Scott Nos. 106-109. Now you see why any data on the Carroll-Hoy find, or Canton, Mi., is desired. And dont forget that Shoo Fly, please.

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The serious trader will find a few olicies necessary to protect himself, and secure good exchange. He should being to a good society, and confine his perations with his fellow members, or if e trades with a non-member, he should aturally ascertain the other man's ntegrity before sending a valuable election.

He should ascertain the size of the ther man's collection, and what he likes. e should either confine his correondence with those writing his own nguage, or should correspond in the nguage of the other man, for he may ot be able to translate your letter, while ou can usually translate his.

Above all the trader should be prompt attending to his correspondence. Much me is required in handling the mail, and slow correspondent seldom gets very ir. He should remember that the other llow likes good stamps, too, and should nd as good as he receives.

Make some foreign friends. You will id their letters interesting, you will find iat they can supply you with many arce stamps which seldom are picked p through ordinary channels, and you ill find that they can give you much aluable information about the stamps of eir countries, their customs, and you ill gain much knowledge not to be btained otherwise.

But don't expect to send your foreign riend a lot of junk and expect him to nd you some rarities. He may, but sually he is as well posted as you are, id he is no more anxious to give you mething for nothing than you would k, in his place.

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Other well-known speakers will be secured, among whom we hope to have Messrs. F. J. Melville and H. Vallancey from Great Britain.

Official Catalog Advertisements

The Committee wishes to draw the attention of stamp dealers to the advantage they can secure by advertisements in this catalog. Here is the unique opportunity of displaying a prominent advertisement in a volume that will be on the shelves of all the chief stamp collectors of the world and which will be constantly referred to for information about the many great exhibits herein described.

A bold well written and displayed advertisement should be a source of new business for years to come. The latest date at which copy can be received is September 15th. We urge speed as space is not unlimited. It is certainly to the interest of all dealers to have their names in this catalog. Send matter and check to A. R. Rogers, Exhibition Manager for the Committee, Grand Central Palace, New York, N. Y.

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JUST A MOMENT

Who did not see the *Saturday Evening Post* for August 14th? Reference is made especially to page 138, where some interesting allusions to stamps are made in this journal of phenomenal circulation.

Mr. H. S. Swenson of Minneapolis was a recent visitor to Chicago where he spent some time in communion with local collectors.

Victor M. Berthold's article on Western Franks which we extolled recently as a feature of the latest issue of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* is to be followed by a second part which, we are told, surpasses in interest the first instalment. Mr. Berthold first gave these articles in the form of an address at the Collectors Club on January 23rd, 1926. The original map that illustrated the section in the magazine is accurate in every detail as it was based on thirty maps, all obtained from officials at Washington. Many months of research work were necessary before the finished product was presented publicly. We have all respect for the intelligence and industry of Mr. Berthold.

The arrangements between the Mexican post office department and that of our country whereby letters from Mexico City will make connection with the Fort Worth, Texas, plane, will interest collectors. Connection will be made at Chicago for the Transcontinental Air Service from Chicago to New York. Schedules of rates are available at post offices.

Mr. E. B. Lemmond, Spartanburg, S. C., was a caller at the Chicago office of the WEEKLY when recently he passed through that city. We remember Mr. Lemmond for favors done the paper in the past.

Recently, the Brooklyn *Sunday Eagle* had a page article, "Seeks Origin of Postal System," embellished with a picture of Dr. Thaddeus P. Hyatt, who will be remembered as having been instrumental in having the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences form a philatelic section in 1900. At the time the WEEKLY published a special number in recognition of the tribute. Dr. Hyatt has become an authority on the early history of mail distribution.

Several correspondents have asked for a complete list with addresses of the various postal agencies maintained by the different governments for the convenience of collectors. Will some reader oblige us with the information that will bring the directory down to date? The addition of Denmark to the credit column was recently announced but there is some uncertainty about the operation of agencies in France, Germany and Portugal, if such they may be called.

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EDITORIAL

As the days drop away from the calendar pad, interest in the two great events billed for October, 1926, is intensified. The proximity of the convention of the American Philatelic Society, which will be called to order on Monday, October 18th, and of the International Philatelic Exhibition, October 16th to October 23rd, 1926, is such that those who are undecided whether they will partake of the entertainment must make a decision. Many philatelists deserve a holiday and an opportunity is now given to have a royal one and it is felt that those who do not take advantage of this philatelic occasion of a life-time are ignoring their best interests. Two attractions are truly a lode-star that should attract philatelists from all sections of the country and it is especially desired by the projectors of the twin spectacles that a representative attendance be present. All parts of the country should yield its quota in order that both affairs be well-rounded successes and the planners of the convention and the Exhibition have built on broad lines. Let doubt give way to decision as it should be felt that it is worth while to have a hand in writing philatelic history.

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The International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in the Grand Central Palace, October 16th to the 23rd, 1926, is of momentous importance but if its magnitude is to be sustained, collectors everywhere must rally to its standards. Attendance at the Exhibition almost becomes a duty and the crowd must be composed of units or the individual collectors. Men have been working to accomplish a great result and unless the efforts of many months are to be compromised, each philatelist, living at a distance, must pay his respects at the shrine, if it is at all possible. Give serious thought to the call that New York is making in order that it may be known that American collectors are not lukewarm in recognizing what may truly be named an epochal event in philatelic history.

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It is seen that foreign support of the Exhibition is hearty and helpful and the philatelic press abroad is practically unanimous in commending the undertaking. It is probable that in some of the countries where exhibitions have been held in the past realize the scope of the undertaking and its possibilities of speeding philately generally. Even so, it is remarked gratefully that the good-will so freely expressed is a heartening factor for all concerned in our Exhibition.

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Our correspondent in Baghdad, (Iraq), Mr. Anoir Mariamkhan, writes: "I am enclosing herewith the original letter that I received from the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs at Teheran, regarding the issues of stamps under the new Shah." The following is a copy of the official statement: "I have the honour to answer your letter of April 11th, 1926, asking for information about the stamps with a view to publication in MEKKEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. The dynasty of Kadjars being abolished in Persia and a provisory government established, the Persian post office proceeded to issue the stamps surcharged, Provisory Government Post Pehlevi. Twenty thousand sets were printed and surcharged but only thirteen thousand were placed in circulation. The stamps were on sale about three months. The provisory government turned to permanent and a quantity of the stamps 'Ahmed Mirza' remaining in stock, the Persian post office put in circulation the stamps (Ahmed Mirza) surcharged, 'Regne de Pehlevi', pending new or special stamps. These stamps are to be regarded as provisionals and they were on sale for two months from 27 Esfend 1304 to 18 Ordibehecht, 1305. The complete set of the stamps was not surcharged but the four following values were overprinted: 1 chahi, 121,000; 2 chahis, 139,000; three chahis, 284,000 and six chahis, 8,000. A set of these stamps is to the value of twelve chahis in Persian money. Since 18 Ordibehecht, a stamp of the lion and sun surcharged, 'Regne Pehlevi, 1305' (1926) is in circulation. The Administration is preparing to issue stamps with the effigy of H. M., Riza-Chah Pehlevi, and they will be available shortly." The letter is signed by the Postmaster General of Persia, to whom we extend our thanks and we acknowledge the good offices of Mr. Anoir A. Miriam Khan in sending the communication.

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Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, informs us: "The Air Service between Italy, Greece and Turkey began on August 2nd, 1926. Greece has issued no special stamps in consequence, the ordinary values being used but each air mail letter is charged an additional 5 drachmas. A new stamp has appeared, the postage due, one drachma (the 5d having been issued previously) on thinner paper, in light blue, instead of ultramarine."

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A reader shows a letter bearing the current two cent, U. S., that was sent from Juneau, Alaska, in 1924, that was canceled with the regular Vancouver, B. C., postmark, and the impression in green, "Vancouver & Skagway R. P. B., Steamer 'Princess May.'"

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Mr. Joseph A. Lanahan, New York, has sent us a readable story on the theme of the suggestions of the Ericsson stamp, as follows: "Have you noticed the 'spirit pictures' in the Ericsson stamp? You know it is an oblong stamp, having as its central figure, a woman 'holding her cloak and combing her hair' as our English friend says, surmounting a statue of Erickson seated, whose pediment extends to the sides of the stamp. Above the pediment on each side is a clump of trees. The background is formed of fine parallel lines. Framing the picture above is a quasi-arch between two shields. If you will examine the background in the irregular triangles formed by the trees, the arch and the statue, even without a glass, after the fashion of the picture puzzle in the Sunday papers, where you are to find 'the farmer and his dog,' you will notice the faint outlines of figures. I have shown the stamps to several friends, some whose interest in stamps simply is 'postage' and they have 'seen the spirits.' I have examined a pane (50, right, plate number 18,598) and in every stamp I found one or two figures, I also found them in about fifty others. Two blocks of six of the same position (18,599, right, plate number under the middle stamp) all showed 'phantoms,' but corresponding stamps did not show the same figures. A possible explanation might be that the lines are not drawn to the same depth thruout,—there is a reason, both mechanical and physiological for this—and the ink may not have taken with absolute uniformity, creating lights and shades which form the 'phantoms.' Of course, imagination and (shall I call it artistic sense?) are excellent aids. There is no significance to the 'Spirits' but hunting for them (or is 'evoking' the term?) would make an interesting 'game' and afford amusement during the 'long white nights.'" At any rate, Mr. Lanahan's phantoms are not gruesome 'shades' and after testing his manifestations, we are willing to admit that there is something to them.

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A writer on postal reform said in pamphlet published in 1848 that "by introducing small stamps for postage and having all letters prepaid, the mail would be relieved of a large share of dead-letters now so burdensome." He said that six months after the introduction of postage stamps in this country, many citizens had yet to see one because it was not incumbent upon the sender of a letter to prepay it in money or stamps.

DEATH OF WM. GIVEN

In the death of William Given, who passed away at the Western Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, August 20th, the Canadian Philatelic Society, of which organization he had been Secretary-Treasurer since 1923, has sustained a deep loss.

Although in his 75th year the late Mr. Given looked no more than 60 and was as active and alert as a man half his age. In his retirement he took a zealous interest in the C. P. S. and it is largely due to his stewardship that the Society has reached its present height. His place will be hard to fill.

Mr. Given was born at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, but had resided in Canada for many years. Educated privately, he became a Master Printer for thirty years, and was a member of the Toronto Typographical Union, No. 91. In philatelic circles he was well and favourably known, not only as a dealer and collector, but as a sincere student of philately. He first became interested in stamps in 1907 and was a member of the A. P. S. and P. S. S.—WILLIAM BUT

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

BOOK REVIEW

The 1926 edition of "Who's Who in ilately" is at hand from the office of e *Philatelic Magazine*, 46 Victoria St., ondon, S. W. 1, England. The book is ten more complete than any of the pre- ous editions and we heartily recom- end it as a most useful one. Albert . Harris is the editor of this book, hich has now run to its eighth edition. rice 85c.

ALL MINT LUXEMBURG ALL MINT

THIS LITTLE OFFERING of MINT LUXEMBURG is just a taste of the nice things in this pretty country which we hope to offer during the coming months. While there is no great change in 20th Luxemburg in Scott's 1927, we have given the 1927 prices. You will note, however, the change in numbering,—the CHARITIES now beginning at 301, and the OFFICIALS now at 501. BEAR IN MIND ALSO THAT A NEW ISSUE IS SAID TO BE ON THE WAY, AND IT'S WISE TO FILL UP BEFORE PRICES REALLY DO RISE.

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145	10c olive brn., CHARLOTTE	.03	.02
146	15c pale green, obsolete	.04	.03
147	50c red, now current	.15	.07
148	75c deep blue, very nice	.15	.08
149	5c on 10c green, PROV.	.03	.02
150	5c lilac, Type A9, 1926	.02	.01
151	15c orange, CHARLOTTE ..	.03	.02
152	20c yellow green, current ...	.04	.02
153	1fr dark blue, VIANDEN ...	.15	.08
NEW—2fr brown, Type A14—NEW ..			.16

No.		Cat. 1927.	Net
522	87½c orange (‡322 in '26) ...	.65	.32
524	2c brown, CHARLOTTE ...	.02	.01
525	3c olive green, OFFICIAL ..	.02	.01
526	6c violet, now current	.02	.01
527	10c yellow green, obsolete ..	.06	.03
528	15c brown olive, obsolete ...	.07	.04
530	25c deep green, pretty	.06	.03
531	30c carmine, attractive	.07	.03
532	40c brown orange, still	.09	.04
533	50c deep blue, obsolete	.20	.10
534	75c red, obsolete & scarce ..	.25	.12
539	80c black, red surcharge	.16	.08
540	2fr indigo, now obsolete	.40	.22
541	3fr—prettiest of all	.60	.30
542	5fr dark violet, picture	1.00	.50
543	10fr black, red surcharge ...	2.00	1.00
544	10c olive grn., CHARLOTTE	.03	.02
546	50c red, black surcharge	.15	.07
547	75c deep blue, current	.15	.08
548	5c lilac—Type A9	.03	.01
549	15c deep o'ge, CHARLOTTE	.04	.02
550	20c yellow green, current ...	.04	.02
551	1fr dark blue—Type A13 ...	.15	.08
NEW—2fr dark brown—Type A14 ...			.16

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‡301-303.—PICTORIAL SET of 1921, Cat. .45.. .20
‡304-306.—SURCHARGED FOR 1923, Cat. 1.30 .50
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FURTHER NOTES ON THE U. S. BUREAU PRECANCELLED STAMPS

By FREDERICK W. ALLEN

A noticeable feature of this class of cancellations is the slight difference in the overprints appearing on the coil stamps as contrasted with the regular ones, perforated around. Although almost identical, a difference is to be perceived and it has puzzled students of these issues. Mr. Geo. W. Linn suggested the generally recognized difference to be caused by the stretching of the rubber blanket used in the "offset" process, which he surmised was the method used for precancelling. A correspondent states that this is not the case and thoroughly explains much that has hitherto been the subject of guess-work. Believing that readers will find his communication of interest and value, I reproduce it herewith:

Mr. Geo. W. Linn's article "Stretched Printing on Bureau Cancelled Stamps" in the April 17th issue of *Gossip* suggests that the generally recognized difference in the dimension of the overprint of the town name and bars on the ordinary stamps and coils is due to the stretching of the rubber blanket used in the "offset" process that you consider is probably used.

The offset process, however, is not used as the precancellation is applied to the stamp from an electrotype roll after the stamp is printed but before gumming.

The difference in dimension of the stamp results from the stamps in the ordinary type being printed from foot to head on the roll of paper and the sidewise coils in the opposite position, i.e., looking down the roll of paper. The paper comes in rolls from 22 to 24 inches in diameter and in running through the press is dampened. The paper passes over the stamp plates and then is dried by running over electric heaters. It then goes over the electrotype precancelling cylinders to the gumming and final drying rack. There are probably 50 feet of paper in the press between the feed roll and the final roller on which the paper, still in the continuous strip, is recoiled.

Both the ordinary and coil stamps leave the press in roll form and are transferred to perforating and cutting machines where the continuous sheet is cut into sheets of 400 subjects for ordinary stamps.

The roll of coil stamps, before being cut into sections, is rewound from the original roll into smaller rolls about 9 inches in diameter to facilitate handling, and then it is from this roll that the measured sections of 500 or 1000 stamps in length are cut. These measured lengths with identifying label separating each length are split into ten finished coils, the identifying label separating each unit serving as a seal for the coil.

During the paper's progress through the press it passes over probably ten or more guide rollers and there is, consequently, considerable tension on the paper, especially from the recoiling roll which draws the paper over the gum drying heaters.

As the paper is dampened before printing and also the grain of the paper is lengthwise as wound on the roll there is a stretch of the paper which increases the dimension of the stamp, as well as the overprint in a direction parallel with the length of the paper.

In the case of the stamp impression there is also a stretch of the plate, due to the bending of the plate into a half cylinder to fit the press. This stretch is in the same direction as the paper stretch. Consequently, the difference in dimensions of the ordinary and coil stamps is due to the combined stretch of plate and paper. The electrotype cylinder from which the precancellation is made is presumably cast from a matrix taken from a flat setting of the type and the bending of the matrix to cylindrical form would likewise increase the dimension of the overprint lettering in the direction of the curving. As the matrix is much thinner than the plate the increase of dimension of the lettering is less.

Thus the change in dimension of the overprint is principally due to the stretch of the paper, while that of the stamp is more evenly divided between paper and plate.

The electrotype precancelling cylinders are made at the Government Printing Office to the order of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, being machined at the Bureau to fit the press. The ink is fed to the precancelling cylinder from a reservoir through a series of five rolls. The precancelling cylinder

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*196, 1916, 2½c	.25	.07
*199, 1921, 4c	.75	.20
Argentine 171, 1910, 50c	.50	.15
*172, 1910, 1p	1.25	.50
Austria 789, 1915, 2k	.25	.12
*790, 1915, 5k	.35	.15
*792, 1915, 10k	.90	.38
Bavaria *54, 1881, 1m	.60	.18
*55, 1891, 2m	1.00	.28
Bosnia *45, 1906, 5k	.40	.18
*59, 1910, 1k	.60	.30
*60, 1910, 2k	.85	.40
*61, 1910, 5k	.35	.18
*63, 1912, 60h	.30	.10
*82, 1912, 2k	.75	.30
Brazil *129, 1898, 100r	1.75	.35
162-65, 1900 set	3.25	1.00
*245-47, 1922 set	.50	.18
Bulgaria *41, 1896, 2l	.75	.28
*42, 1896, 3l	1.00	.50

	Cat.	Net
Bulgaria 66, 1901, 1l	.25	.10
67, 1901, 2l	.85	.25
68, 1901, 2l	.50	.20
69, 1901, 3l	1.00	.30
75, 1907, 10s	.25	.10
*100, 1911, 3l	.50	.25
Chile 21, 1877, 2c	.30	.15
24, 1877, 20c	.25	.12
*34, 1892, 25c	.25	.12
*43, 1900, 20c	.40	.18
56, 1901, 50c	.60	.25
China *146, 1912, $1	1.50	.55
*149-52, 1912 set	.47	.22
*727-30, 1923 set	1.05	.50
Congo *15, 1894, 10c	.80	.30
23, 1896, 40c	.75	.30
*61, 1915, 1fr	.25	.10
*63, 1915, 5fr	1.25	.38
*70, 1921, 1fr	.35	.10
*72, 1921, 5fr	1.25	.38
*73, 1921, 10fr	2.00	.70
*81, 1922, 25c	.50	.15
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35c purple	.06
40c olive green	.07
45c red violet	.07
50c dull blue	.08
60c bright green	.09
75c rose	.09
80c red orange	.10
Argentine 1926, 3c green	.03
Brazil 1926, 150r violet	.06
Bulgaria Commem. 1926, 1L olive green	.02
2L dull violet.	.02
4L maroon ..	.02
Bulgaria 1926, 50c black	.02
1L gray	.04
3L on 50c blue	.06
6L on 1L red	.10
Belgian East Africa 1926, 20c green ...	.03
Congo 1926, 20c green	.03
China 1926, 4c olive green	.05
Curacao 1926, 10c rose	.06
Fr. Oceanica Post. Dues 1926, 5c blue..	.02
10c brown	.02
20c olive.	.02
30c red ..	.03
40c rose..	.03
60c green	.05
1fr clar.,b'ff	.08
2fr verm.	.15
France 1926, 40c orange red	.03
Guadeloupe 1926, 20c green	.04
Post. Due 1926, 2fr gray ..	.12
Spain 1926, 5c claret	.02
Surinam 1926, 20c olive bistre	.15
Niger Territory 1926, 60c red	.07
Upper Volta 1926, 60c red	.07
Tunis 1926, 10c rose	.02
30c violet	.03
Kelantan 1926, 2c green	.03
Netherlands 1926 (Syncopated Perf.)	
1c deep red	.02
3c apple green ..	.03
6c red brown	.06
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9c red orange ...	.08
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

Washington Notes

We recently described in this column a new design which had been submitted by the White Plains committee to the Postmaster General for use in connection with the White Plains stamp and I now learn that two essays are being made up from this painting by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Both will show the same scene but one will be large like the Sesqui-Centennial and the other the size of the Norse-American. This smaller stamp will have a large "2" in the center at the bottom of the stamp and will be somewhat similar to the issue of 1869. The designs will be submitted to the committee and it is to be hoped that the smaller one will be accepted.

The Department is now giving serious consideration to the subject of their participation in the coming International Philatelic Exhibition and it is to be expected that their exhibit will be one of the most attractive, not only to the collector but to the non-collector as well.

The 2c Sesqui-Centennial envelopes have now been issued on extra quality paper in sizes 8 and 13. These are not printed in Philadelphia but in Dayton only, as the machine at the Sesqui-Centennial is turning out the size 5. I note the varieties produced in Dayton are in a much deeper shade of red and heavier printed than those produced in Philadelphia. A casual inspection of the two stamps leads me to believe that they are identical and that we will not be able to designate them as the Philadelphia and Dayton dies.

Mr. H. Clay Reed is the first to have called my attention to these new sizes.

Mr. Anthony Edelblut kindly sends me a clipping from the *Interstate News*, wherein mention is made that the Sesqui-Centennial will be held in Vincennes in 1929 to commemorate George Rogers Clark's Revolutionary activities. Congress is to be asked to issue a special stamp in addition to a coin and added to this they will want some real cash. The clipping mentions that Yorktown may have settled the fate of the colonies but that Clark's capture of Vincennes was the determining factor in negotiations at Paris which placed the western boundary along the Mississippi and made possible the Louisiana purchase in 1803.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. Claude W. Parker kindly sends me a communication from Springfield, Ill., bearing the postmark of the "Aeroplane Station" at the State Fair Grounds on the day of the opening of the Fair. This is dated August 21st, is circular in design and printed in blue. This is not to be confused with the special air mail cancellation to be used on August 27th from the same grounds.

Under date of August 18th, we are informed by the Information Service of the Post Office Department that the time approaches when the Postmaster General may ask private contractors to name the terms on which they will take over the business of carrying the transcontinental air mail. Mr. New has been in favor of turning this route over to a private concern from the very first but when it was started, there did not seem to be private capital available by any concern interested in the subject. Since the establishment of the contract air mail routes, several concerns are in a position to compete and it is believed that satisfactory arrangements will be made in the near future.

Philippines

In this column several months back, mention was made of the fact that the entire series of the current Philippine stamps from 2 centavos to 10 pesos, together with the Special Delivery, had been issued in an imperforate condition. While these were delivered in May of 1925, up until this time none of them have come upon the market. My personal investigations have resulted in my learning something as to the issue.

It seems that a good portion of the stamps were purchased by Mr. Leon J. Lambert, who today holds the main portion of these stamps available, as none of them are in the hands of the Philippine post office. Mr. Lambert writes that the stamps were received in May, 1925, and that they were sold over the counter at the Manila post office in June, 1925. The quantities in some cases, he states, are limited and of the 10 peso denomination, for instance, only two hundred were issued. There was such a hooray when these stamps appeared that the Director of Posts has advised that no more will be issued and General McIntyre, in charge of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, writes Mr. Lambert under date of July 21st and states that under no circumstances will the Bureau sell Philippine imperforate stamps without special instructions from Manila. During the latter part of last year, certain parties tried to induce the Director of Posts to issue more of these stamps, but the application was refused.

There is no doubt but what this issue has a speculative tinge, nevertheless, they have been produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on the requisition of the Bureau of Insular Affairs in accordance with instructions from Manila, have been regularly used for postal purposes and, therefore, undoubtedly have a standing.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The current 4d value, like the 1½d, already noted, has appeared without imprint. According to Messrs. J. H. Smyth, Ltd., it is in quite a new shade, there being no trace of olive in the colour; our friends definitely record it as bistre. —*Stamp Collecting.*

BECHUANALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 1sh overprinted on Great Britain, new watermark, as before.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Mr. G. V. Stewart advises that the 10sh new type, old CA watermark, is now obsolete and an order for a further supply, but on script paper, has been placed with the Crown Agents. Mr. Stewart also reports that it is rumored that only 4000 of the above stamps were issued and already 1 pound 10sh is being asked for this stamp in England.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—Whitfield King Co. have shown us the 50h, 1925 iss in a green. This value formerly was sued in olive green.

HONG KONG.—Mr. R. Roberts se for chronicle the 3 violet and green before but on script watermark pape

LUXEMBURG.—From Mr. Henry Hoo man, Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. T. Wilson come copies of the 2fr bro design same as that of the 1921 iss Also the stamp has been surcharged the usual manner for official use.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—Mr. W. T. W son has shown us the 9p Great Brit stamp with the surcharge "Moro Agencies" in two lines at the top and Centimes" in two lines at the base black. This is on the new Water print and new watermark issue.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Whitfield King & inform us of the following new item the Ceres type: 2c grey, 24c ultramar 25c chocolate, 50c mauve, 60c carmine blue, 5e bistre, 10e pink, 20e turquois

ROUMANIA.—Whitfield King & Co. vise that they have received a few of the new stamps issued to comme rate the 60th anniversary of King Fe nand's birthday. The values and co are 10b yellow green, 25b orange, brown, 1l purple, 2l green, 3l lake sepia, 6l olive green, 9l slate grey and blue.

RUSSIA.—The Economist Stamp send us two values of a new comme rative issue bearing the inscription peranto-Krongreso 1926." They are right oblong format and show in centre memorial shaft with the letters "S A T" above and a five-poi star at each side. The values and co are 7k green and red orange and green and violet.

SAN MARINO.—The Economist St Co. have shown us the following visionals recently received from country: 80c deep blue, No. 58, charged "Cent. 75;" 90c brown, No surcharged "Lire 1.20;" 90c brown, 68, surcharged "Lire 1.25" and 80c blue, No. 58, surcharged "Lire The first two overprintings are in and those of the last two are red. parallel bars obliterate the former va

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Mr. G. V. Ste informs us that the 6p, current ty not obtainable in the colony at the ent time. A supply recently sent t

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sland was for some reason returned but whether or not there will be a change in the next printing Mr. Stewart is unable to state.

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The collection is nearly complete per catalogue and consists of the regular postal issues of China, with its offices in Thibet and East Turkestan, with their errors and surcharges, special issues, such as air mail, express delivery, stamps surcharged for postal saving use, etc., and while not actually stamps but pertaining to the postal system, insured letter envelopes, letter sheets, post cards and counterfeits, also stamps of the Treaty Ports.

The first and second issues being plateable, are collected in singles, new and used, and any sort of strips or blocks. There are also some large blocks obtained prior to systemizing the collection, which have been retained, but in general the system is:

1. Singles, unused for shades.
2. Singles, used for shades and cancellations. Pairs and strips occasionally kept to show postmarks.
3. Blocks of four unused. No effort made to collect shades, but any turning up retained.
4. Blocks of four, used. Shades taken if offered and different cancellations kept. In this class and the preceding one, occasional large blocks appear, where these were obtainable, and blocks of four were not offered, when a larger block showed the Bureau imprint or side lines, or a good postmark, or sometimes, especially in later issues, to dress the page.
5. Errors of all kinds as they occur.
6. Counterfeits, single only.
7. Proofs, as obtainable.
8. Specimen sets, singles only.
9. Sheets, any obtainable, of first two issues. One only, preferably of lowest value, of subsequent issues to show the makeup of the sheet. When the same form of sheet is found in two or more issues, but one sheet is collected.
10. Covers.
11. Express Delivery stamps, complete, of parts unused and some used.
12. Letter sheet and insured letter envelopes, used and unused.
13. Booklets. One of each combination.
14. Post Cards. New and used.
15. Postal Saving stamps, as obtainable.
16. Sundries.
17. Treaty Ports stamps. Singles unused, singles used, blocks and covers kept if offered but not tried for.

The items of especial interest are:

1st Issue—Sheets of all values of unissued proof with extra circle under dragon. Sheets of issued proof and of perf. stamps. Especially note the perforated sheet 5 cm, wide spacing, which is exceedingly rare if not unique.

2nd Issue—Proof of 1 cn and sheets showing different settings of the dies.

1894 Issue 9—The complete set of the "Shanghai printing," unsurcharged. This is the rare set.

1897 Provisional Issue—Errors in set surcharged with small figures of value. Gibbons BI Set: 4 cn surcharged 4c, hor. pair imperforate between, 24 cn surcharged 30c, both from the Ferrari collection and uncatalogued. Gibbons BII set: Interesting errors, most of them from the Ferrari collection. Gibbons CII set: Errors and cover with 9 cn inverted surch. with same normal, 2c re-engraved, horizontal pair imperforate between; 2c re-engraved, no period after cents; all from Ferrari collection.

2nd Printing of the surcharged red revenue, containing the stamp without any surcharge; the small 4c and $1.00, and all known errors; also the small 4 used and another used copy with double surcharge, believed to be unique.

Regular Issue 1897—$5.00 imperforate block of 4 on watermarked paper, unused. $1.00 unused, full pane imperforate vertically. One sheet known.

Issues of 1898 to 1903—Perforation errors.

Provisional stamps of 1903, 4 and 5.

1912 Surcharges—Foochow Issue, complete, unused and one cover. Cruciform Issue, complete, unused and many used on and off cover. Unauthorized surcharges. Shanghai surcharges, part perforates, errors and retouched plates. Breaks in the 2c green. London surcharge. Part perforates and inverted surcharge on the 3c, one on cover; Mr. Siddall says 20 of these exist used.

1913 Issue—Part perforates and high values used on parts of cover. Cover with special Presidential Chop and translation of same.

1923-4 Issue—$5, $10 and $20 values unused. These were on issue but a few months.

1925—4c gray surcharged 3 cents, with inverted surcharge. One unused and one cancelled. A very great rarity; at present, 10 known to exist.

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Air Mail—First flight covers with translation of Chop.

Postage Due—1904: Provisional 10c, block of 5 imperforate horizontally between. 1904: Regular Issue ½c, block four unused, imperf. vertically between. 1911: 5c brown unsurcharged. Listed by Kohl. Siddall says it never was issued. Rare in either event.

Offices in Thibet—Inverted S errors and covers.

Offices in Turkestan—Covers and officially used stamps. High Values 1923-24 Issue.

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MAKE A NOTE OF IT:—

BERNARD E. CHARTER, Milford, Conn., has contracted for space for the coming season. Mr. Charter is a member of the A. P. S. 8411 and the Collectors Club 704. He comes to us well recommended.

IF any of our readers have auction catalogs of Mozian's March 1924, sale or Max F. Bier's May, 1924, sale, A. C. Gakenheimer, 2501 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., wishes to be advised.

WE have received a sample of Phillips' Monthly Bulletin for September. It is a large pamphlet of 32 pages, quoting a very extensive range of offerings. Sample copy will be mailed by the W. C. Phillips Co., Hartford, Conn., on request.

MARSHALL MILLER under date of August 8th advises us of the proposed visit of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Vallancey to Tacoma, Wash., August 28th. They will make a three days' visit and various functions have been arranged, including a dinner at the Tacoma Hotel.

OUR Beverly office was recently favored with a visit from H. G. Webb of Washington, D. C. Mr. Webb showed us a picture of Baltimore's first post office. It was certainly a very primitive affair and affords quite a contrast with the great buildings now to be found in our large cities.

WE have received a letter of thanks from R. J. Burke, Sunnycrest Sanitorium, Dubuque, Iowa. He is very grateful for the stamps sent him by some of our subscribers. He writes: "I want to thank you for the item in the WEEKLY. I have already started to get responses. It makes a person really feel good to know that others interested in stamps take an interest in those who are sick. I write my letters on a pad on my chest and sincerely hope you can read this one." Will some of our subscribers who have not already done so send Mr. Burke some of their duplicates and help give a bit of cheer to this young shut-in?

A RECENT number of the Winnipeg *Mirror* contained a two-column article dealing with the growth of the Van-Cleland Book and Art Store. This firm is making a special feature of dealing in stamps and considerable of the article is devoted to Mr. Van's stamp activities.

WE are indebted to George H. Allen of New Bedford, Mass., for a 2-years' subscription for the Free Public Library of that city. We greatly appreciate co-operation of this kind.

WE have received from M. T. Mauck, 911 Harlem Ave., Baltimore, Md., a very complete German Republic price list, based on 1927 quotations. Anyone interested in these stamps should apply for a copy.

WE have received a finely illustrated price list from Jean Germak, 49bis Rue Ste.-Anne, Paris 2, France. It is handsomely gotten up, and as Mr. Germak is a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY, we take pleasure in recommending this list. Send for a sample.

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200	$ .40	40	$ .55
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400	1.50	100	$ .25
500	2.15	200	.90
600	3.15	300	1.85
800	5.15	400	2.50
900	6.65	**America**	
1000	8.35	200	$ .35
1200	11.65	400	1.20
1500	24.00	500	1.50
2000	50.00	1000	10.00
France		**Jugoslavia**	
100	$ .35	100	$ .40
150	1.50	**Roumania**	
200	3.00	100	$ .35
250	4.75	**Turkey**	
300	8.00	300	$5.00
Europe		**Scandinavia**	
1000	$ .85	300	$3.50
2000	3.35	**Denmark**	
4000	18.35	50	$ .25
5000	46.00	100	1.50

PERSIA

Scott Nos.
448-463, 16 Var., used ..... $ .50
496-510, 15 Var., used 1.65
560-577,919-935,1017-1033, 51 Var., unused 1.35
610-616, 7 Var., unused 2.35
635-640, 6 Var., unused 5.00

FIUME

162, 164-171, 9 Var., unused ..... $ .25
169-207, 567-568, 14 Var., unused 1.30

LITHUANIA

30-60, 31 Var., unused or used ..... $ .75
70-80, 11 Var., unused or used ..... .80
81-91, 11 Var., unused ..... .35
97-110, 14 Var., unused ..... .50
402-414, 7 Var., unused ..... .20

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9a-23, 15 Var., unused ..... $ .50
43-46, 4 Var., unused ..... .30
108-125, 135-141, 25 Var., unused ..... .40
431-440, 10 Var., unused ..... .10

SALVADOR

378-390,774-780,1130-1141,32 Var., unused $ .45
431-435, 437, 438, 440 ..... .30
456, 467, unused ..... .70
466, unused ..... .20
1168-1172, 1174-1177, 9 Var., unused ..... .60

JUGOSLAVIA

25-33, 35-42, 17 Var., unused ..... $ .50
443-447, 14 Var., unused ..... .30

LIBERIA

101-113, 796-808, 26 Var., used $1.35
134, 135, 182-194, 860-873, 28 Var., used 2.00
195-208, 874-887, 28 Var., used 3.50
209-213, 5 Var., used ..... .20
214-227, 888-901, 28 Var., used 6.35
610-614, 5 Var., used ..... .15
620-624, 5 Var., used ..... .20
625-629, 5 Var., used ..... .85
630-634, 5 Var., used ..... .20

LABUAN

99a-109, 12 Var., used $1.00

NYASSA

26-38, 39-41, 42-43, 49-50, 20 Var., unused $ .20
51-60, 10 Var., unused ..... .20
94-105, 12 Var., unused 1.35
106-123, 18 Var., unused ..... .30
Postage Due Stamps, 9 Var., unused ..... .30

MONTENEGRO

74-85, 12 Var., used or unused ..... $ .15
86-97, 198-201, 255, 17 Var., unused 1.85
44-52, 9 Var., unused ..... .60
53-61, 9 Var., unused ..... .65

CARINTHIA

1-19, 51-56, 25 Var., unused ..... $ .50

RHODESIA

13, 1 Var., used $4.15
28-39, 12 Var., used 4.15
52, 53, 55, 56, 4 Var., used ..... .25
79-82, 4 Var., used 2.35
97, 98, 99, used 1.10

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and hereafter said business will be conducted under the new name, at the same address. Kindly, therefore, address all future correspondence to

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Our first offerings this season are contained in the following list:

United States

Scott's No.		Cat.	Our Price
*230-40	1893, 1c to 50c, complete.	6.33	$3.50
*241	1893, $1 salmon	5.00	3.00
*339	1908, 13c blue green	.75	.50
520-2	1918, Airmail, 6, 16, 24c	.67	.40
	The same, in beautiful used blocks of 4	..	1.75
523	1918, $2 orange & blk., v. fine	2.50	1.75
524	" $5 green & blk., v. fine	2.50	1.75
547	1920, $2 carm. & blk., v. fine	.50	.35
572	1923, $2 blue, fine	.60	.35
573	" $5 carm. & blue, fine..	2.00	1.60
608-10	" Airmail, 8, 16, 24c	.48	.30
608-10	" Same, fine blocks of 4	..	1.25
620-21	1925, Norse-Am., 2c, 5c, beautiful used blocks 4	..	.75
623	1926, 17c Wilson, block of 4	..	.25
*1896	1908, 10c Spec. Del., green	.60	.40

Foreign

*1-21	**Alaouites** 1925, 0.10-25 pia.	8.93	4.75
*25-37	" 1925, 0.10-25 pia.	2.15	1.25
*201-4	" 1st Airmail set..	3.25	1.75
*205-8	" 2d Airmail set..	.80	.40
*131-7	**Austria**, Musician set	1.17	.65
*123-33	**Belgium** 1919, 1c to 1fr..	4.29	2.40
*135	" 1919, 5fr	8.50	4.75
*136	" 1919, 10fr	8.50	4.75
*160	" 1921, 5fr br. vio.	3.00	1.60
*161	" 1921,10fr magenta	2.00	1.25
	Same used	.60	.35
*163	" 1924, 5fr red brn.	2.50	1.25
*166-78	" 1925, 10c to 10fr	6.50	3.75
*289-91	" 1925, 15c to 1fr.	.60	.35
185	**Brazil** 1906, 5000 reis	.75	.40
198	" 1917, 5000 reis, rare..	1.25	.75
*170-89	**Cameroons** 1925, 1c to 5fr	2.90	1.50
*118-20	**CanalZone**, Dues, 1924,cpl.	..	10.00
*1-18	**Chad** 1922, 1c to 5fr, compl.	5.27	4.60
146-53	**Chile** 1923, 2c to 5 pes.	3.47	1.75
138-40	" 1915-25, 1, 2, 5 pes.	1.16	.50
*160	**China** 1912, $5 gray	7.50	4.00
193	" 1913, $5 red & blk.	1.00	.40
222	" 1923, $5 red & slate.	2.50	1.50
*88-99	**Congo** 1923, 5c to 10fr	5.01	2.60
*301-4	" Airmail,1920,50c-5fr	2.70	1.10
*136-9	**Costa Rica** 1926, 3 to 45c.	..	.60
*60	**Curacao** 1918, 1c buff	.75	.40
48	**Dahomey** 1913, 25c	.50	.25
*40-2	**Dan. W. Indies** 1905, 5/4-5/8	3.00	1.75
107	" Dues,1905,30c	.50	.25
*93	**Danzig** 1922, 9m rose & or.	1.50	.80
*94-5	" 1922, 50m & 100m	2.05	1.10
*156-63	" 1922, 5 to 75pf	2.58	1.35
*164-7	" 1922, 1gld to 5gld	12.50	6.50
*177-8	" 1924, 1gld, 2gld	4.00	2.50
*306	**Denmark**, Parc. Post, 1kr.	3.00	1.50
120	**Dutch Indies** 1912, 2½gld	1.00	.50
146	" 1923, 1gld br. vio.	1.50	.75
*105-7	**Egypt** 1925, 5 to 15m	2.00	1.25
*108-13	" 1926, 5 to 200m	..	3.50
*114	" 1926, 50pi King Fuad	..	5.00
*168-71	**France** 1924, 10 to 50c	.51	.35
*191	1925, 5fr carm.	1.50	.90
*54-74	Kouang Tch. Wan, '23, cpl.	4.93	2.75
*63-73	Alexandria1925,1m-150m	4.98	2.75
*70-80	Port Said, same set	4.98	2.75
70, 75	**Fr. Guinea** 1913, 25c, 50c.	1.50	.75
29	**Fr. Oceanica** 1913, 30c	1.00	.50
33	" 1913, 50c	4.00	2.00
*35	" 1913, 1fr	.20	.15
*40-42	" 1921, 5 to 25c.	4.50	2.25
*47	" 1922, 50c ultra.	.20	.15
*49-64	**Gabon** 1911, 1c to 5fr	5.94	3.20
*79-84	" 1922, 5c to 50c	1.06	.60
*85-101	" 1924, 1c to 5fr	2.64	1.50
*74-78	**Guadeloupe** 1922, 5 to 50c.	.68	.40
*206	**Guatemala** 1924, 5 pesos	.75	.40
*122-4	**Italy** 1921, 15-40c	.80	.40
*125-7	" 1921, 15-40c	.80	.40
*138-41	" 1923, 20c-1l	2.25	1.25
151	" 1923, 5l blk. & blue.	.40	.25
49	**Ivory Coast** 1913, 25c	2.00	1.00
54	" 1913, 50c	1.00	.50
*26-42	**Jugoslavia** 1919, 3h to 10k	4.74	2.50
*37-40	**Lebanon** 1924, 0.50 to 2p.50	3.15	1.50
*46-49	" 1925, 0.75 to 3pi.	4.50	2.25
*401-16	" 1926, Charity, cpl.	..	1.50
*105	**Luxemburg** 1914, 2½fr	.75	.40
*106	" 1914, 5fr	1.50	.75
*121-2	" 1921, 2fr, 5fr	1.40	.75
*139	" 1923, 10fr	2.00	1.00
*142	" 1923, 3fr	.60	.30
*307-10	" 1924, 12½c-5fr.	3.65	1.85
*311-14	" 1925, 5c to 1fr.	.68	.40
*540-43	" 1923, 2fr to 10fr	4.00	2.00
*62-75	**Martinique** 1908, 1c to 1fr	2.08	1.50
*1-17	**Middle Congo** 1907, 1c-5fr.	6.42	4.60
*30-2	**Monaco** 1920, 5c to 2fr	1.66	.90
*41	" 1922, 30c dk. green	1.00	.60
*46	" 1922, 2fr scarlet	2.00	1.00
*49-53	" 1923, 10c to 30c	1.10	.55
*55	" 1923, 50c ultram.	..	.25
*56	" 1923, 5fr dk. green	4.00	3.00
*57-9	" 1924, 45c to 85c	.60	.40
*60-77	" 1924-5, 1c to 10fr	3.51	1.80
*86-97	**Montenegro** 1913, 1pa-5per	3.66	1.90
*33-50	**Morocco** 1923, 1c to 10fr.	4.76	2.50
*151-56	" Airmail, complete	3.18	1.90
119	**Netherlands** 1920, 2½/10gld	2.00	1.00
135-41	" 1923, 2c to 10c.	.60	.30
142-50	" 1923, 2c to 1gld	1.37	.65
*155-7	" 1924, 10c to 35c	1.75	1.25
501-3	" Airmail, compl.	1.30	.75
*88-103	**New Caledonia** 1905,1c-5fr	4.03	2.50
*122-32	**New Hebrides** 1912, 5c-5fr	8.93	4.50
*145-55	" 1925, 5c-5fr	4.24	2.50
274	**Philippines** 1911, 10 pes., v. fi.	3.00	1.50
363	**Portugal** 1925, 4.50 esc.	..	.40
364	" 1925, 10 esc.	..	.75
*104	**Russia** 1913, 5 rubles	2.00	1.00
*242-5	" 1923, 1r to 7r	1.20	.70
*246-9	" 1923, 1r to 7r	2.20	1.30
263-4	" 1924, 30, 40k	.60	.30
291	" 1924, 2 rubles	.85	.45
292	" 1924, 3 rubles	..	1.50
293	" 1924, 5 rubles	..	2.50
295-7	" 1925, 2, 3, 5 rubles..	..	4.50
*703-5	**Russia** 1923, 1r-10r Airmail	..	6.0
*706-9	" 1924, Airmail, 5-20k	1.05	.4
*501-4	" 1905, Charity, cpl.	2.20	1.2
*94-98	**Saar** 1921, 75c to 5fr	2.65	1.2
*79-94	**St. Pierre-Miqu.** 1909,1c-5fr	4.60	2.2
463	**Salvador** 1920, 15 on 29c	.50	.2
*71	**San Marino** 1923, 1l	3.00	1.5
*77-80	" 1924, 30c to 21.	4.25	2.2
*162-4	" 1918, 20c to 45c.	.60	.3
*168-95	" 1923, 5c to 1l.	1.85	.9
118	**Siam** 1908, 1 tical	.75	.4
*433-6	**Switzerland** 1924, 5 to 30c.	..	.9
*437-8	" 1924, 5 to 30c.	..	.4
*104-16	**Syria** 1923, 10c to 25pi	5.77	2.2
*117-20	" 1923, 50 to 2.50pi	3.60	1.5
*136-38	" 1924, 50 to 2.50pi	.95	.5
*139-42	" 1924, 50 to 2.50pi	2.50	1.2
*158-61	" 1924, 0.50 to 2.50pi.	2.50	1.2
*162-4	" 1924, 1.50, 4, 4, 4pi	4.15	2.2
*166-70	" 1925, Op75 to 3pi.	2.60	1.2
*318-21	" 1924, Airmail, cpl.	2.00	1.0
*322-5	" 1924, Airmail, cpl.	1.05	.5
*176-92	**Togo** 1916, 1c to 5fr	3.74	1.9
*193-209	" 1921, 1c to 5fr, rare	..	2.2
*213-32	" 1924, 1c to 5fr	2.93	1.5
*38-41	**Tunis** 1906, 75c to 5fr	1.75	1.0
*201-2	" 1919-20, Airmail	.65	.3
*337-46	" 1925, Charity, rare	3.10	2.0
*462-71	" 1922, Dues, compl.	1.94	1.0
*1-17	**Upper Volta** 1920, 1c to 5fr	3.00	1.5
*27-8	" 1924, 25c/2&5fr	.50	.2
*1-17	**Wallis & Futuna** 1920, 1c-5fr	3.14	1.5
*23-6	" 1922, 01-05c	.40	.2

The catalogue prices from U. S. to N Hebrides are from the advance sheets the 1927 catalogue. The prices from Phil pines to Wallis are from the 1926 catalog

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(Continued from page 459)

is about three inches in diameter. Four electrotypes are clamped to the roll to make a complete precancelling roll, one revolution overprinting 200 stamps in the ordinary type or 100 of the sidewise coils, a different cylinder, of course, being necessary for the coils and ordinary stamps. Each of the four electros making up the precancelling cylinder for the ordinary stamps has 50 subjects, 10 lengthwise by 5 around the cylinder. There are on each section of the coil electrotypes 25 subjects i. e. 5 by 5.

The precancelling cylinder for ordinary stamps has, as stated above, 200 subjects which must correspond with one-half of a 400 sheet of ordinary stamps. As cutting margins must be left between sheets the synchronizing of the stamp roll and the precancelling roll is necessary.

On the coil stamps there is no cutting margin and, consequently, it is not necessary to have the precancelling roller synchronize with the stamp roller.

As the above has all been carefully checked at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing it may be considered as authentic.

New Varieties

The June report of the Bureau shows the following unchronicled varieties to have been placed on order:

Reading, Pa., 1½c coil.
Davenport, Ia., 1½c coil.
Kansas City, Mo., 8c, 9c.

The post offices had apparently been holding back on the 1½'s until legislation on postal rates was fixed, as every order that called for coils included the 1½c denomination. In fact, nothing but these were ordered except Washington, which required more 2c coils. Almost all the orders for the ordinary stamps also included the 1½'s. Several ordered 1's as well. Kansas City and Brooklyn ordered more 7's.

Since the appearance of the *Gossip* catalog interest has increased. So many new varieties have since appeared that it would be logical to issue a second edition in the near future. To assist those who wish a supplementary list of the new issues, that will bring the catalog up to date as a check list if this list is incorporated therein, I present one at this time. Items starred (*) have *not* been seen by the writer.

Addenda to "Gossip" Bureau Catalog

Birmingham Ala., 2c coil.*
San Francisco, Cal., 7c, 8c, 9c.
Bridgeport, Conn., 2c.*
Washington, D. C., 4c coil.*
Wilmington, Del., 2c coil.*
Miami, Fla., 2c coil.
Macon, Ga., 1c coil.*
Chicago, Ill., 3c,* 4c,* 5c, 10c coils.
Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1c,* 2c.*
Indianapolis Ind., 4c.
Muncie, Ind., 2c.*
Davenport, Ia., 1½c coil.*
New Orleans, La., 1½c coil.*
Portland, Me., 1½c.*
Baltimore, Md., 7c,* 8c, 9c.*
Boston, Mass., 3c, 4c,* 5c,* 10c* coils.
Lynn, Mass., 1c.
Boston, Mass., 7c,* 8c.*
Battle Creek, Mich., 2c.*
Grand Rapids, Mich., 3c coil.*
Saginaw, Mich., 1½c, 10c.
Minneapolis, Minn., 7c.*
Saint Paul, Minn., 7c.*
Kansas City, Mo., 7c, 8c, 9c.
Bloomfield, N. J., 2c coil.
Jersey City, N. J., 1½c coil.
Newark, N. J., 5c,* 10c.*
Trenton, N. J., 1c coil.*
Orange, N. J., Plate has been ordered but no denominations.
Jamestown, N. Y., Plate has been ordered but no denominations.
Brooklyn, N. Y., 7c, 8c.
New York, N. Y., 4c,* 5c,* 10c* coils.
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CANADA NEW ISSUE DELAYED

(Clipping from E. E. Goodchild)

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—Some reasons why the Government has held up the projected issue of historic postage stamps were officially indicated today. There have been a number of complaints. One is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is linked with Sir John A. MacDonald on one of the stamps.

It is argued that Sir John's confederate was not Laurier, but Sir George Etienne Cartier. Some objection has also been made against the late D'A McGee being on a stamp. The wh project has been suspended for furt consideration, but assurance has b given that if the issue is ever proce with, Cartier will be included.—*Monr Star.*

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Upon the eleven months' record the Pacific Stamp Co. has sent in 403 subscriptions, while the Payn Stamp Co. follows with 340 and the Hawkeye Stamp Co. with a close 325. The Hawkeye Stamp Co. has sent in 82 since our last report, and leads the entire list for the month. We feel in duty bound to mention the work done by the Richmond Stamp Co., which has 23 to its credit.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW

By R. D. MACGUFFIN

Colonial Stamps as an Investment, by J. T. Molony. Wholesale London agent, F. H. Vallancey, 89 Farringdon St., London, England. Retail price, 50c.

This is a cloth-bound book, and discusses the subject that has already been brought to the attention of our readers by Mr. MacGuffin. Mr. Molony believes that collectors should make a closer study of investment values. The various chapters deal with Supply and Demand, Mathematics of Collecting, Popularity and Rising Values, Necessary and Unnecessary Issues, Collectors and Dealers, Modern versus Classic, etc. A chapter of special interest to us is one dealing with the "Necessity of Keeping in Touch with the Philatelic Press." There are in the United States at least 100,000 collectors who subscribe to no stamp paper, and have no way of keeping posted upon stamp values. Mr. Molony's book should be very helpful in promoting interest in philately from the financial standpoint, and it is perfectly proper that this element in the makeup of the ordinary collector should be catered to.

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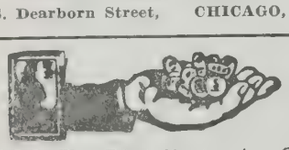

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scenes and one portrait, each one plainly labelled. The scarcest values in this issue are Nos. 85 and 86, the 3 shilling and 5 shilling, which generally sell at full catalogue. On the 2½ pence, the flag on the left was found to be drawn upside down and in 1921, this was corrected. The 4 pence of this issue is considered one of the finest appearing British Colonial stamps ever issued because its colors and the border of oranges make the stamp a very fine looking one. A 6 pence value, entitled "The Abolition of Slavery," was prepared but was not issued on account of its bad colors and printing. The colors were red and dark grey.

An entirely new watermark, the Multiple Crown and Script CA, was put out in 1921-23. The values were the same as the 1919-21 issue except two new 6 pence values were added. One 6 pence stamp showed the town and harbor of Port Royal in about 1850. The 6 pence value of the 1912-19 type, bearing the protrait of King George, was also issued on the Script watermarked paper.

Jamaica has never used a special design for an official stamp. It has simply surcharged straight postage stamps with the word "Official." In 1890, the ½ penny Victoria type was overprinted "Official" and in 1890-91 this same overprint, in thicker letters, was put on the ½ penny, 1 penny and 2 pence of the Victoria types.

The War Stamps of Jamaica are very interesting because of the large number of minor varieties, due to errors in surcharging. One of the errors catalogs $40.00, while three of them catalog $20.00 apiece.

In order to provide money for war purposes, the postal rates were raised in 1916 to 1½ pence per ounce for letters, and to 1 penny for postcards, and a tax of 3 pence was placed on packages. The last of the war stamps were issued in 1919.

The only charity stamps that Jamaica has ever issued are the Child Welfare set of three values, which is watermarked Multiple Crown and Script CA and perforated 12. The Child Welfare issue came out on November 1, 1923, for the Child Saving League of Jamaica. It was sold out almost immediately to stamp collectors, stamp dealers and others, so that a new supply had to be ordered from London at once. The stamps were reissued in 1925. Each stamp was sold for ½ penny over face value, the extra money being used for the poor children of the island.

The stamps are very interesting because the scenes look as if they might be pictures of our own Southern pickaninnies.

There are 254 towns and postoffices in Jamaica, each having a cancellation. So far, I have 145 different cancellations and it sure has been work getting them. But when you get a new one it is a great thrill.

There are many funny town names, such as, Anchovy, Alligator Pond, Bonny Gate, Comfort Hall, Dry Harbour, Fyffe's Pen, Giddy Hall, Harry Watch, Half-Way Tree, Laughlands, Lucky Hill, Pear Tree Grove, Pepper, Salt Gut, Shooter's Hill and Wait-a-Bit.

I have read several books about Jamaica and its history, and have learned many interesting things.

Port Royal, for instance, in the sixteenth century, was the richest and toughest town on the globe. The pirates of the Spanish Main made their headquarters there and spent the booty which they stole from Spanish treasure ships. In 1692, when it was toughest and richest, along came an earthquake and threw Port Royal into the sea from the sandspit on which it stands, claiming many lives. Then those people who were not killed went further up the harbor and founded the City of Kingston.

These are some of the reasons why I collect the stamps of Jamaica. The country can be completed without a terrible big cost and there are very few stamps that you cannot sometime get.

Before I close this talk I want to say "hello" to a fellow stamp collector in San Jose, who I know is listening in to me. He is Kenneth J. Cramphorn, a "shut-in" Canadian veteran of the World War and I want you to take down his name and address. He doesn't know I am going to do this but I want to ask all of you to send him some of your duplicates, for there is no one more deserving of them and his only pleasure is collecting stamps and listening to the radio.

Have you got your pencils ready? If you haven't I'll wait a minute for you. (Pause) The name is, Kenneth J. Cramphorn — C-R-A-M-P-H-O-R-N — 757 O'Brien Court, San Jose, California. I'll repeat it to be sure that everybody gets it: Kenneth J. Cramphorn—757 O'Brien Court, San Jose, California.

I thank you for listening to my talk and hope you have all enjoyed it. Good night, Kenneth. Good night, everybody.

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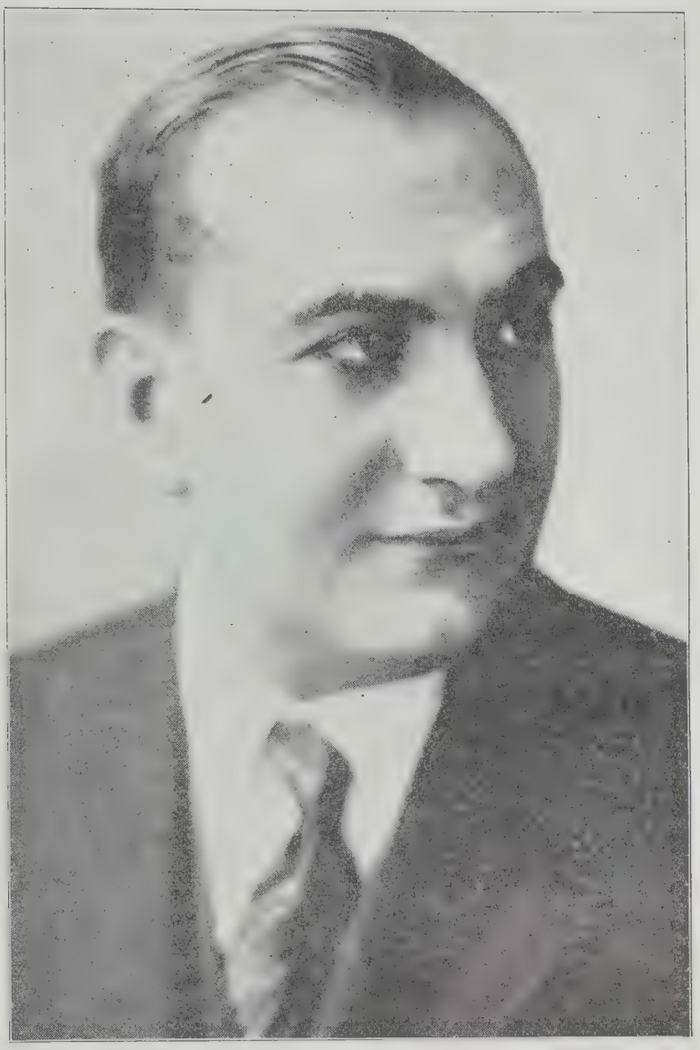

DR. SERGE AVAZON

By WILLARD O. WYLIE

Twice this year the philatelic fame of Dr. Avazon has been broadcasted by the metropolitan dailies. The Brooklyn *Sunday Eagle* of Feb. 14 and the New York *Herald-Tribune* of April 18 both contained full page features of great publicity value for which Dr. Avazon furnished the facts upon which the articles were based. Quite naturally the genial doctor was compelled to tell something about his own interest in philately.

The *Eagle* article is illustrated with a fine halftone of our friend and one of the pages of his French collection. The *Herald-Tribune* featured the Balloon Post of Paris in 1870, the first airmail established. This article also was attractively illustrated.

Our readers will hear from Dr. Avazon during the coming winter months, as he will occasionally write for the WEEKLY. He is greatly interested in the stamps of France and has written and lectured much upon this specialty. His album pages are artistically arranged and one of our recent issues pictured what he can do in this direction.

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CONGRESS OF BOLIVAR, 1826-1926

By HARRY E. HUBER

Except for the 1878 (Arms) and 1887 (Map) series lithographed in Colombia, the stamps of Panama have hitherto been produced in the United States. Even while the Isthmus was yet a Department of Colombia, the American Bank Note Co. printed the Map series of 1892-1896 (patterned after and a refinement of the lithographed design of 1887), and these, appropriately overprinted, were used for several years after Panama became an independent Republic on November 3, 1903. The first permanent series of the Republic, of 9 denominations, ½c to 50c de balboa, made its appearance towards the end of 1906, and was produced by the Hamilton Bank Note Co. of New York. In 1909 the American Bank Note Co. secured the stamp printing contract, and for over 16 years printed the general and commemorative series. But the contract for the series (in three designs) commemorating the first centenary of the Bolivarian Congress (held in Panama from June 22nd to July 15th, 1826), was placed in England, with the firm of Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London.

In a conspicuous position on the first page of the *Diario de Panama* (No. 11325) of Wednesday, 2nd June, 1926, is printed the text of decree No. 89 of 1st June, 1926, under prominent headlines announcing that "The issue of stamps commemorative of the Bolivarian Congress is to be 1,715,000, comprising twelve different denominations, and to prevent the cornering of them by philatelists, the Executive has restricted their sale to collectors and stamp dealers. On the 10th inst. they are to be placed in circulation at all the Post Offices of the Republic."

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a.—250,000 stamps of the denomination of ½ centesimo de balboa, color orange, whose engraving represents the bust of the Liberator, with the inscription "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA—CORREOS" in the upper part; in the center, the engraving aforesaid, with the figures "1826" to the left, and "1926" to the right of the engraving; "CONGRESO DE BOLIVAR—MEDIO CENTESIMO DE BALBOA" in letters and numerals in the lower part.

b.—250,000 stamps of the denomination of 1c de balboa, color green, with the engraving representing the bust of the Liberator, with the same inscription.

c.—250,000 stamps of the denomination of 2c de balboa, color vermilion, with the preceding engraving and inscription.

d.—250,000 stamps of the denomination of 4c de balboa, color gray, with the engraving and inscription of the preceding stamp.

e.—200,000 stamps of the denomination of 5c de balboa, color dark blue, with the engraving and inscription of the preceding stamp."

(1) Bust of Simon de Bolivar (½c to 5c)

The stamps are line engraved and recess printed in single colors, in sheets of 100 (10 x 10), on white unwatermarked paper, and perforated 12½ single line. Under each stamp of the sheet the printer's name, "Waterlow & Sons, Limited, Londres," appears in small colored caps.

The stamp design is a vertical rectangle, measuring 22½ x 25½ mm., at the top of which, in a straight line, in colorless letters, is "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA." Immediately under, in small colored letters, "CORREOS" conforms to the central circular medallion, within which is a portrait of Bolivar (so inscribed in colorless letters at the foot), facing the right, and differing only slightly from that on the 1926 series of Venezuela, produced by the same printers. At each side of the central medallion are four inverted trefoils, in pendant formation, and at the foot, on a ribbon, is the inscription "1826—CONGRESO DE BOLIVAR—1926." In two lines of colorless letters (between colorless numerals of value in each of the lower corners), the value is expressed, "MEDIO CENTESIMO—DE BALBOA".

Simon de Bolivar, the liberator not only of his native land, Venezuela, but also of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, was born at Caracas on July 24, 1783, in a house which still stands near the center of the city, across a narrow plaza from the market. His family were rich, and owned large estates in different parts of the country. In 1799 he was sent to Spain to complete his education, and there was married in 1802. He returned to Venezuela with his wife shortly afterwards, and there she died on January 22, 1803. Several years were then spent in travel, and not until the end of 1806 did Bolivar return to Caracas. There he became the leader of the revolutionary element, and in 1810, being accused of sedition, was forced to leave the country. In Europe, he met Francisco de Miranda, and on 5th December, 1810, returned to Caracas, bringing the latter with him. Then came the Declaration of Independence (July 5, 1811), the organisation of the republic, with Miranda as military chief, the capture of the citadel at Puerto Cabello, the defeat of the revolutionary army at Victoria, the quarrel between Bolivar and Miranda, and the betrayal of the latter to the Spanish authorities in 1812.

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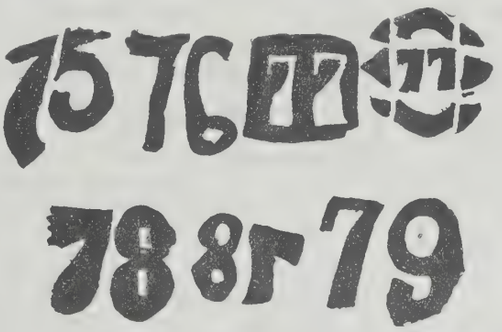
Here are some more year dates used as cancellers sent by K. N. Woodward, after the lot sent by Mr. Burr had been completed. These are all in black on 3c green stamps, but as none of them were on covers the places in which they were used are unknown. This lot is all of the cancellations of this character that have come for observation up to this time. Thus far, none of those illustrated have been identified.

Harry M. Konwiser, who has spent much time in the last year in the study of the Department stamps of the U. S., reports having a 10c Interior Dept. on soft paper, on the original envelope, which he describes as follows:



In the issue of May 10, a name for illustration No. 4, belonging to W. J. Michels, was requested. Here it is, from Edw. L. Caum, who says, "I would take a long guess that it is an owl face. If you will look up some of the coins of ancient Athens, you will find Athena's owl with just as crude looking a map. In fact, from the looks of it, the 'artist' might well have been a coin collector, and have drawn his inspiration from the masterpiece of some old Greek die-cutter instead of from his imagination." If no one suggests a better name, Mr. Michels can call his cancellation a classical owl's face, and be safe.

Here are some things about a few of the lacking items in the list of R. R. cancellations which clears up the doubt with regard to them.

PORTLAND, SACO & PORTSMOUTH" finishes that name Mr. E. F. Stillings says, and adds that "this was later called the Eastern R. R. and years later became the Eastern Division of the Boston and Maine, and now is the Portland Div. of the same R. R."

"—B. Ex. A. V. R. R." B. A. Ashcraft says, "I have a cover showing the first letter to be R., and as the return card is that of Tyler, Pa., I asked a former station agent of that place, who informs me that it is Red Bank Express, Allegany Valley R. R. This is a part of the present Penna. system, and the train runs from Driftwood to Red Bank." That makes it the marking of a particular train in the same class as The Fast Mail, and other train markings, and increases its interest, if not its value.

"CIN - - - - - UIS R. P. O." is identified as Cin. & St. Louis R. P. O. by H. F. Kohr.

Several lists of new markings in all three classes, R. R., R. P. O., and Agt., have been sent in, and when enough have accumulated to make a goodly sized list, they will be compiled, but it seems inadvisable to report them as they come in, a few at a time, scattered through several weeks' notes. That will confuse us all and probably result in duplication of names. There must be a great many of these markings that have not been reported as yet.

A few have reported R. R. cancellations in later years. It is the intention to first complete, as nearly as possible, those used between 1870 and 1882, and later ones are not desired just now.

"This is a Department of the Interior, Patent Office, Official Business cover, on white, as per the normal box in the upper right corner. At the left in three lines are the words, 'Draftsman C Division.' The letter enclosed in the cover is from the Patent Office, dated June 14, 1884, and is addressed, as is the outside of the cover, to John M. Freeman, Mannsville, N. Y. The stamp is the 10c Interior on soft paper—there is no doubt about that. This stamp is cancelled, 'Washington, D. C. Reg.' in the customary Registry oval of 1884. This Registry cancellation also appears in the box at the upper right. These are both in black. The registry number 17356 appears in blue at the lower left corner of the official notice box. The words 'Registered Jan 21 1884,' in three lines, are in reddish purple at the right of the name and address. On the reverse side appears, in blue oval, 'Chief Clerk, Jan. 21, U. S. Patent Office.' It obviously took the week after the letter was written, before the Chief Clerk got it to the Registry Division." That's what red tape did to rapid transit in those days. This comment is mine.

Now, Mr. Konwiser asks: "When and where anyone has seen a 10c Interior on soft paper on cover?" Who has *any* value of Interior on soft paper except on 3c cover? They are worth having all right.

Occasionally we see one of the issues before 1870 from towns in the Territories before they were admitted to Statehood and the postmarks have the Territorial designation in the form of a T following the initial of the Territory, as K. T., Kansas Territory, M. T., Minnesota Territory.

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The 1913 Issue

In 1913, seven of the then current stamps of the issue of 1906 were issued in entirely new colors. The 4c appeared in olive instead of carmine-lake; the 7c in red instead of gray; the 8c in olive green instead of carmine rose; the 10c in red brown instead of orange; the 15c and 50c in yellow instead of olive green and red respectively; and the 1 piastre in vermilion instead of claret. These stamps were, of course, printed by the American Bank Note Company and are, except as regards color, exactly similar to the corresponding denominations of the series of 1906.

Chapter XXVI
The 1914 Provisionals

The early days of January, 1914, saw the beginning of another revolution headed by General Oreste Zamor. On February 14th all opposition was overcome and Zamor appointed himself President. To mark the successful termination of the revolution and to show who was at the head of affairs in Hayti, Zamor caused all the stamps then in stock to be overprinted with his initials, the date, and, in some cases, with new values. Three different styles of handstamps were used. The one most frequently in evidence shows "Gl O. Z.—7 fev. 1914" in two straight lines with a row of dots below within a rectangular frame.

Two different handstamps were used of this type differing in small particulars. They may be distinguished by a short or long foot to the "L" of "GL" and the position of the first "1" of 1914 with regard to the period above it. Both types are known on all the stamps overprinted except the 3c brown of 1906 which is only known with the type with short foot to "L". The stamps found with this style of overprint are the 8c of 1898-99, the regular issue of 1904, the 50c of the same issue with "Post Paye" overprint, all the values of the 1906 issue for foreign postage, except the 5c and the 3c for domestic postage of the same series, the 3c and 20c for foreign postage and the 2c for domestic use of the 1910-11 set, the three LeConte stamps issued in 1912, and all seven value of the 1913 series.

The next type of handstamp consists of "Gl O. Z.—1 Cent de Piastre—7 Fev. 1914" in three straight lines within a rectangular frame. This was applied to the 50c and 1 pia values of both the 1906 and 1913 sets.

Another type of handstamp was applied to the 20c and 50c stamps of 1904 only. This is diamond-shaped with the date "7 fev. 1914" across the centre with "Gl O. Z." and "7 Cent" above and below respectively, following the outline of the diamond.

Most of these overprints and surcharges may be found inverted, double, sideways, in pairs with and without overprint, etc.

The two 7 cent provisionals may be found in pairs imperforate between the stamps and the 5c of 1904 is recorded imperforate vertically.

Chapter XXVII
The Unissued Stamps of 1915

The provisionals recorded in the last chapter were for temporary use only, pending the arrival of an entirely new issue which had been ordered by Zamor's government from the American Bank Note Company of New York. This series, consisting of eight different denominations for foreign postage and five for domestic use, were duly despatched from the printers and arrived in Hayti in February, 1915, but were never in use for the reason that befo stamps were delivered to the Administration some of the case broken into while they were still custody of the Custom authoriti large quantities of most of the di values were stolen. Although stamps are listed in the catalogue regular issue they really belong category of stamps prepared for never issued. Obliterated copie said to be known but as the stamp never available for postage such were cancelled through inadverte by favor.

Some of the stolen stamps we covered and after some discussion whether the series should be pla sale or not it was finally decide the wisest course would be to dest the stamps delivered to or recove the government. They were accor publicly burned in the Place de l of Port-au-Prince on July 24, 19

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10c brown and black,	250,000
15c olive gray and black,	100,000
20c brown and black,	80,000

Some of these were later recovered and burnt but unfortunately no figures are available. It will be noted that among the stamps stolen were 500,000 2c for foreign postage though none of these are known to exist today. Either they were all recovered and destroyed or have never been offered by the thieves. For years the 20 centimes was very scarce, only two or three copies being known, but of late some have come on the market.

The stamps of this series were all of oblong shape like the stamps of 1906 and all were printed in two colors, the centers being black in all cases. On the 1c, 5c, 10c and 15c values for foreign postage a portrait of President Zamor is shown, and Zamor's effigy is also upon the 5c stamp for interior use. On the 7c for foreign use is a portrait of T. Auguste while on the other denominations the Arms of the republic form the centerpiece.

CHAPTER XXVIII

The 1c Provisionals of 1915-16

Had it been possible to place on sale the unissued stamps described in the foregoing chapter philatelists might have been spared a great deal of trouble and annoyance for, from October, 1915, until April, 1920, Hayti's stamp output consisted of one unsightly surcharge after another. Apparently it was chiefly due to a perpetual shortage of low values for the majority of these crudely produced provisionals are of the facial values of 1 and 2 centimes. That they were not issued primarily to fill a philatelic demand may be inferred from the unprepossessing appearance of these daubs and the fact that they were issued under the more or less watchful eye of a director of the Postal Department chosen by the United States government. It certainly shows uncommonly poor judgment, to say the least of it, on the part of this official that he should allow such a slip-shod state of affairs to continue over such a prolonged period. But for the fact that they may be said to have been issued under the auspices of the United States we think most collectors would be content to leave this conglomeration of surcharges severely alone. For most of the following information, especially as regards the numbers issued and dates of issue of the respective varieties, we are indebted to the excellent article from the pen of Mr. Everett A. Colson which appeared in the WEEKLY for October 9, 1920.

By October, 1915, the supply of 1 centime stamps for domestic postage had become completely exhausted and it was decided to surcharge the unoverprinted remainders of the 1904 issue as well as those of the same series with "POST PAYE" overprint. The surcharge consisted of a large numeral "1" within an upright rectangular frame, very nearly as large as the stamps themselves, and it was struck in either red or blue. The numbers issued and dates on which the respective varieties appeared are stated by Mr. Colson to be as follows:

On Issue of 1904 (Nord Alexis)

1c in red on 5c dark blue, June 27, 1916,	10,000
1c in blue on 10c orange, June 13-27, 1916,	74,143
1c in blue on 20c orange, June 20, 1916,	35,050
1c in blue on 50c claret, Oct. 19, 1915,	197,770

On Issue of 1904 with POST PAYE Overprint

1c in blue on 20c orange, June 20, 1916,	11,044
1c in blue on 50c claret, Oct. 19, 1915,	8,297
1c in red on 50c claret, Oct. 19, 1915,	933

On Issue of 1906 for Foreign Postage

1c in red on 7c gray, Nov. 19, 1916,	248,668

The 1c on 50c in red is the rarest of all these provisional surcharges. The date given for the 1c on 7c gray is that on which the first lot of 150,000 were surcharged, the balance, bringing the total to the figures quoted above were not completed until April 3rd, 1917.

(To be continued)

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On Aug. 27, a special air mail flight took place between Springfield, Ill., and Chicago. The State Fair grounds were the point of departure and all letters are postmarked 4 P.M., leaving and 7 P.M. Chicago, arriving. We have to thank Homer P. Macnamara, M.D., Raymond V. Bahr, Charles Hall, E. Strasser, Melvin D. Spencer and A. E. Gorham for covers received. All have the two markings above indicated and bear in blue ink the design pictured in the WEEKLY recently:

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As the other members of the staff all have their troubles we will fill the space usually headed "Editorial" with some other copy.

SWEDISH POSTAL EXHIBIT

By BARON JOH RUDBECK

Regarding a notice in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of July 5th, 1926, page 351, about the Swedish Government's postal exhibit at the Stamp Exhibition, New York, I beg to hereby inform you that naturally the Royal Swedish Postal Administration arranges the exhibit itself without the good offices of any private person. It has been decided that I shall go to New York in October and there arrange the Administration's exhibit of stamps.

The Swedish Postal Museum at Stockholm, of which I am Director, is managed by the Royal Postal Administration of which I am Superintendent, and has lately been greatly developed by the same, with the result that it is now one of the most comprehensive in the world.

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WE are indebted to Gordon Crouch for first day greetings from the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, which he calls the "world's greatest annual exhibition." The Exhibition is advertised by a circular postal marking arranged in an effective manner, and bears the date of August 28.

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AN interesting article on stamps was published in the New York *Times* August 29. W. Milton Sisson and Frank Bennett are the first two subscribers to call our attention to the same.

WE are advised that the Penna. Stamp Co. has removed its office from Manor to Greensburg, Pa., and the firm is much pleased with its increased facilities for business.

A WARNING has reached us from R. Roberts, the British dealer. It is signed by W. J. Glover, Financial Superintendent of the Canadian Post Office Department. In connection with the carrying of air mail from Ontario to Red Lake Goldfields, to Woman Lake and Birch Lake areas, he declares that the P. O. Department has had absolutely nothing to do with the stamps said to have been used, but which are merely labels. These were affixed on the reverse side of the letters carried by aeroplane.

THE Marks Stamp Co. has very kindly sent us a lengthy clipping from the *Toronto Daily Star,* dealing with the postponement of the day of issue of the new set of stamps. We have already referred to this matter in our columns. The new set, if ever issued, will undergo certain changes.

NEW ISSUES FROM MR. FOCKE

When the Managing Editor of the WEEKLY conducted the New Issues Dept., he had a faithful correspondent in Mr. Hermann Focke of N. Y. City. His information was always reliable and he had the happy faculty of scenting any new thing that came along in his South American mail. He sends us some items this week that bear all the earmarks of his old time vigor. Hearty thanks, Mr. Focke:

Costa Rica—5 centimos blue (Scott's No. 121) remainders surcharged "3 Centimos" in black, and color changed to 5 centimos green.

10c, same issue, Scott's 122, color changed from red brown to pink (all 3 copies herewith).

Guatemala—6 centavos (same as No. 209) is again printed by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., in new color (ochre) and with U. P. U. 1926 instead of 1902, same as 10c now cinnamon and the new value of $1.50 deep blue, of same design as the $1.25 value (Scott's No. 216). The latter two values were reported in the WEEKLY two weeks ago, so they are not new.

Honduras — This country has surcharged the 6 centavos value (Scott's No. 187) "Acuerdo Mayo 3 de 1926" in black and "HABILITADO" in red, which means, translated, "Agreement of May 3, 1926" and "Provisional"; certainly a very necessary issue, but what the agreement was, I don't know, perhaps a gentlemen's agreement that there will be no revolution before September.

Malta—On August 2nd, appeared the ½d green value of the new set, same design as ¼d, 4d, 4½d and 6d previously reported. My correspondent at Valetta reports that there will be no change in the design of those shilling values which do not have the name of what they represent printed on them. On the other hand it must be noted that this new issue is for the first time since 1881 minus the familiar Maltese Cross, an omission which is to be regretted, and may perhaps be corrected later.

Peru—This country has added to its present set a 15 centavos value in dark blue with portrait of the Grand Admiral Lamar; general design same as that of the 1924 issue.

Panama—A commemorative stamp has appeared, value 2 cents, de Balboa in vermilion, with head of the Liberator Bolivar, in recognition of the "Congreso de Bolivar" with years 1826-1926, no doubt celebrating the centenary of independence from Spain.

Venezuela—This country has run short on its 25 centimos regular postage stamp, and has pressed into temporary service a beautiful little revenue stamp, value 5 centimos, brown, by surcharging "CORREOS—Vale—B O .25—192 red; quite a pretty little stamp, ought to attract attention. Of cour "B" in the surcharge stands for " var", the monetary unit of Venezue the value of a gold franc or 20c i money.

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COLLECTORS AND DEALERS

By PERCY A. HILL

Without collectors there would be no dealers and perhaps *vice-versa*—the old problem of the hen and the egg as to who was first. The pyschology of the collector is an unknown quantity for various reasons. Some tire of the hobby or lose interest, others devote a monthly sum to methodical acquisition, and others and their style cramped owing to financial stringency, but to all of these the dealer is the natural feeder, as the day of personal exchange has gone. In general the true stamp lover does not divorce himself quickly from his hobby. He very naturally acquires all the cheaper or medium varieties and then proceeds to build from both ends. If finances permit he will join a new issue service to keep abreast of the times, and buy the older issues, extending his collection to the rarities.

Now there are very few new issue services that are comprehensive enough to satisfy all, and in this case he is forced to buy and choose from a half dozen different firms and dealers whose ads fill the pages of each philatelic journal. From some he may purchase right along, according to service rendered or special "bargains" that lure, or from some other quirk that pleases his personality. From others he desires only some speciality they advertise. Hence the growing numbers of general dealers in the United States.

A number of collectors prefer British, German or Swiss firms rather than patronise home industry. I have found out in many instances that it is done because the dealers in those countries take a longer chance on the collector than do our own. They may send approvals unsolicited up to four figures and may be satisfied if the customer takes five or six dollars' worth. Some of the British and Swiss firms seem to be especially daring in this way, or shall we say they have more faith in the collector? The French firms are rather slow in some cases for most collectors, and the fluctuating franc has discouraged commerce; still the correspondence takes more of a personal turn, and in the majority of cases the dealers use long-hand prolix letters, small orders treated the same as large ones. This human touch, that of personal letters our dealers lack at present, no matter what the purchase may amount to. Still there are signs that they are taking up this phase of affairs, and I have even noticed that some of our dealers are doing a C.O.D. business, which is rather risky in cases of weighty stuff like albums, unless to regular customers who as a rule do not desire this kind of service. Credit—and we may say that the approval business is credit—has a lot to do with the encroaching of the foreign dealers on the home market, and not the lower prices. By this we mean responsible firms, not those sent out by some at ten per cent off catalog and consisting of mere junk that does not defray the postage.

The day of the exclusive standard dealer seems to be going, due perhaps to higher prices and exclusiveness, otherwise we would not have some two hundred firms and dealers advertising in MEKEEL'S on an average, nor does there seem to be any one city that has the trade. Just as we are learning to develop our industrial exports and are forced to adopt the lines of competition in commerce, so perhaps the philatelic business will be forced to develop. The urge given to philately is due greatly to the war or its issues and the general traveling done in that hectic period by half a world, so we might also observe that even common junk is not inexhaustible. The earthquake in Japan destroyed billions of the common stuff hoarded in Tokio and Yokohama, and we see where even that country will, of a necessity, register an advance in stamp prices.

Human nature being the oldest institution on earth, and the collector being also human, continually strives after "bargains". I have often thought that philately is thrift—one of the primal virtues if not carried to excess—for collectors are always alive to bargains even if the difference is eaten up by postage in reaching distant dealers. Then there are the exchangers who send out stuff that sells at a dollar a thousand varieties, and who chortle with glee if they get a ten-center, utterly oblivious of the fact that their outlay in time and postage would have brought them twice that number of stamps, like the lady who joyfully spends a dollar's worth of gasoline chasing the ninety-cent saucepan. They get a kick out of it, for the thrill is what holds up the collector until they total up the expense, and then think of the danger of their getting writers' cramp.

Coming back to dealers, there are some of the persuasive and persistent kind that one hates to let a circular go to waste without at least buying a modest amount so as not to discourage them, just because perhaps they possess the primal function of the stamp itself—that of sticking. Dealers need to go after business when competition becomes general. They cannot hope to hold as permanent fixtures all those who deal with them, but they can try, for this holding means in many cases the use of the red and not black ink in the annual business statement. There is no other country that comes up to the United States in variety and profusion of philatelic journals. Perhaps there cannot be too many dealers. The more dealers, the more collectors, and so on until the day may come when some anti-philatelic Volstead may arise and write us out of the constitution!

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United States

Washington Notes

On August 27th the Department issued at Washington the 1½c rotary press in imperforate condition in sheets of four hundred. This is the first rotary imperf. in sheet form that has appeared and is the second imperforate rotary that has ever been issued, the first one being the well known 2c imperf. coil.

It will be recalled that in the printing of these stamps there are margins all around so that the sheets of four hundred show large gutters dividing the four panes, making it possible to obtain a center line block of four with substantial spacings between.

I understand that the 1c and 2c will be issued in similar condition and will replace the flat plate printings which they contemplate discontinuing in the lower denominations, just as soon as the present flat plates wear out.

Mention was made sometime back of the fact that plates had been made for the 1c and 2c booklets from the rotary press. The 2c was also issued on August 27th at Washington.

1898, 10c Brown

Mention was made in this column several weeks back of the fact that Mr. George W. Linn had discovered a pair of the 1898, 10c brown, showing the type I and type II together. I have just had the pleasure of examining this pair which is a vertical pair, straight edged on the right, showing that it comes from the right edge of one of the left panes. I hope to have an opportunity of checking up on the proof sheets in Washington and learning as to the exact plate and position.

The pair is canceled with a New York registration cancellation and was possibly used around 1900 when the first type II appeared. It is, of course, in the brown shade. The upper stamp happens to be type I and the lower type II.

Air Mail Notes

As previously announced, there was a special flight from the State Fair Grounds at Springfield, Ill., and on that occasion the postmaster used a special cancellation as illustrated in this column in our issue of August 23rd. The postmark is in blue and in addition covers received the normal cancellation of the Springfield office showing an aeroplane in flight and reading, "Air Mail Saves Time." Its postmark, bearing date of August 27th, is timed at 4 P.M., and shows a backstamp of the Chicago office of the same date, timed at 7 P.M.

I wish to thank Mr. Claude W. Parker for mailing me one of these covers.

The Post Office Department has announced that special air mail flights will be made between Philadelphia and New York during the time of the national air races from September 4th to 11th inclusive. They state that the rate will be 8c with proportionate advances for longer distances. They have not made mention of the fact that a special cancellation will be used but quite likely this will be the case.

Metered Mail

Mr. Benjamin Cadbury calls attention to the fact that the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., in mailing out stock certificates by registered mail, used a 17c meter marking dated "New York, Aug. 12, Permit No. 14, Meter No. 5719," printed in the red of the 2c meter instead of the black of the 17c stamp. This is a usual procedure, for the metered mail is generally printed in all denominations in the color of the stamp.

Philippines

I am informed by Mr. Leon J. Lambert that we may shortly expect a complete set of the Philippine stam in new designs. He states that t proofs for the approval of the Direct of Posts are now in Manila. This is t first information that has come to my tention relative to a new issue.

In this column last week, mention w made of the current series of Philippi stamps in imperforate condition whi were issued at Manila during May a June of last year. As a matter of r ord, it will be advisable to enumera the plate numbers of these imperfor varieties. They are as follows:

2c,	84,678-79
4c,	44,873-74
6c,	21,972
8c,	21,973
10c,	34,792
12c,	21,974
16c,	89,998
20c,	21,985
26c,	21,991
30c,	21,993

The new Scott's advance sheets ma the following notation relative to th series imperforate:

"Nos. 274 and 290 to 303 inclusive e cepting No. 296 exist imperforate. T Director of Posts offers to supply i perforate stamps to anyone who w order 10,000 pesos worth."

This information is incorrect, for N 274 does not exist imperforate with single line watermark but comes unw termarked only. This unwatermark stamp in perforate condition has not yet appeared.

When the issue was first available, were informed by the Philippine pape that further supplies could be purchas by anyone ordering stamps in the amou of 10,000 pesos. This condition has n prevailed for many months as the B reau of Insular Affairs at Washingt has refused to honor any requisitions e cept from the Director of Posts, and t Director of Posts has given assuran that no further orders will be placed f more. The issue is without a dou strictly speculative but they were legi imately issued by the post office and us to prepay postage, although a supply w cornered in behalf of collectors.

It is gratifying to know that our ow Post Office Department would not san tion such activities in our own stamp While these are printed by the same B reau of Engraving & Printing, they con under the War Department which h charge of the Philippines, rather tha under the Post Office Department whic has charge of the issuing of our ow stamps.

ALGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. ca our attention to three more values of t new set of stamps. They picture a cast and have the words, "Republique Frar caise" in two lines at the top wit "Postes" and "Algerie" at the bottor The figures of value are between the tw words at the base of the stamp. Color

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Governor-in-Executive Committee has decided to commemorate the tercentenary of the settlement of the Colony of Barbados in February, 1927, by the issue of a Postage Stamp.

Persons wishing to submit specimens for the design of such a stamp are asked to forward same to the Colonial Postmaster at his office by the 16th August, 1926.

The designer of the specimen approved by the Governor-in-Executive Committee will be granted a gratuity of £10.

H. H. HEATH,
Colonial Postmaster.

4/7/26—4n.

Our correspondent says that this stamp is regarded, so far, as only a temporary addition to the current set, but no doubt the design will influence the decision as to whether there will be only one stamp or a complete set.

½d shade.—From the same source we learn that the one penny recently appeared in a "softer scarlet."—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BULGARIA.—Notes by M. Poukareff translated from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie:*

The 10 leva (S.G. No. 243) is nearly sold out and will be replaced during August by a large stamp in the 1881 type.

A third printing of the 1 leva olive-green (King Boris) will be issued shortly. The design has again been modified.

The Boteff series (chronicled in our last reference) ceased to be available for foreign postage on July 31st. The stock will not be destroyed but used up on internal correspondence.

A commemorative set will be issued next year in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria.

A new permanent set is being prepared but will not be issued for some time. The designs are not yet settled.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

CEYLON.—In view of the recent reduction of the rate for letters from Ceylon to other parts of the Empire, from 12 cents (=2d) to 9 cents (=1½d), effective July 1st, the Government has sanctioned the issue of a 9 cents stamp in the type of the current cent values. Mr. F. C. Hollick kindly sends us a cutting from *The Times of Ceylon* of June 29th in this connexion.

The colour of the new stamp will presumably be red-brown, like the British 1½d, a colour not at present included in the colour scheme of the Cingalese adhesives; but probably three or four months must ensue before it is ready, as, of course, the stamps are printed in England.—*Stamp Collecting.*

CUBA.—*Commemoratives not to be issued.*—The Government was petitioned by certain patriotic societies to issue commemorative stamps of 1c and 2c bearing portraits of the first three martyrs in the struggle for independence, who were shot on March 24th, 1826. Consideration was given to the suggestion but it was rejected because there was not sufficient time to prepare the design and print the stamps.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the following new shades in the King Fuad design: 2m intense black, 4m pea green, and 5m deep chestnut.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the $2 green and carmine, on script watermarked paper.

FRANCE.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1fr blue, Sower type and the 1fr 50c blue in the Pasteur portrait issue.

GREECE.—Our Athens Special Correspondent, Mr. P. J. Drossos, writes:—

As Messrs. Aspiotis Bros., of Corfu, have not been able of late to deliver the required quantities of stamps in time, an order for some of the current values—20, 40 lepta, and 1dr, and some more perhaps—was given to an Austrian firm. It was expected that the stamps would have been engraved, or at least that they would have good perforation, and on the whole have been more presentable than those prepared here. Unluckily this is not the fact. The stamps which have just arrived, and which can scarcely be detected from the local ones, are lithographed on the same paper and have bad perforation. The Austrian firm has not included its name in the margins at all. —*Stamp Collecting.*

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 2R, new Security Printing at Nasik. The stamp is buff and carmine, watermarked multiple star "all over" on thick non-curling paper as before. Mr. Roberts sends the following information regarding the new printing:

The set of these stamps is peculiar, instead of being set up in eight panes of 12 with large marginal gutter between, an economy has been effected by eliminating the central horizontal gutter and combining the four central panes of twelve into two panes of 24 (each 4 x 6), so that the sheet now consists of, four panes of 12, two at top and two at bottom, and two panes of 24 in the centre, with wide vertical guttering down the centre of the sheet; thus effecting a small economy in paper.

One cannot help observing that four times the amount of paper might be saved by dispensing of the wide guttering altogether.

It almost appears as if the old plate had been cut down and joined up in the centre. If this is the case it has been done skillfully as the stamps all over are well centered.

The paper does not seem to be cut to any particular size and it is difficult to follow the reason of this half-hearted attempt at economy.

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The workmanship of this printing is a great improvement upon the lower denominations previously referred to, and though the frame plate is a little bit flat the detail is extremely good, and the head plate is bright and clear and compares most favourably with the De la Rue print.

MALTA.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have shown us the ½p yellow green, in the new King's Head medallion design.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent copies of the new design 2sh and 3sh stamps noted last week. Mr. Roberts, in commenting on the workmanship, informs us that he considers them "the most hideous and poorly produced Colonial stamps he has received for many years."

POLAND.—We learn from Messrs. Goutvein and Champion that the pictorial 3gr blue has lately appeared on thin paper, perf. 13 instead of the original 11½ gauge.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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By REV. W. G. IREMONGER

Most of us are or would be, like the well-known Mr. Tod, the creation of Beatrix Potter, "of a wandering habit"; even if it never gets any further there is in nearly all of us the desire to see new lands and strange faces, to tread the new road that will take us away from the things that we do and see every day. This desire is especially the heritage of the Britisher, who has assuredly done more wandering than any other nationality, and it has usually been wandering with a purpose that has been accomplished. However, it is only comparatively few who can indulge their fancy in this direction, while the majority have to stick at home at their work, which seems mighty dull at times, and do without.

I am myself one of those who have always desired to travel, and have been unable to do so; but I have found a way that, while not being the real thing, is about the next best thing to it—I make my stamps do it for me. As Kipling's serving-men,

"I send them over land and sea,
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They go on their travels to different parts of the world, and back they come to rest in my albums, bearing strange names on their faces to tell me of those places to which they have been. It is true that they sometimes take an unconscionable time to return, and are almost given up as lost—one lot took two and a half years before they came back to me; it is true also that a very few never return at all—under half a dozen in all the many hundred that have gone; but the rest of them are there to speak to me of those places that I may never see, but that imagination pictures as probably a great deal more attractive than they are in reality. So perhaps it is better as it is.

One of the places that holds a chief place in my regard is Fiji; for here is a country that appeals to the romance of man, and to his appreciation of the beautiful. Not one island, but 250, lying in the Pacific Ocean; sufficiently south of the Equator not to be too hot, yet north enough to be warm; volc in origin, a land of rivers and mounta where the land grows enough of it to feed its people; it is a paradise.

The islands came into contact civilization before any other of the cific Islands, and although at one t the people were violent cannibals, w favourite dish at dinner was "long p they are now as peaceable as could wished.

The islands form a rough th quarters of a circle, with the opening t south; on the west are the two lar islands, Viti Levu and Vanua L of which the former is over 4000 sq miles in extent and the latter just 2500, while the rest of the islands consist of under 1000. Viti Levu is island from which the group takes name, Fiji being an English corrup of Viti, the "V" in Fijian being nounced hard like an "F." Natur most of the population is to be fo on the two largest islands, and on t are many plantations, mostly at mouths of the rivers, or on their ba The principal products are sugar, co and various fruits, of which the r profitable are the pineapple and banana. Most of the trade is with Zealand and Australia, though s products were shown at the Empire hibition in order to introduce them the notice of this country.

To the east lies the Lau Archipel a network of islands, of which Lakel the chief, while to the north are Ringold Islands and Taviuni, and to southwest Kadavu.

The capital of the group is Suva Viti Levu, and the other principal to are Levuka, the capital till 1882, on small island of Ovalau off Viti L Lautoka, the old capital before the lands were ceded to Great Britain, Nausori. The island of Rotuma, miles to the north of Vanua Levu, is cluded in the group, although it is on edge of the Ellice Islands.

The post is organized in two w for the inland places there is a servic native runners; while for the places the coast certain vessels are licensed take and deliver mails. The princ post offices are run in the usual way, the smaller ones are as a rule mana by the chief planter, or by the only for whose convenience the office opened, as it gives him the right to ceive and send mail by the vessels ready mentioned. Often the office se only one plantation, and if anything pens to the planter the office freque closes, sometimes not to open again some time, or never. Recently there the case of one planter who commi

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cide—someone said that it was in de-ir at the infrequence of the mails!— consequently the office was closed has not been reopened. The result all this is that it is very difficult to what P. O's there are at any given e. I wrote to the Postmaster at Suva a list of the offices, and received in rn a printed list of sixty-six offices, which three were already closed when list was sent to me, while of the rest ee more were closed when I wrote hem. Another difficulty that presents lf is that a certain number of the ces have no cancelling stamp of their , the letters being so treated at the rest office that has a date-stamp, gen-lly Suva, Levuka or Nausori.

here are two forms of cancellation se; the first is the usual date-stamp, ch is used in the more important ces, and consists of a circle varying size from 24 to 29 mm. in diameter. the upper part is the name of the e, preceded by the letters "P. O."— "P.O. Nausori"—round the circle; the bottom "Fiji," with concentric s between them on either side; while date is in three lines across the centre. the size of the circle varies, so does of the words from 2½ mm. to 4 high.

he other form of cancellation is the plest imaginable, taking the form of name of the office in capitals 3 mm. ; this is evidently a metal stamp, and enerally impressed in black, though sionally to be found in purple, or wn—the latter may be a mixture of and black! This cancellation is also nd with the date either written in, added from a rubber stamp—either er the other, or diagonally across the np. There is an additional one in use he islands of Cicia and Lekutu (both he Lau Archipelago) added to the ve; this is similar in arrangement to which is familiar to collectors of y Gold Coast stamps; it takes the n of a sunk die, with the words st" above, and "Office" below, which ear on the envelope in uncoloured let-in a circle 26 mm. in diameter. The office at Natawarau, which is now ed, had two *rubber* stamps in use at erent periods, one consisting of fancy pt, the other of sans-serif capitals, le the ordinary ones are in serifed tals.

he following is a list of the offices have date-stamps in use:—

	Loma Loma.	Savusavu.
	Nadarivatu.	East.
a Bay.	Nadi.	Somo Somo.
keti.	Nadroga.	Suva.
ngton.	Nailililí.	Tavua.
o.	Naiserelagi.	Viria.
asa.	Nausori.	Vuna.
eba.	Navua.	Vunidawa.
toka.	Raki Raki.	Vunisea.
uka.	Rotuma.	Waiyevo.

If the other cancellation, which we call the Name cancellation, there now in use twenty-seven varieties. following is the list:—

lailai.	Nabouwala.	Savu Savu
a.	Naduri.	West.
utu.	Naidiri.	Solevu.
ani-	Naitoni-	Totoya.
nua.	toni.	Tunuloa.
utu.	Natovi.	Udu.
ary.	Ono.	Point.
go.	Rabi.	Waikava.
akula.	Savu Savu	Waimotu.
uku.	Central	Wainunu.
ala.	Sawanika	

have the Matakula and Wainunu rks on the same envelope, and believe the one office (Wainunu) has been erseded by the other. The Mago rk that I have is spelt Mango, and leads to the question of spelling. In old style you will find that the old g's name was spelt Thakombau, while he new style it is spelt Cakobau; the son is that in the language now a "b" always pronounced as "mb," while a is pronounced as "nd," a "c" as "th," a "g" as "ng" (soft as in "hang"). old atlases you will find the island of thia marked possibly; it is the old of spelling Cicia. Similarly you find Nandi for Nadi, Mbua for Bua, so on.

here are two special dated cancella-tions in use at the Suva P.O.; one is the postmark for Registered correspondence —a double-lined circle, of which the outer one is 28 mm. in diameter, with "Registered Suva" at the top between the circles, and "Fiji" at the bottom. The date is in three lines across the centre. The other one is similar to the usual Suva one, with the exception that the letters are smaller, being only 2 mm. high instead of 3 mm.

One result of my correspondence with Fiji has been to bring me into connection with a fellow-collector, who is also a planter and a postmaster, from whom I have obtained some of the information that I have been able to give above, and to whom I am most grateful for all the help that he has given me.

In addition to the Name cancellations that I have given above there are a certain number to be found on the earlier stamps, and that are now obsolete either from the offices having been closed, or from the offices having been "promoted" to a date-stamp. In the following list the first five are the names of offices that have been closed:—

Malau, Nailaga, Sabeto, Tavuki, Tuba; Loma Loma, Nadarivatu, Nadroga, Raki Raki, Savu Savu East, Somo Somo.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

CONGRESS OF BOLIVAR, 1826-1926

(*Continued from page 466*)

until the end of the war. Then he united Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador in a confederation, and became their first President. Leaving the Government in charge of the Vice President (F. de P. Santander), he went to Peru and Bolivia, in 1821, where he took command of the revolutionary armies, and accomplished their independence. He resigned from the dictatorship of Peru in 1826 to become the Perpetual President and Protector of Bolivia, but in the following year returned to his own country and was re-elected President. Gen. Jose A. Paez, who had been one of his most efficient aids in the revolution, defied his authority, assumed the dictatorship of Venezuela, and proclaimed its secession from the Confederation, and absolute independence on September 22, 1830. The Colombians supported Bolivar, and again elected him their president. He returned to Caracas, but was coldly received. His banishment was decreed, and taking refuge in a small country house, about 5 miles outside of Santa Marta, Colombia, died there, of pulmonary tuberculosis, on the 17th December, 1830, with none but the Indian attendants around him. Twelve years later (December 17, 1842), his body was brought to Caracas with great ceremony and deposited in a chapel of the cathedral. When Guzman Blanco erected a Pantheon in Caracas for the burial of the distinguished dead, Bolivar's remains for a second time were moved, and placed in a magnificent and impressive sepulchre.

"Article 1 Continued

f.—150,000 stamps of the denomination of 8c de balboa, color bright violet, with an engraving representing the monument to the Liberator, with the same inscription as the preceding stamps.

g.—100,000 stamps of the denomination of 10c de balboa, color violet, with the engraving and inscription of the preceding stamp.

h.—100,000 stamps of the denomination of 12c de balboa, color olive green, with the engraving and inscription of the preceding stamps.

i.—75,000 stamps of the denomination of 15c de balboa, color bright blue, with the engraving and inscription of the preceding stamps.

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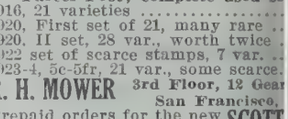

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The same Law (No. 5 of 1925) which provided for the holding of the commemorative congress also instructed the Executive to take the steps necessary for the erection at Panama of a monument to Bolivar, in compliance with a resolution passed by the Fifth Pan American Congress held at Santiago in Chile, in 1923. This monument is to be a joint homage of the Pan American Republics to the memory of the great Liberator "to commemorate his initiative in convoking a Pan American Congress to study with the co-operation of all the Governments of America, the great problems of the New World."

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"Article 1 Continued

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(3) Sala del Congreso de Bolivar (24c and 50c)

The design of these two denominations, which is horizontal rectangular, measuring 29½ x 21½ mm., pictures within an arched opening (inscribed at the bottom, in minute colored letters, "SALA DEL CONGRESO DE BOLIVAR, 1826") a long council chamber, or hall, with arched openings in the side walls, and a raised dais at the far end, in which the deliberations of the Congress of 1826 were held. At the top of the design "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA" appears in a curved line (conforming to the vignette opening), and "CORREOS" in a straight line below, both in colorless lettering. A ribbon below the vignette is inscribed "1826—CONGRESO DE BOLIVAR—1926" in colored figures and letters. Between squares in the lower corners enclosing colorless numerals of value, the value is expressed in two horizontal lines of colorless letters "VEINTICUATRO CENTESIMOS —DE BALBOA." Acanthus leaf ornamentation in the upper corners and at the sides, completes the design. The printer's name appears under each stamp of the sheet.

The "General Assembly of the American Republics," as the congress was officially called, was formally opened at Panama on the morning of 22nd June, 1826, with two delegates from Colombia, two from Central America, two from Peru, and one from Mexico. It held ten sessions and adjourned on the 15th of July, 1826, having adopted for the approval of the countries represented (and such of the American Republics as should later care to adhere), a "treaty of perpetual union, league and confederation between the Republics of Colombia, Central America, Peru and the United Mexican States"; an agreement for the future meetings of the assembly every two years in time of peace, and every year in time of war; a "convention on contingents" to be supplied by the members of the confederation, and a special and confidential agreement relating to the army and to the confederated navy.

Bolivar, at that time President of Peru, was deeply disappointed at the modest results of the congress which he rightly considered was destined to mark an epoch in international relations; but he referred the treaties, conventions, or agreements to the Congress of his country, which, however, did not ratify any of them. The Congresses of Guatemala and Mexico likewise refused to ratify, and that of Colombia did so only partially.

Bolivar does not seem to have contemplated the presence of representatives from the United States, but Colombia, Mexico and Central America expressed to the Government of the U. S. their desire that delegates be sent to the Congress. The Secretary of State, Henry Clay, was anxious that the U. S. be represented, and John Quincy Adams, then President, no less so. However, as the invitation had been extended to the U. S. much later than to the other Republics, the delay experienced in securing the approval of the Senate to the nomination of Richard C. Anderson and John Sergeant, as commissioners of the congress, was such that the General Assembly had adjourned before the U. S. representatives could reach the Isthmus.

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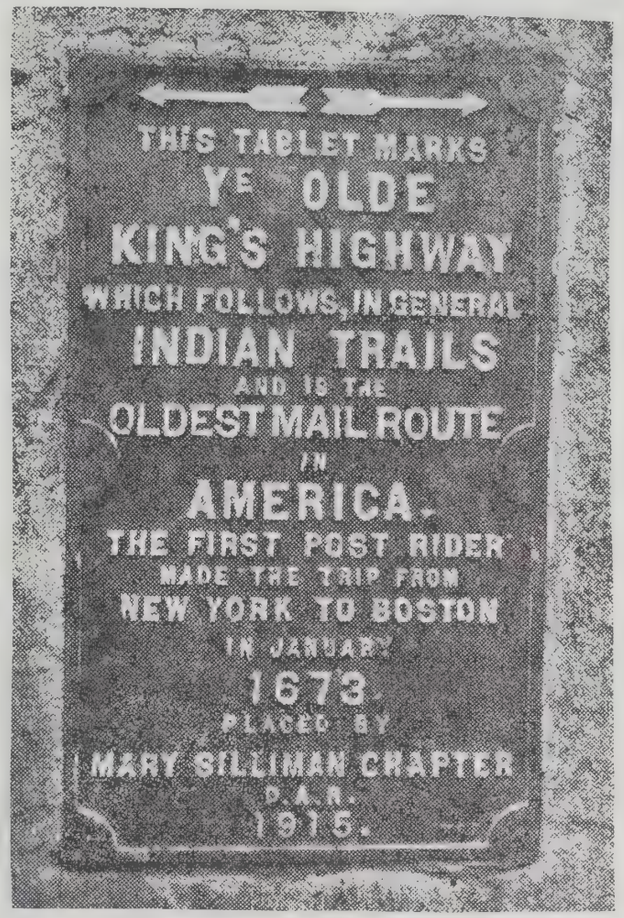

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CANAL ZONE POSTAGE DUES

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Postage due stamps of three denominations, 1c, 2c and 10c, numeral type, lake, on unwatermarked paper, perforated 11, of the U. S. A., and overprinted in black CANAL ZONE, in 2 horizontal lines, flat "A", from the overprint plate used for the postage stamps, were issued July 1, 1924. These stamps are vertical rectangular in shape, measuring 19 x 22 mm., and in design consist of a large numeral on a lozenge of lathe work, arched above which is "Postage Due", and below, the value "ONE CENT" on a ribbon. The letters "U" and "S" appear in the upper left and right corners respectively. The numeral and all lettering is colorless. These stamps, printed in sheets of 400, were overprinted before being perforated and divided into Post Office sheets of 100.

First consignment, flat "A".

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1924

1c,	100 sheets	10,000 stamps
2c,	250 "	25,000 "
10c,	300 "	30,000 "
	650 "	65,000 "

These stamps, exhausting in January, 1925, necessitated the manufacture, locally, of a provisional issue, by additionally overprinting at the Canal Zone Printing Plant, Mount Hope, Canal Zone (just outside of Cristobal), of a quantity of postage stamps (already overprinted CANAL ZONE, flat "A", at Washington, D. C.) with POSTAGE DUE, in 2 horizontal lines of sans serif caps 2½ mm. high. The words measure 15½ and 6½ mm. respectively, and are spaced 2 mm. vertically. The overprint was applied in red to the 1c (15,000) and the 10c (40,000), and in black to the 2c (25,000).

In June, 1925, a further lot of U. S. A. due stamps, overprinted CANAL ZONE, but with sharp "A", was received from Washington.

Second consignment, sharp "A".

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1925

1c,	300 sheets	30,000 stamps
2c,	500 "	50,000 "
10c,	500 "	50,000 "
	1300 "	130,000 "

One sheet of the 1c of this printing, with the ZONE ZONE error on No. 18 of the lower right pane, is in the possession of a Washington, D. C., collector. It was discovered about October, 1925, and came from a Post Office on the Pacific side of the Isthmus. Although this 1925 printing comprised 75 sheets of 400 (300 Post Office sheets of 100), the error must have occurred on but a few sheets, as none other have been reported so far.

Third consignment, sharp "A".

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1926

1c,	500 sheets	50,000 stamps
2c,	500 "	50,000 "
10c,	500 "	50,000 "
	1500 "	150,000 "

Although the sale of postage due stamps to the public was never permitted, many got out through favor. So numerous were the requests received by the Philatelic Stamp Agency, at Balboa Heights, C. Z., for supplies of these due stamps, that on Apr. 15, 1925, Circular No. 28 was issued by the Director of Posts of the Canal Zone, C. H. Calhoun, forbidding the sale of these stamps in cancelled or uncancelled condition.

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Flat "A" (1924 printing)
1c lake.
2c lake.
10c lake.

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2c carmine.
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THE FORUM—UNITED STATES ISSUES 1847-70

By H. P. ATHERTON, 1562 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

Devoted to United States postage stamps, 1847-1870 only. Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.

A United States cancellation applied to foreign and United States stamps. Since starting this cancellation study in the Forum, my ideas have been carried beyond the obliterators used on United States postage stamps, and I find that many foreign countries have their interesting, odd, and rare cancellations, presumably sought after by the collectors of those countries much as we seek our own unusual cancellations.

They, of course, weed out their used counterfeits at a glance, if the cancellation is not correct. We fortunately are not so much troubled in this respect as regards our stamps. There is no indecision on their part, it is not at all like trying to puzzle out whether a stamp of New Europe was postally used, or "cancelled to order."

Above is an obliteration which at a first look you will say "I've seen that thing hundreds of times." And you will probably be missing it by about 100%, for it is positively not the cancellation that occurs ad infinitem on our 3c greens and 2c red-browns, etc., etc.

Unless you study cancels somewhat, you are maybe unable to tell which of our own stamps bears it most frequently.

There are the out-bound foreign cancellations from New York City which are now being considered by many; two nicely arranged groupings of these have appeared in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* arranged by J. M. Bartels.

This one is the reverse, or in-bound, cancellation applied to mail received in the New York P. O. in uncancelled condition, and the depicted type of cancel is there applied. While most of the outbound cancels are circular in outline, and used principally on mail to Europe, the in-bound mail seems to start in and around the vast sea area which we vaguely term the West Indies. The rate is our 5c rate, or corresponding to this very closely, if in foreign coin.

There are possibly thirty stamp issuing countries or colonies which will show this cancellation. Some of these will be doubtless next to impossible to secure, and it is truly remarkable that almost none are ever found on the original cover.

Our own chief producer of this cancellation is the 5c Taylor of the 1879 issue, the soft paper stamp. I have been saving these numeral cancels for about three years, and the most frequently found from a foreign shore in my lot are from Hayti, these falling on their first three issues, from 1881 to 1891 as issued, the 1891 issue showing but few copies.

This would indicate that our 5c yellow-brown, and 5c indigo Garfields would be found wearing this cancel, but to date I have never found a copy so cancelled. Perhaps some reader has a little nest of these tucked away which came from some one who was touring the West Indies, or who had an office in some of their ports, and sent mail to the United States.

Cuba is my next best group, and is nearly as large as the Haytians I have saved. The other countries are scattering. I have an idea that the most of this mail was actually written on shipboard, and brought into N. Y. City aboard their vessel, uncancelled.

The numerals are not complete in my small savings. Those which I have so far found are 3, 4, 5, 6 (or 9) and 12. The 12 is by far the easiest one to be found, hence shown in this cut. Here are the countries I have gotten together to date:—Brazil, Chile, Colombian Republic, Cuba, France, Gibraltar, Hayti, Nicaragua, Salvador, Trinidad, U. S. and Venezuela.

Of the above lot, the copy from France seems to be an interloper, and as it shows no other marking, am of the belief that this stamp was not used from France direct, but from some Colony nearer than France itself.

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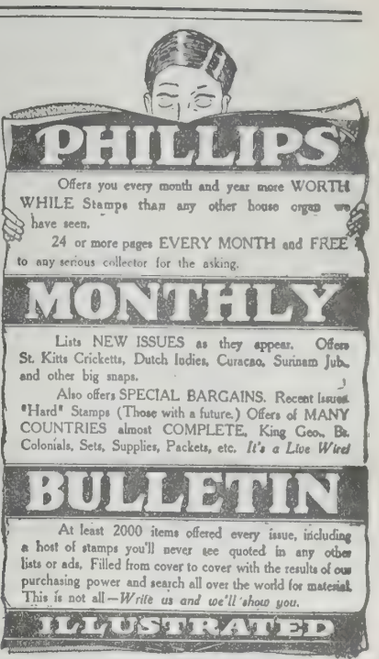
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R. JACQUES 31 No. Market St.
EAST PALESTINE, O.

If you have already started saving this type of cancel, you are possibly far ahead of me and my own puny layout. Perhaps you have "all the dope" on this cancellation. I have not studied this yet, except to save the stamps as they arrived, and my idea in presenting this article is merely to "start something." It may be that 30 countries cannot be found. It may be that New Orleans, San Francisco and other P. O. towns on the sea coast used these same numbers. Perhaps all the numbers from 1 to 12 occur, maybe higher numbers also.

Well, there is the layout. You can have a lot of fun going thru your old foreign duplicates for these, and you will be surprised to see that few of them show in a big collection. I have but two on "entire," one being the top half of a Venezuelan postcard, it having "12" over the stamp, and a typical purple pmk. of Venezuela which did not touch the stamp. My other cover is an envelope with no marks except a "12" across one of those Baby Heads from Cuba, a 5c centimos green, no marks on reverse of this cover either.

I feel like celebrating when one of these cancels from a country not in my list comes in; but of late I have had little chance to do any celebrating. Colombian Republic was my last country to arrive, and that of course spurs me on to find a Dominican Republic, etc., etc.

These little side lines are a lot of fun, don't you think so, honestly, what? Here is where I'm going to break a rule, and talk of prices. The most expensive stamp in this collection is a 5c Taylor which cost me 12c. See what you can get for almost nothing! And it is truly fun to annex a new one now and then.

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THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE NEW TURKISH STAMPS

By COL. O. K. TANCOCK, C.M.G.

In the past, the stamps of Turkey have often borne witness to the stormy history and politics of that troubled and troublesome country. The new series, issued in May of this year, conforms to this tradition and, also, illustrates a tendency, by no means confined to the Turkish Government, to use postage stamps for purposes of propaganda. The designs, which are essentially "National" in character and which include a portrait of the President of the new Republic, with uncovered head, in flagrant defiance of long-established Moslem custom, have already been described. But the inscriptions, introducing as they do certain novel features, seem to be of sufficient interest to merit a closer examination.

In the Crescent and Star issue of 1923, now superseded, the designation "TURKISH" replaced the words "OSMANIYA" and "OSMANLI," which, curiously enough, had survived in some of the 1922 pictorials issued by the Nationalist Government at Angora. The new stamps bear the legend, in Arabic characters, "Turkish Republican Posts," thus emphasising the fall of the House of Osman and, with it, the abolition of Sultanate and Caliphate and the establishment of a new régime in Turkey. Other novelties in the lettering on these latest stamps seem to denote a desire, on the part of the Republic, to achieve a significant contrast to the styles of all the old Ottoman Empire stamps.

The various inscriptions are as follows:

At top of all values, in Arabic characters, "TURKIYA JUMHURETI POSTALARI" (="Turkish Republican Posts").

All values to 15 piastres inclusive, at foot, in Roman characters, "TURK POSTALARI"—a curious combination, with an appearance of greater independence, if less elegance, than the old "Postes Ottomanes."

Para values (10 and 20) have this word in the singular, *à la Turque*, instead of the plural "paras" of former issues. So the word in Roman characters, in the left bottom corner, exactly corresponds to the Turkish word, in Arabic characters, in the right.

All piastre values have the word "GROUCH," in Roman characters, in the left bottom corner. This supersedes the "PIASTRE" and "PIASTRES" of earlier issues. That the Nationalists should condemn the offending foreign word "piastre" to expulsion is quite in keeping with their determination to purge their country of all non-Turkish elements. But it seems a pity that they should have adopted this French form of transliteration. It looks somewhat grotesque to English eyes and gives the false impression that "GHURUSH" (the plural form used by the Turks with all numbers) is a one-syllable word. One can only hope that British collectors will resist the temptation to pronounce it "GROWTCH." The pessimist, mindful of the so-called "ONE PIASTRES" error of 1876 (S.G. 120), corrected to "ONE PIASTRE" by erasing "S" from the plate in subsequent printings (S.G. 123 *et seq.*), may predict that, in the near future, some meticulous grammarian will convert "GROUCH" into "GROUCHES" for values over one. The more attractive "GUERCHE" and "GUERCHES" of Abyssinian stamps might well serve as an inspiration.

All piastre values have the Turkish equivalent for "GROUCH" in the right bottom corner. All values are expressed in Arabic and English numerals in the right and left bottom corners respectively.

At the foot of the picture, in the 2, 2½ and 3 piastres, is the word "SAQARIA," the name of the gorge here represented. And in the left top corner of the picture, in the 5, 6, 10 and 15 piastres, is the legend "ANQRA QA'ALASI"=("Angora Citadel").

All these Turkish inscriptions are in the Nesikh style of Arabic writing, with various ornamental flourishes and letters duplicated in miniature above or below the line, in addition to the c vowel signs and other orth marks. In the case of dotted let dots are sometimes placed vertic stead of horizontally, and three sometimes in a slanting or ho line, instead of the more usual formation.

The Crescent and Star devic tained, but a good deal of licens to have been allowed in the treat this National emblem; for the h stead of always pointing upwa they did on Imperial stamps, n point to left or right according fancy of the artist, and the star force followed suit.

The Tughra has been discarded present. But it never contained perial title "Sultan," and surely signation "KHAN," equivalent to or "Head," would be no less sui the President of a Republic thar Sovereign Lord of an Empire, an hardly offend the most sensitive crat. So whether the Turks preserve the Republic for all t like the Persians, prefer to make start with a new Imperial dyna may yet, perchance, see the re ance of the familiar device as sig ual or monogram of Sultan or dent.

The present holder of the latt has already assumed the title " which adorned the Tughras of Abd'ul Hamid II and his success hamed V. And Ghazi Mustafa Pasha is hardly less deserving other honorific title "El muzaffar (="the Ever-victorious").—*Stanl bons Monthly Journal.*

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By HERMAN TOASPERN.

I have just received a cable from Charles Greenwood, the manager of D. Field of London, informing me of the death of Mr. D. Field in his fifty-fifth year.

Mr. Field had been in ill health for many years, suffering from heart trouble. He spent most of his time at his magnificent home in Torquay besides making pleasure trips to all parts of the world in search of something to help him. Mr. Field was a Member of the jury in 1913. at the New York Exhibition. Even as early as 1913 he was in poor health and had to be most careful of himself.

His firm, D. Field, is noted primarily as being the leading house of London for war stamps and the particular business of his firm was rare 20th century, though a great many big collections of classic stamps passed through his hands. He had won many medals for his fine collections, notably his collection of Great Britain. His wife, Mrs. Edith W. Field, is an ardent collector, possessing, besides a very lovely general collection, a highly specialised collection of Cape of Good Hope.

The loss is a distinct one to British Philately and to the stamp dealing profession, of which he was always an honorable member. The sympathy of his many friends in America goes to his widow at this time.

NATIONAL AIR RACES, 1926

A special event of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition has been the air races sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association. The dates were Sept. 4-11. We are indebted to Jos. A. Steinmetz, who is secretary of the Sesqui-Centennial Committee, also Albert E. Gorham of Washington, D. C., for specimens of first flight covers dated Sept. 4. The markings on these covers are of interest. The New York-Philadelphia flight has a large circular marking in black and gives the date of New York departure as 5.00 A.M., while on the reverse side is the regulation Philadelphia date of receiving, 8.00 A.M. At the Philadelphia end the large markings are in purple with 9.15 as the hour of departure, while upon the reverse side the New York hour of receipt is given as 2.00 P.M. An interesting marking on the Steinmetz envelope is found upon the reverse side, as follows:—"Air Mail Field, New York, N. Y., Sept. 4 10.00 A. M. 1926."

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The day of philately's triumph is dawning and that it will break propitiously is an assured conclusion. The finishing touches are being applied to the International Philatelic Exhibition, October 16 to October 23, 1926, and the grand display will prove that philately dominates the leisure hours of many thousands of representative folks. The work that has been done so manfully by the projectors must be accorded the general appreciation that is its due and we devoutly hope that the attendance of philatelists from a distance will be a large one. Here we have a band of workers of many types progressing to a common goal for the glory of our pursuit. They deserve the recognition of their efforts that the presence of many collectors living outside the metropolitan district will entail.

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The convention of the American Philatelic Society beginning Monday morning, October 18, 1926, will last three days and is an accompanying attraction that will have its value in bringing out the crowd. The twin features will be feeders, one for the other. The double appeal should ensure results in decided measure and if the signs are read aright, there will be a philatelic union that will transcend in size and interest anything of the kind known heretofore. The wish that there will be a large attendance is based on a realization that the outside world is impressed by numerical strength. In the estimation of outsiders, philately will be given that recognition that is in line with the interest shown by collectors by their attendance. In effect, the work of years will come to fruition and the blossom should be the cynosure of all eyes.

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The American Philatelic Society for what it is and because of its possibilities for the future, should be regarded as a leading factor in the concern of the philatelic world. There are members who are present each year at the convention who are attracted by the fellowship at such gatherings perhaps, but nevertheless, the transactions of the annual meetings are not without substance, in some of their phases. The convention is a sort of forum for the interchange of ideas and views on subjects of pertinent interest and it affords an avenue for expression for the individual. This year, the A. P. S. convention will be an occasion that should be worth participating in as there will be no dearth of opinion on the part of the attendants, who will establish a record for numbers.

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Writing about the coming convention of the American Philatelic Society in New York, Mr. H. M. Konwiser says that President Wilhelm will call the meeting to order at the Waldorf-Astoria on the morning of October 18th, Doctor H. A. Davis attending to the duties of secretary. In addition to these two officers, there will be present at least two of the members of the board of vice-presidents and perhaps, three; the treasurer, the directors at large, the sales superintendent, the examiner of sales books, the librarian, the attorney, the official editor and the official expert. On this score alone, the convention will be noteworthy and through the presence of these officers, business will be facilitated. The general idea for the convention badges was suggested by Mr. R. L. Hustis, Milwaukee, Chairman of the recruiting committee. The badge will consist of two parts, the first being a neat gold plated button containing the letters, "A. P. S." and "N. Y." against a background of blue enamel, and the second, a diamond-shaped card with space for the name and address of each delegate, together with other essential information. There will be buttons for men and pins for the ladies. The official program will be a souvenir of merit and will be issued under the supervision of Mr. H. L. Lindquist, and the advertising pages will be well patronized, inasmuch as the book will be a guide to points of interest in New York City.

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Already there have been indications of the effect that the Exhibition and convention will have on the public in the shape of news notices in the papers that the government will avail itself of the opportunity to make a display at the Exhibition, and provide stamp specialties to commemorate it. As the days slip by, publicity in augmented volume will be seen, no doubt, and by the time that the climax is reached, few people in this country will not be aware of the existence of stamp collectors as an organized body. The Exhibition will be an object lesson that admits of no argument to the disparagement of philately and its moral effect will be incalculable.

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Mr. S. Newbury, Chicago, has arrived home from his extended trip to the South Sea Islands and is lavish in his praise of Australia in a philatelic sense and otherwise. He received much attention from collectors there and had the pleasure of being in the company of Mr. Fred Hagen, the distinguished philatelist, who sailed from Sydney to Honolulu on Mr. Newbury's boat. Mr. Newbury expects to show his early Brazil and Colombian Republic at the New York Exhibition.

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Mr. E. M. White, Davenport, Iowa, writes: "One of the finest articles on postage stamps that I have seen in forty years as a collector in a non-philatelic journal is in the *International Studio* for September, entitled 'Design in the Postage Stamp' by Gardner Teall. It covers three pages and the illustrations are really excellent. I keep a file but if you do not succeed in getting a copy, I'll loan you mine." Mr. White is generous and we have no doubt but that Mr. Teall's article is a *de luxe* production, as he has established a name for himself as a contributor on philatelic subjects to publications of the highest class. In the past, we have had occasion to felicitate Mr. Teall for having carried the philatelic pennant to journalistic heights.

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That busy philatelic missionary worker, Mr. L. R. Saunders, Mason City, Iowa, in telling of the postponement of the issue of the historical set by Canada, quotes from a letter dated August 23rd, sent by the Honorable W. J. Glover of the Canadian postal division to the effect that all remittances for the stamps are being refunded. The course taken by the Canadian authorities is one well-advised, even though some collectors will be disappointed that the issue has been "further deferred."

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A clipping from the Philadelphia *Inquirer,* coming from Mr. E. J. Mathias, has the following heads: "Williamsport Man Forswore Tobacco for Rare Stamps. Saved Ten Cents Daily for Fifty Years to Get Collection." In the column and more of text that follows, is a description of Mr. Gensemer's collection which is an embracive one that does not adhere to conventional lines. We quote: "In the extensive collection of the Williamsport man who displayed it last week while attending the convention of Patriotic Sons of America here, is to be found every historical species of stamps, from the famous one that caused the Revolution to the latest product of the Treasury Department." I remember having met Mr. D. J. Gensemer in 1894 at the little community, Spring Pennsylvania, and are pleased to learn that he has been collecting for many years to good advantage. We think he has invested his money wisely in that of seeing it go up in smoke and his example could be imitated by some of our profit.

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(F. H. Vallancey, editor of "Stamp Collecting", and Mrs. Vallancey are having a triumphal tour through the West. They are meeting with cordial greetings, and great enthusiasm pervades every public occasion. Cecil F. Blogg, Tacoma, sends us the following clipping from a local daily.—W. O. W.)

Honoring Hugh Vallancey of London one of the most noted authorities on stamp collecting in Europe, and Mrs. Vallancey, members of the Tacoma Philatelic Society entertained at a dinner in the stone room of the Tacoma hotel last evening. Thirty-five members of the Tacoma organization, with a number of stamp collectors from Seattle and Olympia, were in attendance.

Clyde Brill, president of the local society, presided as toastmaster. Mayor J. G. Tennent extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Vallancey in behalf of the city; J. M. Hitt of Olympia, state librarian, spoke for the state, and R. R. Thiele, Secretary of the Tacoma society, welcomed the visitors for the organization. A group of piano numbers were given by Miss Olive Roache of Seattle, a cousin of the honor guest.

Following the dinner Mr. Vallancey gave an illustrated lecture, showing many colored slides of famous stamps.

Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Vallancey were honored at an informal tea given by Mrs. R. R. Thiele at their home on South Wilkeson street. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hitt of Olympia, Henry Hitt of Bremerton, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Blogg of Renton. Mrs. Thiele was assisted by her daughter, Esther, and by her sister, Mrs. Hannah Keller, visiting here from Red Wing, Minn.

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What is to be said that has not already been said? Stamp collectors, members of the A. P. S., need no particular word that there is great pleasure in meeting other stamp collectors at convention time. Everybody accepts that fact. By the same token the greater attendance at conventions comes from the places nearby to the convention city, and as New York is happily situated close to the busy Middle States, there is bound to be a great gathering.

This year's convention-goers will have as a special feature the International Stamp Exposition, and so in addition to meeting a lot of the best-known folks in stamps, the A. P. S. membership will be enabled to see a great display.

Stamp conventions cement friendships, we know, and stamp conventions mean a great deal to stamp dealers. Every stamp convention is a trade mart, often causing folks to say that the pleasure of collecting may be a boyhood trait, latent in the upgrown, but is the desire to swap, to trade.

Every reader who has not already arranged to attend the convention should make proper arrangements at once. Notify the chairman of the convention committee, Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, 51 West 48 Street, New York. When you buy your ticket notify the ticket agent you are attending the convention, and upon arrival notify the registration clerk at the convention. If 250 rail users do this everyone will receive a short-rate rate when homeward bound.

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NEWS ITEMS:—

A. BAUER, Palmyra, N. J., would like the present address of Hugh C. Argenbright, formerly of Staunton, Va. Letters are returned marked "Moved, left no address."

WE have received from Sales Manager W. O. Staeb a copy of a Bulletin published by the Stamp Lovers League. It gives full particulars of the organization as well as the location and official boards of the eleven affiliated clubs. Collectors residing in New York and vicinity who desire to know more about the League may write Mr. Staeb at 89 Feronia Way, Rutherford, N. J.

FRED KLINGENSTEIN, now located at 104 Walnut St., Bloomfield, N. J., would like to hear from local collectors who would like to organize a stamp club in that city. Mr. Klingenstein has already organized two stamp clubs which are in good running order.

WE find in the *International Studio* an illustrated article by Gardner Teall on "Design in the Postage Stamp." Like all of Mr. Teall's articles, this is well written and a distinct contribution to philatelic literature. There are many illustrations. Thanks to Beverly S. King for the clipping.

WE are informed that Baron Carl von Scharfenberg has arrived in New York, bringing with him his stamp collection, which will be shown at the New York Exhibition. This collection specializes in Russian stamps and contains all ever issued. One of the most prominent experts on Russian stamps has written a book upon this exhibit, which is really unique. No fewer than 30 volumes are contained in the collection.

ON Saturday, June 19, at the L. L. Robinson home in La Crosse, Kansas, the Rush County Stamp Collectors Club held its organization meeting. At this meeting 14 members were enrolled as active members. Officers elected were: Pres., R. M. Colvin, McCracken; Vice Pres., C. O. Weltmer, Rush Center; Sec'y-Treas., Ralph Robertson, La Crosse. This will put Rush County, Kansas, on the map in a philatelic manner.

PAUL P. WENTZ sends us a clipping from the *Wall Street Journal*, in which it is stated that the National City Bank of N. Y. City has established a department through which employees interested may improve their stamp collections. The editorial does not state how this is to be acomplished. We are also indebted to Robert C. Beal for one of these clippings.

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The original overprints were destroyed by order of the then Postmaster General of Persia. All these overprints have been put on the reprints of the 1909 issue. These reprints are of different shade to the originals and were made in 1924.

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United States

White Plains Stamp

The Department has completed three sketches for the proposed White Plains stamps. Two of the sketches, one large and one small, show the same design, a gun crew of four men marching up hill. The larger is similar in size to the Sesqui-centennial variety while the other is similar to the Norse-American series. The third sketch is of the larger size, but shows a battery in action at the battle of White Plains. This sketch, from the painting, which was described in detail in this column several weeks back, shows too much detail to be attractive.

The three sketches were submitted by Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Chief of the Division of Stamps, to the Committee from White Plains, at a meeting in New York City on September 3rd. The Committee wisely selected the smaller stamp, and judging from the sketch, it is certainly going to be one of the most attractive, as well as unusual postal emissions that this country has ever turned out. Entire attention has been concentrated on the picture and the borders are of such minor importance that they are only noticed after the scene comes to your attention. Across the top we find "United States Postage" with the figures "1776" and "1926" in the two upper corners. Below we find crossed flags, the one to the right being the famous flag of White Plains and the one on the left, "Old Glory" with her thirteen stars. Underneath the two flags are the words, "Cents" with a large figure "2" in the center. Immediately above the figure within a small semi-circle is, "Battle of White Plains." There are no horizontal or vertical straight lines or border designs to square up the stamp and detract from its appearance.

The Committee was anxious that the stamp be printed in two colors but unfortunately because of the cost, the Department was unable to grant this request. Two colored stamps cost eighty-three cents a thousand, whereas the normal flat plate stamps cost eight and one-half cents per thousand. Had it been the size of the Sesqui-Centennial stamp, the cost would have been seventeen and one-half cents per thousand. The variety will be printed in red by the flat plate process and will be perforated 11 on unwatermarked paper. They will be printed in sheets of four hundred, which in turn will be cut into post office panes of one hundred.

International Philatelic Exhibition

Another piece of news that will come as a surprise is the fact that the White Plains stamp, just described, will be placed on sale on the first day of issue at the branch of the Philatelic Agency at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, on its opening day, Saturday, October 16th. At the same time the stamps in a sheet of one hundred will be available at White Plains, N. Y. It will not, however, be sold at the Philatelic Agency in Washington until October 28th, the anniversary date of the battle, at which time it will be regularly issued.

In addition, the Department is preparing a special plate of twenty-five of these stamps for distribution at the exhibition. These will be printed, gummed and perforated at Washington and will be placed on sale during the time of the exhibition and later at the Philatelic Agency at Washington. They will be printed in quantities, so that the supply of small sheets will not be limited and everyone desiring copies can obtain them either through the Agency at New York or later through the Agency at Washington. In the former case, communications should be addressed to the Branch Philatelic Agency, care of the International Philatelic Exhibition, Grand Central Palace, New York City. Letters addressed to this point should not reach New York before the 16th nor after the 22nd, as there will not be facilities ready to take care of the handling of this mail.

While Mr. Eidsness was recently in New York, he consulted with the Acting Local Postmaster, the inspector and members of the Exhibition Committee, consisting of Messrs. H. M. Clark, J. J. Klemann, Jr., A. R. Rogers and Philip H. Ward, Jr., in regard to the Department's participation, and final arrangements were made.

The Department is opening a branch agency for the sale of current stamps as well as other items available. The Bureau through the post office will furnish a hand press upon which the White Plains stamps will be engraved from the small plate of twenty-five, at the exhibition. These stamps will then be sent back to Washington for gumming and perforations. Die proofs of our recent issues showing the approval of the Postmaster General will be on exhibit as will special frames gotten up for later distribution among the larger post offices of the country.

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Rotary Booklet Panes

At the time my chronicle of last w was written, I had not as yet seen rotary print booklet, hence was un to describe the cover. These stamps the other rotaries are perforated 10 unwatermarked paper and the boo markings have been somewhat chan

The outside front cover is simila those used in the past. The inside f cover shows the model form of addr The inside back cover instead of gi postal rates, calls attention to regist and insured mail, as well as postal or and the like. The back outside pag devoted to the postal savings syst We may shortly expect the 1c boo from the rotary press.

The Agency is distributing this lot of booklets but unfortunately a gr er portion of them are badly off cer

Air Mail Notes

On September 1st the Postal Bull announced that contract air mail ser will be established between Seattle Los Angeles daily except Monday, ef tive September 15th. This route wil known as C.A.M. No. 8. An airpl leaving Seattle at 3.45 A. M. will l at Portland, Medford, San Franci Fresno, Bakersfield, and finally reach Angeles at 5.00 P. M. on the same d Mail coming north will leave Angeles at 12.01 A. M. and reach attle at 2.00 P. M. The postage r will be ten cents an ounce or fract thereof, with the exception of mail n ter posted in Seattle and addressed delivery at Los Angeles, or vice ve which will require postage at the of fifteen cents an ounce or fract thereof because the distance betw these two points exceed one thous miles or is less than one thousand hundred miles. Unfortunately the rc does not make close connection with other air mail route at present exist

The air mail service between Ph delphia and New York, known as Sesqui-Centennial route and descri in this column recently, started on S tember 4th, planes having made the both ways. The service will be eff tive only during the week of the ra at the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibit Covers posted on this service show round contract air mail marking re ing, "First Flight Air Mail, New Yo Philadelphia, Sesqui-Centennial Rou in addition to the name of the city w hour and date of mailing. Those tha have seen from New York have black postmark. As the flight has j taken place, those sent from Philadelp

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have not as yet been returned but I imagine the postmark will be in the same color.

I wish to thank Messrs. P. K. Stone and W. M. Pott for covers mailed on this first service.

ALBANIA.—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, the airmail adhesives of this country are about to appear with overprint "REPUBLIKA SHQIPTARE." No doubt the first word was omitted from the stamp itself expressly to give the excuse.—*Stamp Collecting.*

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—*Canberra series.* Collectors should not be misled by the details of a complete set of designs which have been circulated in other quarters. These are quite unofficial, being merely suggestions put forward by the Melbourne Stamp Club. They have been purposely omitted from the *Philatelic Magazine* to avoid confusion. Such suggestions by unofficial bodies have of course frequently been made in other countries, including Great Britain and France, but they are out of place in a New Issue Chronicle.

The only official stamp contemplated at present in connection with the opening of the Federal Capital is the 1½d, already mentioned in detail in these columns.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BELGIUM.—A new series is expected to be put on sale in the course of a few weeks, the denominations ranging from 1c to 50fr. The low values, designed by M. Honyoux, are being surface printed and the others, which have a portrait of King Albert, by M. Maucquoy, engraved and printed in *taille douce.—Stamp Collecting.*

ECUADOR.—The issue is impending of postage stamps overprinted with a representation of the first locomotive to run on the new Quito-Esmeraldas Railway, the values comprising 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 centavos, of each of which only ten thousand copies are to be put on sale.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FINLAND.—*Air Stamps.* We learn from *La Suisse Philatelique* that a set of air stamps will be issued for use on the two new Air lines (Helsingfors—Reval and Helsingfors—Central Europe). —*Philatelic Magazine.*

ITALIAN COLONIES.—The *Corriere Filatelico* announces the impending appearance of new definitive stamps with an excellent portrait of King Victor Emmanuel by Prof. A. Calcagnadoro, whose name is already familiar to philatelists. These, comprising 75c, L1.25, L2.50, and perhaps other values, are intended to replace the existing provisionals.

Sig. Calcagnadoro, it may be recalled, was the artist responsible for the Libyan "Sibyl" type of 1924.—*Stamp Collecting.*

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Notes on recent issues by Miss C. Greaves of Barbados: "Owing to the strike in England, supplies of 2½d and 3d in the old P. U. colours were delayed. In St. Kitts-Nevis the 3d blue Leeward Islands was not obtainable after early in May. In Antigua the old 2½d blue Leeward Islands MCA paper was put on sale when the 2½d orange gave out.

I have got the Leeward Islands 3d blue script in two decidedly different shades. The 1d violet shows a slighter variation and there are also two shades of the 3d St. Kitts-Nevis blue King's Head."—*Philatelic Magazine.*

MONACO.—We have received from Mr. Henry Hooreman copies of two new colors in the type of Scott's A13. They are the 50c brown on buff and 60c pale olive green.

MONGOLIA.—We learn from a special article in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that in April last the following fiscal labels of this mysterious territory (nominally independent but actually subject to Russian Bolshevik rule) appeared with the word "POSTAGE" overprinted in English and in native characters in violet: 3,000 each of the 1c blue, 2c yellow, 5c lilac, 10c green, and 20c brown; 100 of the 50c green and brown; 50 of the 1 dollar salmon and brown; 100 of the 5 dollars red, olive, and yellow.

Three apparently postally used pieces —(1) an ordinary letter posted from Ulanbator to Moscow on May 5th, 1926, (2) a registered letter similarly dated, and (3) an ordinary letter posted at Altanbulak at a later date (not legible in the postmark), bearing no adhesives but stamped "Payé" in Russian—are illustrated in our Amiens contemporary. —*Stamp Collecting.*

PAPUA.—According to Mr. A. A. Rosenblum, the old South Australian paper has now run out, and printings are being made on the old Commonwealth "war savings" paper. Mr. Rosenblum thinks that in a hot damp climate the present 14 gauge will not hold, and that, after the first printing, a larger perforation will be found necessary.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ROUMANIA.—Birthday Commemoratives were issued on July 1st to commemorate the 60th birthday of King Ferdinand. The stamps were printed in Munich by the off-set process from a portrait, by the Roumanian artist Bessarab, of the King in military uniform. Two hundred thousand sets were issued, which included 2000 sets imperforate. We are indebted to *The Times* and *Bulletin Mensuel* for the information here collated.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BRITISH COLONIALS
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19 used	7.00	2.75
20 used	10.00	4.25
23-25 (2 used)	7.00	2.75
28 (used)	6.00	2.50
51	10.00	4.25
52a	20.00	8.50
54, 60, 61 (2 used)	8.50	3.50
66 used	6.50	2.50
67-75	5.95	2.25

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87-92	27.50	10.00

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1	5.00	2.00
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CANADA

2 used	35.00	20.00
5 used	35.00	20.00
7 used, sm.margins	45.00	25.00
8 (no gum)	25.00	12.00
8 used	13.50	6.00
9 used, sm.margins	55.00	25.00
25	7.50	4.00
31	10.00	5.00
37	9.00	4.00
41, a hor. strip of 10, no gum	30.00	15.00
50-61	13.95	6.25
62-63 (63 used)	9.50	4.50
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5 used	10.00	4.00
6 used	15.00	6.00
13a used	13.50	5.50
14 used	15.00	6.00
15 used	35.00	14.00

CYPRUS

11-13 (used)	5.00	2.00
26	7.00	3.00
28-30	9.50	4.00
38-45	19.07	8.00
48-56	7.95	3.25

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No.	Cat.	Price
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22-28	5.07	2.00
32a-36	7.52	3.25
54 used	8.00	3.50
201-201a, pair	4.25	2.00
201-208	8.20	3.50

GOLD COAST

44-46	10.75	4.50
55	7.50	3.25
75-78	6.25	2.50
82	4.00	2.25

IRELAND

1-8	5.51	2.50
10	6.00	3.25
12-26	9.87	4.25
27-41 (no 28)	7.83	3.50
42-44	10.50	5.00

LAGOS

35-39	7.25	3.00
45	10.00	4.00
46	10.00	4.00
40-44	6.60	2.50

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1-7	7.85	3.25
9-11	3.50	2.00
17-a-18-a-19	9.75	4.00
20-28	12.99	5.25
29-35	15.50	6.50
36-44	11.18	4.50
46-55	8.93	3.50
57 used	7.00	3.00
58-60	9.40	4.00

NATAL

54	17.50	7.50
94	5.00	2.50
97	30.00	12.50

NEW BRUNSWICK

1	17.50	7.50
5-12 (no 11)	5.17	2.50

NEWFOUNDLAND

1	7.00	3.00
1a	9.00	4.00
3	5.00	2.25
3 used	10.00	4.50
5	5.00	2.25
8	20.00	9.00
8 used, no margins	30.00	10.00
11	20.00	9.00
13	75.00	30.00
17	10.00	4.50
17 used	20.00	8.00
18 used	7.50	3.50
20 used	5.00	2.25
21	5.00	2.50
22	6.00	2.50
23 used, no margins	12.50	5.00
24-29 (no 25)	13.25	6.00

No.	Cat.	Price
25	30.00	15.00
25 used	20.00	9.00
24a and 26a	9.50	4.00
27a	6.00	2.75
29-30a	6.00	2.75
31	19.00	4.50
32	6.00	2.50
33	17.50	7.75
33 used	15.00	6.75
35-38	19.00	8.50
35-38 used	8.80	3.75
39-43	8.00	3.50
44-49	7.40	3.25
61-74	8.75	3.75
80a	20.00	9.00

NOVA SCOTIA

1 used, close	30.00	11.50
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8-8a-9-11-12-13	10.00	4.50
11a	10.00	4.00

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1-10 (3 used)	12.30	5.00
11 used	7.00	3.00
12	12.00	7.00
12 used	9.00	3.75
13 used	10.00	4.00
14	40.00	27.50
14 used	12.50	5.00
15	75.00	55.00
82	20.00	13.50
82 used	..	7.50
99-100 used	9.50	4.00
101-113 used	8.88	3.75
114-115 used	7.00	3.00
116-117 used	9.50	4.00
118 used	9.00	3.75

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The fund is financing the general publicity in connection with the Exhibition. Some fifteen "stories" informing the public about Stamps and Stamp Collecting, and leading to the coming Exhibition, have been sent out to some 1,760 distributors of news throughout the country.

This work carried on across the whole continent will produce a general awakening to the advantages of the hobby, a "Stamp Consciousness" that will react to the benefit of all in the hobby.

Some names are not included this week as lists have not been checked up with Mr. Steinway. Several dealers had contributed through this channel before the Fund got under way. Others have been on vacation and will undoubtedly be in the next. But any undecided, had better hurry; six weeks only before the Big Show.

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NEW ZEALAND

By C. A. Howes.

New Zealand was discovered by Tasman in 1642, but it was almost two centuries later before real settlement was begun. The "New Zealand Company" began the development in 1839, and Great Britain proclaimed sovereignty over the Islands in 1840. Colonization was rapid and in 1850 the Company surrendered all its interests to the British Government, which passed an act establishing representative government in the Colony in 1853. But already, as early as 1848, the Governor and Council had passed an ordinance for the regulation of the Colonial post, and in 1851 a supplementary ordinance provided for the establishment of uniform rates per unit of weight and for the use of postage stamps. There seemed to be no rush about procuring the latter, however, for it was not until July 18, 1855, that they were received and put on sale.

As usual, the Colonial stamps were ordered in London from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., who engraved three values on steel in the well known design showing the bust of Queen Victoria taken from the painting by E. A. Chalon, R. A., to which we referred in our article on Queensland last month. The plates had 240 subjects, arranged in twenty horizontal rows of twelve, and the paper was watermarked with a large star. The engravers printed 12,000 1d, 66,000 2d and 8,000 1s stamps and sent these, together with the plates, a printing press, ink, and some 3,000 sheets of "star" watermarked paper, to the Colony in September, 1854. The 1d stamps were for the letters of soldiers and sailors in service; the 2d stamps for local letters per half ounce, and the 1s stamps for letters to Great Britain per half ounce, and also the registration fee. In March, 1857, a reduction to 6d for the first half ounce was made on letters to England and a plate of this value was ordered from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. It was duly forwarded to New Zealand, but this time no supply was printed and despatched with the plate.

Locally printed supplies of the three stamps in use at first were produced by Mr. J. Richardson, a printer, of Auckland. These appeared in November, 1855, and besides being in slightly different shades from the London printings were printed on a bluish paper such as that used generally for Government documents. This was without watermark. The next year, or at any rate in 1857, further printings by Mr. Richardson were on white unwatermarked paper of varying thickness. The new 6d was issued on this paper on August 8, 1859.

All the stamps thus far described were issued officially unperforated, but the last four on white paper are found with several unofficial styles of separation, rouletted about 7, pin-perforation about 10, and serrated about 16. The officials of the Dunedin post office, however, made a practice, beginning in 1862, of having their stamp supplies perforated by a neighboring printer, and these were distributed throughout the province of Otago. The stamps at this time were being printed on a pelure paper and these are therefore at least semi-official and include the 2d on thick white paper.

The 1s stamp, both on watermarked paper and blue paper, is known bisected vertically and used as 6d stamps when that rate came into effect and before the issue of the new value in 1859.

The contract with Mr. Richardson for printing the stamps expired in 1862, and on account of the increased supplies needed the Postmaster-General recommended that the Government make permanent provision for their manufacture. The press that had come with the other supplies from London in 1855 was set up, and the Government obtained the services of Mr. John Davies, a former employee of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., to supervise the printing. Mr Davies had brought out with him a further supply of the "star" watermarked paper (it will be remembered that a stock came with the supplies from London in 1855 and had not been used) and when the Government printing office began its work in February, 1862, it employed this "star" paper. Another new plate for a 3d stamp had been procured, due to a new rate to England via Marseilles of 3d per quarter ounce. But the stock of "star" paper was insufficient for needs until new supplies arrived, and recourse was had to a thin, almost "pelure" unwatermarked paper. All values were issued on this, all but the 3d had the semi-official "Dunedin" perforation as well as the 1d, 6d and 1s with private separation. The regular "star" watermarked stamps are found with the private separations and also with the "Dunedin" perforation.

The Government saw the advantage of the perforation done at Dunedin and ordered a machine which began its work on the "star" watermarked stamps in 1864. This machine gauged about 12½ with rather large holes, while the "Dunedin" perforation was exactly 13 with quite small holes.

In 1864 further supplies of paper received from England were watermarked with single lined letters "NZ", but the printer states that "this was of indifferent quality and the 'Star' watermarked paper was again ordered, which was used continually till 1872." All values except the 3d were printed on this "NZ" paper and are found imperforate, perforated both with the Government machine and also at Dunedin, and privately rouletted.

In 1863 the 3d rate to England was changed to 4d per half ounce and a new plate of this value procured. It was issued July 1, 1865, printed in rose, the number printed being 120,000; but further supplies were printed in yellow, all being on the "star" paper and perforated only by the Government machine.

The 2d stamp, being the domestic letter rate, was the most used and the plate became so worn that a new one was ordered from London and received about June, 1865. This is stated to have been nickel plated, and some of the plating began to scale off under use so that the plate was subjected to retouching in the damaged portion about the end of 1867. This work was rather roughly done, "the background and corners generally showing heavy scratches and punches instead of the fine lines of engine turning and the diamond shaped patterns." It only comes on the "star" watermarked paper and with the Government perforation.

According to the Postmaster-General it was discovered that "the colors in which certain of the postage stamps were printed were liable, by chemical process, to be so altered as to resemble the colors of stamps of higher value; in order to promote the protection of the revenue it was deemed advisable to alter the color of such stamps. These are now so arranged that the effect of any change in the colors will be to assimilate them to those of lower value." Accordingly the 1d took the color of the 6d-brown; the 2d was given the orange and vermilion shades of the 1d; and the 6d received the blue of the former 2d. This change took place about June, 1871, and the new stamps were perforated by the old Government machine and also a compound of that and a new machine, just purchased, which gauged 10. The 1d alone was perforated 10 all around by the new machine.

In 1872 the supply of "star" watermarked paper again ran out and supplies of the 1d and 2d were printed on the "NZ" paper, and the same two values with the 4d in addition on unwatermarked paper, while the 2d was also printed on paper having the word "INVICTA" in large double lined capitals surrounded by crossed diagonal lines. All these stamps were perforated only by the old 12½ machine.

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The old plates of the postage stamps were beginning to wear by 1871 and the Agents in London were ordered to procure new ones of all values, being given discretion as to whether they should be steel or electrotyped. They chose the latter and ordered them from Messrs. De La Rue & Co. This accounts for the new issue of January 2, 1874. The plates were sent out to the Colony and printed there on a new paper watermarked "NZ" with a small star beneath. The perforation was done by the old 12½ machine, a compound of this and the 10 machine, and also by a new machine gauging nearly 12 and another comb machine gauging 12 horizontally by 11½ vertically. Apparently the new watermarked paper ran out, for a limited supply of the 1d and 2d was made on the old "star" paper in 1875. In the same year the ½d stamp was printed on a "star" paper especially made for it.

On July 1, 1878, two high values were added to the set, a 2s and 5s. They were the first entirely local productions for stamps, having been engraved by Messrs. Bock and Cousins of Wellington and printed at the Government Printing Office on the "NZ and star" paper.

An amendment to the stamp Act was passed in 1881 allowing the use of postal and revenue stamps interchangeably. This brought into the "revenue used for postage" class a long list of revenue stamps running into high values, very few of which, comparatively, were regularly used for postage. Their use began in 1882, when the small 1d fiscal stamp was duly authorized as a postage stamp because of a shortage of the latter. The postage stamps from 1d to 1s, including a new 8d stamp, were issued with inscription changed to "Postage and Revenue" on April 1, 1882. Like the 2 and 5s referred to in the preceding paragraph, they were made in Wellington, printed on the "NZ and star" paper, and perforated with all four machines already spoken of as well as compounds of some of them. For values required above 1s the large fiscal stamps inscribed "Stamp Duty" were regularly employed.

The single letter rate to New Zealand from the Postal Union countries remained at 6d until 1890, when the general 2½d rate was granted for mail *via* San Francisco only. A stamp of this value was therefore prepared and one of 5d also, both being engraved by Mr. A. E. Cousins and the electrotype plates made and printed from at the Government Printing Office in Wellington. The perforations follow the various ones found on the then current stamps. The 2½d appeared December 27, 1890, and the 5d on February 1, 1891. Two homelier stamps would be hard to find.

In 1891-2 the dies of the 1, 2, 6 and 8d stamps were retouched by Mr. Cousins and new electrotype plates made. The differences are only minute. In 1892 the ½d newspaper stamp dropped its special paper and was printed on the regular "NZ and star" paper used for the other stamps. In 1895 this special stamp was replaced, for convenience sake, by a new stamp equally available for all postage and revenue purposes. This was produced in the same manner as the two stamps last mentioned.

In 1895 prizes were offered for a series of designs for postage stamps representing New Zealand subjects, in a laudable ambition to advertise these wonderful islands to the world. Nearly 2500 designs were submitted to a board of experts. The Postmaster-General reported in 1897 that "some delay has been occasioned in the production of the stamps owing to a discussion having arisen as to the respective merits of the surface and recess process of printing, but it has been finally decided to adopt the latter as the only one likely to do justice to such high-class designs." The result fully justified the decision, as a comparison with the surface-printed jubilee series of 1888 of New South Wales will at once show. The contract was given to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons of London and they did a superb piece of work.

The Postmaster-General's report for 1898 states that "the new postage stamps, which were in course of manufacture for some time previous, were brought into use on the 5th April last. As the initial supply (printed in London) was restricted, the entire withdrawal of the old issue will not take place until the special machinery, which has been ordered, is received by the Government Printer, and the printing of the stamps in the Colony is in full operation." The report also says that "through a misunderstanding in London, the design intended for the fourpenny stamp was adopted for the penny stamp, involving a costly process of double printing for the denomination more largely used than any of the others. Instructions have already been given to rectify this as early as possible." The transposition of these designs was effected in 1900. Again "an error was unfortunately made in engraving the plate for the twopence-halfpenny stamp, 'Wakatipu' being misspelt 'Wakitipu'; but this has since been corrected."

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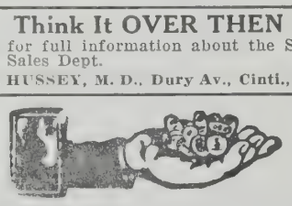

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As a sequence to my last revenue notes published in the WEEKLY of July 12, I offer the following schedule of all the denominations of adhesive stamps, both National and State, ever used in this country, giving date and classification of first issue.

1. ½ mill—Tenn., feed inspection, 1909, 5 lbs.
2. 5/8m.—So. Carolina, feed insp. 1910, 5 lbs.
3. 1 mill—Tenn., feed 10 lbs., 1909.
4. 1/8c—Prop. rev. 1898.
5. 3/16c—Va., feed insp. 1909, 25 lbs.
6. 2/10c—Tenn. tobacco, 1925.
7. 1/4c—Prop. rev. 1898.
8. 3 1/8m.—S. C. feed, 1910, 25 lbs.
9. 21/64c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
10. 3/8c—Prop. Rev. 1898.
11. 27/64c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
12. 30/64c—S. C. business lic.
13. ½c—Documentary rev. 1898.
14. 36/64c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
15. 6/10c—Tenn. Tob. 1925.
16. 39/64c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
17. 5/8c—Prop. rev. 1898.
18. 42/64c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
19. 2/3c—Mo., soft drinks 1917.
20. 3/4c—Ga., feed insp., 75 lbs., 1905.
21. 8/10c—Tenn. tobacco 1925.
22. 54/64c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
23. 9 3/8m.—S. C. feed insp. 1910, 75 lbs.
24. 1c—U. S. Postage, 1851.
25. 1 1/20c—Virginia feed, 1909.
26. 1 1/8c—Va. feed, 1909, 140 lbs.
27. 1 1/5c—So. Dak. cigarette tax 1923
28. 1 7/32c—S. C. business lic. 1923.
29. 1 1/4c—Prop. rev. 1898.
30. 1 5/16c—Va. feed 1909, 175 lbs.
31. 1 1/3c—Mo. soft drinks 1917.
32. 1 3/8c—Mo. soft drinks 1917.
33. 1 1/2c—Ga. feed 1905-7, 150 lbs.
34. 1 3/5c—No. Dak. cigarette 1925.
35. 1 7/10c—Tenn. tobacco 1925.
36. 1 3/4c—Ga. feed 1905-7, 175 lbs.
37. 1 4/5c—No. Dak. cigarette 1925.
38. 1 7/8c—Prop. rev. 1898.
39. 2c—Doc. rev. 1862.
40. 1 1/5 plus 1c—Mo. beer 1901.
41. 2 1/4c—No. Dak. cigarette 1925.
42. 2 2/5c—Utah cigarette 1923.
43. 1 7/16 plus 1c—Mo. beer 1905.
44. 2 1/2c—Prop. rev. 1898.
45. 1 4/5c plus 1c—Mo. beer 1901.
46. 3c—U. S. Post. 1851.
47. 3 1/8c—Prop. rev., Marchand 1899.
48. 2 2/5 plus 1c—Mo. beer 1909.
49. 3 3/4c—Calif. Ins. 1858.
50. 4c (3 plus 1c)—Env. 1857-61.
51. 4 3/8c—Prop. rev., Marchand 1899.
52. 4 4/5c—Ark. cigarette 1924.
53. 3 7/8c plus 1c—Mo. beer 1905.
54. 5c—N. Y. Postmaster's Prov. 1845.
55. 6c—Stamped env. 1853.
56. 6 1/4c—S. C. Oil 1916, 50 gal.
57. 6 1/2c—S. C. Oil 1916, 52 gal.
58. 6 3/4c—S. C. Oil 1916, 54 gal.
59. 6 7/8c—S. C. Oil 1916, 55 gal.
60. 7c—U. S. Postage 1871.
61. 7½c—Calif. Ins. 1858.
62. 8c—Calif. Exch. 1857.
63. 9c—Stamped env. 1864.
64. 7 1/5 plus 2c—Mo. beer 1901.
65. 7 3/4c plus 2c—Mo. beer 1905.
66. 10c—Baltimore P. M. prov. 1845.
67. 11c—U. S. Postage 1915.
68. 12c—U. S. Postage 1851.
69. 12½c—Calif. Ins. 1858.
70. 13c—U. S. Postage 1902.
71. 13½c—N. C. gaso. insp. 1918, 54 gal.
72. 14c—Tenn. seed insp. 1918.
73. 15c—Calif. Ins. 1857.
74. 16c—Tobacco 1869, ½ lb.
75. 16 2/3c—Beer 1866, ⅙ bbl.
76. 17c—U. S. Postage 1926.
77. 18c—Stamped env. 1864.
78. 18¾c—Beer 1914, ⅛ bbl.
79. 15½ plus 4c—Mo. beer 1905.
80. 20c—St. Louis P. M. prov. 1845.
81. 23c—N. C. Oil Insp. 1909, 46 gal.
82. 24c—U. S. Postage 1860.
83. 25c—Calif. Ins. 1858.
84. 26c—N. C. Oil 1909, 52 gal.
85. 26 2/3c—Beer 1901, ⅙ bbl.
86. 30c—Calif. Exch. and Ins. 1857.
87. 32c—Tobacco 1869, 1 lb.
88. 33⅓c—Beer 1867, ⅓ bbl.
89. 35c—Tenn. seed insp. 1909.
90. 36c—Newspaper post. 1875.
91. 37½c—Beer 1914, ¼ bbl.
92. 40c—Calif. Exch. 1857.
93. 48c—Newspaper Post. 1875.
94. 50c—Calif. Ins. 1857.
95. 53 1/3c—Beer 1901, ⅓ bbl.
96. 60c—Calif. Exch. 1857.
97. 62½c—S. C. Oil Insp. 1916, 500 gal.
98. 64c—Tobacco 1869, 2 lbs.
99. 66 2/3c—Beer 1898, ⅓ bbl.
100. 70c—Calif. Ins. 1857.
101. 72c—Newspaper Post. 1875.
102. 75c—Parcel Post. 1913.
103. 80c—Calif. Exch. 1857.
104. 84c—Newspaper Post. 1875.
105. 90c—U. S. Post. 1860.
106. 96c—Newspaper Post. 1875.
107. $1.00—Calif. Exch. 1857.
108. $1.20—Wine 1916.
109. $1.25—Calif. Ins. 1858.
110. $1.28 Narcotic 1919.
111. $1.30—Doc. Rev. 1862.
112. $1.40—Calif. Exch. 1857.
113. $1.44—Wine 1916.
114. $1.50—Calif. Ins. 1857.
115. $1.60—Doc. Rev. 1862.
116. $1.90—Doc. Rev. 1862.
117. $1.92—Newspaper 1875.
118. $2.00—Calif. Exch. and Ins. 1857.
119. $2.50—Calif. Ins. 1858.
120. $3.00—Calif. Ins. and Exch. 1857.
121. $3.20—Beer 1901, 1 hhd.
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123. $3.75—N. Y. Secured Debt 1911.
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125. $4.80—Wine 1916.
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134. $8.00—Calif. Exch. 1857.
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NEWS GLEANINGS

SEVERAL subscribers have called our attention to the cartoon in the San Francisco *Bulletin*. I. J. Coontz accompanies his clipping with a copy of the 20c stamp in order that the editor may note the "two-way wind" shown on this stamp.

SEVERAL of our subscribers have sent Miss Alma Newcomb, So. Brewer, Me., some of their duplicate stamps. She informs us that she will be very glad to hear from others who desire to give assistance to a worthy shut-in.

"I HAVE been notified of the loss of a registered package containing mostly British Colonial stamps, including one book of nearly all mint Malta in blocks but with one single copy of No. 64 catalog value $25. These stamps were mounted in small brown books with writer's name and address on cover. Writer will pay 20% of net value of stamps for recovery of same or arrest of the person stealing same."—C. H. HOLLISTER, Mukwonago, Wis.

WE find in the New York *Journal* of Sept. 8 quite a news article in which a five-year-old boy, Sol Hirschman of Brooklyn, is featured as a prodigy and philately plays its part. Sol is shown with his stamp collection and a readable article by Dorothy Van Dyke calls attention to his numerous activities.

ALVIN GOOD informs us that there will be a large delegation at New York from Cleveland. A number are going to drive down. Mr. Good's list, which is doubtless incomplete, mentions D. W. Martin, F. W. Grant, H. H. Griffin, Casper J. Dorer, J. C. Sanderson, Dr. J. N. Schneider and O. W. Upson. Of course Mr. Good will be there.

THE A. P. S. will have a booth at the New York Exhibition and P. M. Wolsieffer has been placed in charge of the same. This booth is intended for the comfort and meeting-place of stamp collectors, but particularly members of the A. P. S. Mail may be addressed in care of the A. P. S. booth during the period of the Exhibition.

THE first fall meeting of the Columbus (O.) Philatelic Club was observed by a dinner at the Southern Hotel, Columbus. Following the dinner Oscar A. Schenck exhibited his specialized collection of Mexican stamps. This collection is one of the finest of its kind. It is contained in several volumes, and singles, pairs, strips, blocks and covers are shown in profusion.

WE have received from Albert E. Gorham a contract airmail cover Philadelphia to New York with Sept. 11 for both markings. The envelope bears the inscription "Air Race Special."

S. B. McDONALD of the American Hawaiian Steamship Co., San Francisco, Cal., has complained to the P. O. Department about the current 20c stamp which pictures the Golden Gate. He declares that a two-way wind is shown when comparing the sails of the ship with the smoke of the steamer. J. Schmerl sends us this clipping from the San Francisco *Bulletin*, in which Mr. McDonald is caricatured examining a copy of the stamp.

WE are informed by Jack Young of Hankow, China, that the Chinese P. O. is planning to print a new 2c red post card, owing to the increased postal rate. The 1½c postcard is now obsolete.

A. H. LOMAX of Portland, Ore., advises us that F. H. Vallancey was entertained August 31 by the Beaver Stamps Society of Portland. After dinner, adjournment was made to the regular meeting room of the society, when Mr. Vallancey gave a talk on "The Postage Stamps of Great Britain," illustrated with stereopticon slides. The talk was most instructive as well as entertaining, many "pointers" being given by the speaker with regard to the many peculiar features connected with stamps of Great Britain.

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*129	6		.50	.25
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CONGRESS OF BOLIVAR, 1826-1926

By HARRY E. HUBER

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"Article 2.

The stamps treated of in the preceding article will be placed in circulation in all Post Offices of the Republic, on the 10th day of the present month, for a period of 60 days, and are applicable for interior as well as international use.

Article 3.

The amount collected during the sixty days of circulation of these stamps, from the sale of same exclusively for the payment of postage on correspondence, shall be considered postal revenue subject to the same procedure employed with respect to the postage stamps in ordinary use, for the purpose of rendering the accounts of the Cashier (or Bookkeeper) of the Direccion General de Correos y Telegrafos, of the Postal Agents, and of the Postal Administrators.

Article 4.

The sale of these stamps to collectors and stamp dealers during the period of circulation shall conform to the following conditions:

a.—Every purchaser of stamps intended for philatelic use, whose order exceeds B. 10 shall enter his order, in triplicate, on forms supplied to the Post Offices for this purpose, and these orders shall be submitted for the approval of the Direccion General de Correos y Telegrafos.

b.—To prevent the cornering or monopolising of these stamps, during the 60 days of their circulation, the orders of each purchaser shall not exceed the following quantities:—

Not more than 3000 postage stamps of each of the denominations, ½c to 4c de b. inclusive.

Not more than 2500 stamps of the denomination of 5c de b.

Not more than 2000 stamps of the denomination of 8c de b.

Not more than 1500 stamps of the denominations of 10c and 12c de b. respectively.

Not more than 1000 stamps of the denomination of 15c. de b.

Not more than 500 stamps of the denomination of 20c de b.

Not more than 300 stamps of the denomination of 24c de b.

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c.—After the period of circulation, the remainder of these stamps shall be sold without restriction to any who may desire them.

d.—Orders which exceed B. 10, intended likewise for philatelic use, shall be written also on the special form supplied the Post Offices.

Article 5.

The total proceeds of the sales effected in accordance with the preceding article, are destined for the benefit of the proposed Universidad Bolivariana.

Article 6.

The Cashier (or Bookkeeper) of the Direccion General de Correos y Telegrafos shall keep a detailed account of the sales effected for philatelic uses, and shall deposit the amount of these sales separately in the National Bank, and transmit to the Secretary of Finance and Treasury (Hacienda y Tesoro), the signed permits of the purchasers.

Article 7.

The Direccion General shall inform the Income Section of the Secretary of Finance and Treasury of the sales of stamps producing the fund for the Universidad Bolivariana, which the Secretary of Finance shall carry in a special account.

Article 8.

The Direccion General de Correos y Telegrafos is authorised to supervise the special manner of sale of the commemorative stamps treated of in this decree to prevent cornering or monopolising, during the 60 days of their circulation.

Article 9.

Likewise, the Direccion General de Correos y Telegrafos is authorised to negotiate abroad for the sale of the stamps remaining six months after they have been placed in circulation.

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	(2) Monument to Bolivar.	
8c	violeta claro (bright violet)	150,000
10c	violeta (violet)	100,000
12c	verde aceituna (olive green)	100,000
15c	azul claro (bright blue)	75,000
20c	carmelo (brown)	50,000
	(3) Sala del Congreso de Bolivar.	
24c	gris obscuro (dark gray)	25,000
50c	negro (black)	15,000

THE publishers of the two standard catalogs, Scott's and Stanley Gibbons, the trade and collectors generally, may be congratulated upon the early appearance of the 1927 catalogs. Scott's appears the last of September, and Gibbons' early in October, both in time for the New York Exhibition.

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

(1) Magenta Star on stamped envelope sent by J. E. Spanmuth from Asbury Park, N. J. (2 and 3) Stars on 3c green. (4) Duck's Head on 3c pink stamped envelope of 1864 issue, postmarked Elizabeth, N. J., and sent by Mr. Wm. Forster. (5) Ornamental S in magenta on 3c green. It is inverted on the stamp and there may have been part of it not showing, as it is not heavily impressed. (6, 7, 8) Anchors on 3c green, the middle one in blue. (9) High hat. (10) Arrow head. The last two on 3c green. With the exception of Nos. 1 and 4, these belong to K. N. Woodward. Dr. J. P. Ball also submits the last one.

The arrow head on a stamped envelope is in my collection and has part of a postmark attached. This reads "ICKSBURG" "A," and this I interpret to be Fredericksburg, Va.

H. C. Woodruff has sent some covers bearing 2c green 1887, which demonstrate that there are many interesting things in connection with this neglected stamp. Firstthere are about fifty R.P.O. markings. There is a cover from Glade Mills, Pa., showing upon the stamp an open five-pointed star with the tips of the points just touched by a circle and segments of four diminishing circles between the sides of the points. Postmark and obliterator are purple, and the cover is very striking and attractive.

Then there is a cover from Lake Run, Pa., with the postmark done by hand. The name is written in the center "Lake Run—Feb 19—1890—Pa." in four lines, and surrounding it is a broken circle of heavy segments. This is the most curious postmark that I remember to have seen. The postmaster certainly worked over it.

Next are two advertising cuts on the upper right corners of the covers, with the stamps in the center of them. The first one is round and red. A large round center is mostly concealed by the stamp. This is bordered by a wavy band representing a long narrow strip folded many times. On each fold is a letter, Lawsons Cash Sales Slips, being the legend. This does not require all the folds, so the remaining ones show numbers. At the bottom the ends of the strip connect with an open book like those used in department stores by the salespeople.

The other represents a large green stamp, including the perforations. In the center is a solid rectangle in which the stamp is placed. Surrounding this is a narrow white band, and outside of this a green border. In white letters on this border are the inscriptions. At the top, "Ohio Centennial," bottom "At Columbus," left "Opens Sept. 4, 88," right "Closes Oct. 19, 88."

Plymouth, Mo., is in the lot with a red postmark and obliterator, and several towns are represented in purple, and a few in violet. "Geneva, O.—Se-t 10 89" the exhibits of that town, the obliterator being a five-pointed solid black star.

The following towns are shown to have used a star in a circle in black: Cedar Grove, W. Va.; Vale, Oregon.

Bement, Illinois, has a tiny solid star in the center of a large five-pointed star, the little one in the center surrounded by a narrow white border to outline it. This is in purple.

Kutztown, Pa., presents us with a solid five-pointed star in blue.

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Regarding the printing of this series of stamps and the various papers used for it, the following interesting particulars are taken from the *London Philatelist* of 1904: "Originally it was not intended that any of the 1898 issue should be printed in London, as the regulations required the printing to be done in the Colony. Owing, however, to a series of delays which could not be foreseen, and the impossibility of getting the necessary machinery delivered in the Colony in time for the issue of the stamps on the desired date, it was found necessary to have a supply of the several denominations printed in London.

"Instructions had been given that watermarked paper should be used, but Messrs. Waterlow and Son raised an objection to this on the ground that the process of recess printing would render the watermark almost, if not quite, invisible. Another difficulty was that the engravers had unfortunately engraved the dies for the respective values of various sizes instead of preserving uniformity, a mistake which has since caused considerable trouble, and has necessitated the re-engraving of the dies for the lower values, so as to permit of these being printed on sheets of watermarked paper of one size. It was therefore decided to accept the initial supply of stamps on plain paper, and a further supply of precisely similar paper was ordered from Messrs. Waterlow and Son for use in printing the stamps in the Colony. The firm in question failed to carry out this, the paper being thicker, softer and more absorbent, and the 'gum trouble' [the insufficiency of the adhesive power of the gum used on this absorbent paper, — Ed.] arose. Eventually, the question of paper was handed over by the Agent-General to an expert.

"This expert first had recourse to the Basted Mills, and the paper would have been satisfactory but it was found to shrink too much; and a supply was ordered from Messrs. Cowan and Co. As the paper was very urgently wanted, a provisional supply of unwatermarked paper was first sent, and followed up, as soon as the dandy rolls were prepared, by the watermarked paper now in use."

The paper used for the London prints was a soft, somewhat opaque, white wove paper, the perforations gauging from 12½ to 16 with small holes. The Colonial printing began in 1899, and was upon a similar paper to the London printing but generally thicker and more spongy. The perforation gauges 11 and the shades are generally different from the London stamps.

In 1900, with the exchange of designs of the 1d and 4d stamps, came changes in color to the Postal Union green and red for the ½ and 1d, respectively, which were both re-engraved in reduced size to fit watermarked paper; the 2d and 4d were likewise re-engraved and reduced in size, while the 6d changed color but without change of size. The paper used for the new ½, 1 and 2d stamps was a thick, soft wove paper watermarked with a double-lined "NZ and star" from Waterlow. The new 4 and 6d, however, were printed on the unwatermarked Waterlow paper; and it is to be noted that the 4d in its original design exists only in the London printing, and in its changed design only in the local printing. While waiting for the new plates to arrive from London a provisional issue had to be made of the ½ and 2d, the plates of the 1895 and 1882 issues of these values being used with the Waterlow watermarked paper. All the stamps described above are perforated 11.

The popularity, beauty and scenic interest of this pictorial issue seem to require a description of their designs, which we abridge from the official notice: ½d view of Mt. Cook, flanked by sprays of ranunculus and celmisia; 1d view of Lake Taupo with Mt. Ruapehu in background and cabbage palm in foreground; 2d view of Pembroke Peak, Milford Sound; 2½d view of Lake Earnslaw and head of Lake Wakatipu with phormium tenax, toitoi and cabbage palms in foreground; 3d pair of huia birds; 4d view of the White Terrace, Rotomahana ("hot lake") flanked by sprays of tartaramon; 5d view of Otira Gorge and Mt. Ruapehu; 6d kaka or apteryx (wingless and tailless bird); 8d Imperial Crown and native war canoe surrounded by fern-trees and cabbage palms; 9d view of Pink Terrace, Rotomahana, with tree-fern and nikau palm at sides; 1s pair of kakas or hawk-billed parrots; 2s view of Milford Sound and cabbage palms at left; 5s Mt. Cook.

On December 8, 1900, to commemorate the part taken by the Colony in the South African war, a 1½d stamp was issued in addition to the design "symbolizing New Zealand's prompt response to the Empire's call for troops." It was locally designed and engraved by H. G. Thomas of New York, but was hardly a fitting companion, artistically, for the rest of the series. It was printed in "khaki" color on the watermarked Waterlow paper, perforated 11, but in 1902 appeared on the "Cowan" paper with single-lined "NZ and star" watermark, perforated 14. It was withdrawn from issue on October 31, 1909.

It may be remembered that, on Christmas Day of 1898, the Imperial Penny Postage scheme was inaugurated between Great Britain and such of her colonies as agreed, in virtue of which the rate for half ounce on letters exchanged between them was reduced from the Postal Union 2½d to 1d. In 1900 the New Zealand Parliament decided to reduce the internal letter rate to 1d and also to apply the same rate to the international mails, thus "going it one better" on the Imperial Penny Postage arrangement. The event was deemed of sufficient importance to merit a special stamp, and the preparation was intrusted to Waterlow. The design is very simple and pleasing, the official description reading: "A graceful female figure representing New Zealand stands in the foreground against a globe. In the background, Mt. Egmont is faintly outlined, and a mail steamer is shown in the middle distance."

The stamp was issued on January 1, 1901. Two million had been sent out from London with the plates, and these were on unwatermarked paper similar to the previous London prints and perforated 13 to 16 with small holes. The first Colonial prints appeared in February, 1901, on the watermarked Waterlow paper and perforated 11, 14 and compound of these. At the same time the 1d was issued with the 14 and compound perforations, it previously having had only the 11 perforation. The enormous demand for 1d stamps created by the reduced rate caused a shortage of paper, and in December, 1901, the ½ and new 1d were printed on the Basted Mills paper, a thin hard paper with the double-lined "NZ and star" watermark. In January, 1902, the same values were issued on the provisional supply of paper from Cowan and Co., a thin hard paper without watermark. In April, 1902, the new Cowan watermarked paper (single "NZ and star") was in use and the

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id 1d appeared upon it, and this has ontinued to be the paper used with two ceptions: the 6d printed in small supy in July, 1902, on paper watermarked ISBON SUPERFINE" once in the eet, obtained locally in Wellington, and e 2s in March, 1903, on laid paper with-t watermark.

The watermarked Cowan paper showed o different spacings, one to fit the all-sized stamps and a wider spacing r the 2½, 5 and 9d and 2s values. he 1½d and 5s were printed on the rrow-spaced paper and show two wamarks per stamp. The 3, 6 and 8d d 1s were printed sideways on e narrow-spaced paper. From Febary, 1907, the 6d was printed from a w plate in the reduced size of the ½d, d the 3d and 1s were later treated in e same way, being issued in June and cember, respectively, of the same year 907). These new plates of reduced size mps printed sheets of 240, instead of 0 as before, and exactly fitted the wamarked paper, so that the stamps now ve the watermark upright instead of leways.

New plates for the 1d stamp were obned in January, 1904, and stamps inted from these may be distinguished om the previous issue by having a nute dot in the color of the stamp most in the center of the vertical space tween the stamps in the horizontal ws, though in many cases the dot is t out by the perforation. These mps were used in 1895 to supply tomatic vending machines, for which rpose they were issued imperforate rizontally but with two large holes and ge zig-zag rouletting (about 9½) at es, the same with small rouletting bout 14½), the same without roulett-, and also wholly imperforate. New tes were again obtained in January, 06, but printings from these can only told by marginal plate marks.

n 1907 a new plate was obtained for ½d stamp which showed the pecurity of the minute dot referred to in plates of the 1d stamp of 1904. It also distinguished by the absence of a ite "smudge," due to a defect in the , which appeared on the previous ½d mp just beneath the ball of the scroll the left and in line with the "P" of ostage." As the old perforating mane gauging 11 had been repaired in 06 and refitted with 14 gauge, the new d was perforated only 14 at first; but 1907 two new comb machines were induced, one gauging 14 by 13 to 13½, d the other 14 by 15, and these were reafter generally used for the small-sized stamps, viz., the ½, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6d and 1s. The 3d and 6d were also perforated with the single line 14 machine.

In November, 1906, a series of four stamps was issued to commemorate the International Exhibition at Christchurch. These are of the oblong shape so much used for pictorials; the frames are of the same design, but the central picture in each case is different, the ½d showing "Te Arawa," one of the great war canoes in which the Maoris are said to have reached New Zealand from Hawaiki under the leadership of Chief Tama-te-Kapua, about 500 years ago. The 1d is labeled "Maori Art," and shows the carving of the prow of a war canoe. The 3d represents the landing of Captain Cook in Poverty Bay in 1769. The 6d depicts the formal annexation of New Zealand by Captain Hobson in 1840. These stamps were all perforated by the single lined 14 machine.

In December, 1908, the method of printing the 1d stamp was changed from line engraving to typography and chalk-surfaced paper was introduced. The stamp was re-engraved and can readily be distinguished from the previous issues, the rosettes in the upper corners being much altered, the lines in the sky being unbroken instead of in dots, the shading on the drapery of the figure being vertical instead of diagonal, the lines on the globe being diagonal instead of vertical, and the funnel of the ship broad and touching the dress instead of narrow and separated from it. The scroll work around the sides is very much heavier and more distinct.

On September 26, 1907, the designation of the Colony was officially changed to the "Dominion of New Zealand," and on November 8, 1909, a new set of stamps bearing this title was issued up to 1s. All values are alike in design, bearing the head of King Edward, except that the 1d is still the "Universal Postage" design into which numerals have been introduced at the sides. The ½d and 1d stamps are both printed by typography on chalk-surfaced paper, but the other values are all line engraved by Messrs. W. R. Royle & Co. of London. The perforation was at first 14 by the single line machine, but afterwards 14 by 14½ by a new comb machine, and the two other comb machines already spoken of were used.

In 1913 it was gazetted that on and after December 31st of that year certain stamps would be demonetized, viz., all postage stamps and all duty stamps bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria from ½d to 2s and 5s. It was later explained that by the "2s and 5s" it was meant that these values of the pictorial set were not to be printed further, and that the same values of the fiscal series (which bear portraits of Queen Victoria) were to be substituted for them.

In the latter part of 1913 there was at Auckland the "Auckland Industrial Exhibition," and the Auckland Philatelic Society suggested to the Post Office Department that a special series of stamps be made by overprinting the then current issue for use at the Exhibition. To this the authorities agreed and the ½, 1, 3 and 6d stamps were overprinted in three lines "AUCKLAND—EXHIBITION—1913" in block capitals. The stamps were on sale at the Exhibition only during the period it was open. They were issued on December 1, 1913, and were valid for a period of three months within the Dominion and on mail to the Commonwealth of Australia, but not in the Postal Union mails.

The death of King Edward and accession of King George naturally brought up the question of a new set of "King's head" stamps, but it was not until 1913 that the new design was approved. It was stated that the design was "an adaptation of the famous 1d black of Great Britain, which is par excellence the ideal stamp." Difficulties were experienced in getting the dies approved, they having been the work of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. of London, but the set was finally issued on July 28, 1915. The values as before ran up to 1s, all being of the same general design except that the 1d still remained in the "Universal Postage" design. The ½d King's head was typographed as before on chalk-surfaced paper, and the remainder of the set was line-engraved. The ½d was also printed in sheets of 240 while the remainder of the set were in sheets of 120. The colors of the 2d and 4d were transposed because the 2d was used for receipt purposes and the blue fiscal later substituted. The perforation of cancellation did not show distinctly on its purple color; hence it was given the orange color of the 4d and was issued on January 15, 1916, while the 4d in its new color appeared the following May.

Owing to the imposition of the war tax of ½d on every postal missive except newspapers, the use of the 1½d stamp increased vastly and it was decided to produce it typographically for the sake of speed and economy. While a typographic plate was being procured from London an attempt was made to manufacture one locally, which proved almost a caricature of the engraved stamp it replaced. It was issued about the first of April, 1916, and was superseded by impressions from the London-made plate about the first of September, 1916. Besides the much finer workmanship of the London-made stamp, the two can be distinguished by the diamonds next the top frame line—there are two at each side of the crown in the local stamp and but one at each side on the London stamp. Both are printed on chalk-surfaced paper. It was finally found that these stamps were being used more than once as the cancellation did not always show plainly on the gray-black color; a change was therefore made to brown-orange early in September, 1918. Other details of the stamp remained the same. The 2d and 3d stamps were also changed to surface printing on chalky paper, the 2d appearing about the time of the 1½d from the London plate (September, 1916) and the 3d about May, 1919.

In March, 1916, the 1½, 2, 3 and 6d, and the 8d of the King Edward set, which had been reissued as it was the minimum charge on telegrams and was lacking in the Georgian set, were printed on some of the old "wide spaced" Cowan paper used for the long rectangular pictorial stamps. This gave some stamps with the watermark, some without, and some with only part of it. The 1½d was the engraved stamp, and had the watermark upright; the 2d was the engraved stamp in orange, and with the 3, 6 and 8d had the watermark sideways.

After the conclusion of the Great War, New Zealand decided to issue a set of Victory stamps. These were typographed on chalk-surfaced paper by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. They were sold in London by the Agents of the Dominion in November, 1919, but did not reach New Zealand for issue there until January, 1920. This caused considerable disgust in the Dominion, which was freely expressed. The set is a handsome one but would have been enhanced by line engraving. The ½d represents Victory seated upon the British Lion and holding out a laurel wreath; the 1d represents the same figures in a standing posture with palm branches at the sides; the 1½d has the portrait of a Maori chieftain, intended to recognize the cooperation of the aborigines in the war, palm branches appearing at the left, and near the border two Teko-Teko heads as used by the Maori to ward off evil spirits from their homes; the 3d shows the British Lion *couchant*, with a "glory" in the background; the 6d shows a "winged Victory" emerging from an archway; and the 1s presents a portrait of King George flanked by palms and the British Lion at either side, while the Teko-Teko heads again occupy the upper corners.

About the middle of May, 1921, the 8d King Edward stamp was replaced by a new King George stamp of this value, but printed in almost the same shade of blue as the 2½d stamp. The result was

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EDITORIAL

The time has come when it is necessary that immediate attention be given to preparations for the trip to New York for the International Philatelic Exhibition and the convention of the American Philatelic Society by those who live at a distance from the center of impending philatelic activity. If warning to this fact were overlooked, the big heads carried on a story in *Stamp Collecting*, London, September 4th, "Six Weeks more and then—The Biggest Stamp Show ever!" would be a clarion call. The delegates to the convention of the American Philatelic Society will be the guests of the Exhibition on the evening of October 18th. It is incumbent upon those who will attend the convention to notify the committee in order that some estimate may be had of the number from a distance who will be present. Hotel reservations are to be made and arrangements for possible participation in the reduction in the rate of return railroad fare should not be neglected, upon the arrivals of visitors to New York, who are to make their presence known to the Convention Committee at that time.

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Mr. F. H. Vallancey, proprietor of *Stamp Collecting*, London, accompanied by Mrs. Vallancey, is now on American soil and will stay at Hollywood, California, until October 5th, when he will proceed to New York by way of Chicago and Detroit. We are glad to welcome our confrère to this country and we know that he will be the recipient of many attentions while here. Mr. Vallancey's publication is a clean and capable chronicle of philatelic news and events and deserves the recognition that is so bountifully given it; and we commend his enterprise in making the long tour that he is enjoying, we hope, in order to share in New York's great achievement.

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From Mr. L. R. Saunders, Mason City, Iowa, we have some additional information from the Honorable W. J. Glover, Ottawa, Canada, of the Division of Stamps: "The standard sizes of envelopes are sizes No. 8 and No. 10, both of which have been surcharged down from 3c to 2c. Also some private concerns which are not available at the Agency. The 3c ordinary red stamp is surcharged down to 2c and, like the surcharged envelopes, is available at the Agency."

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At the convention of the American Philatelic Society last year, a motion prevailed that a booth be secured at the International Philatelic Exhibition for the use of the society. Largely through the instrumentality of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, suitable accommodations have been rented which are being equipped for the comfort and convenience of those who attend the Exhibition. All collectors will be assured of a welcome at these headquarters which will prove to be a favorite rendezvous, no doubt. Easy chairs, writing material and other accessories will be at the disposal of visitors, and members may use the booth as a mail address and for other purposes that may suggest themselves. This booth will afford a meeting-place for all collectors, members or not, under conditions that must be congenial to philatelists. Mr. Wolsieffer has handled the booth proposition for the society with characteristic ability.

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In the Advance Sheets, under Philippines, on page 1171, the following explanatory note appears: "Nos. 274 and 290 to 303, inclusive, excepting No. 296, exist imperforate. The Director of Posts offers to supply imperforate stamps to anyone who will order 10,000 pesos worth." Mr. Ward says that No. 274, the single line watermark, does not come imperforate. In this connection, we have received the following letter from Mr. Edward J. Meehan, New York, who seems to have first-hand information that has a decided bearing on the status of these imperforates: "My personal investigations have resulted in my learning something as to this issue. All of these stamps (over 100,000) were purchased by a company and delivered to it in New York. These stamps never saw Manila. It is true that a few 'samples' were sent to the Director of Posts in Manila, but the Bureau of Insular Affairs informs me that these were 'samples' and not to be sold. None were sold in Manila 'over the counter' as you say or any other way. The 'bid price' is open to question as how can anyone offer for sale something which is entirely in the possession of another person? You state: 'It seems that a good portion of the stamps were purchased by Mr. Leon J. Lambert.' The records of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of which I have a certified copy, reveals that all of these stamps, except the 'samples' sent to the Director of Posts, were sold and delivered to Lambert Sales Company. These stamps were never intended for postal purposes. A large New York dealer told me in December, 1925, that he would not have anything to do with them and advised me to keep clear of them, as the circumstances were not such as to allow them to be offered to collectors as 'stamps for sale by the post office for postal duty.' My interest in these stamps is due to the fact that I do a wholesale business in Philippines and Canal Zone exclusively and this kind of advertising and these stamps hurt my business and harm collecting in general. I am sure that you will agree with me that the statements made in the WEEKLY were misleading and not in accordance with your long-standing policy." We are in duty bound to give prominence to what evidently are the circumstances of the floatation of these imperforates and to emphasize the likelihood that the stamps will not be listed in the new edition of the catalogue.

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The following letter from Mr. Herbert M. Scott, Moundsville, West Virginia, editor of *Amerika Esperantisto*, the official journal of the Esperanto Association of North America: "At the time of the issue of the Popov commemorative series of Russia, I called your attention to the fact that then for the first time, a stamp inscription had appeared in the International Language, Esperanto, a fact that you failed to note in your columns. Now, as appears in your issue of September 6th, the Russian government has again made use of Esperanto, but you fail to state that this series is distinctly an Esperanto issue, since it especially commemorates an Esperanto congress. Thinking some details may be unknown and of possible interest to you, I translate herewith from the July 30 issue of *Heraldo de Esperanto*, the central weekly of the international language movement, published in Germany: 'The sixth congress of Sennacieca Asocio Tutmonda (SAT) (an international organization of Esperantist socialists) will take place from the 5th to the 20th of August in Leningrad. . . . To the SAT congress, success is the more assured in that it has had a special honor conferred upon it which has thus far been attained by no other Esperanto congress to wit: the Soviet post office has issued special postage stamps in honor of the congress. The new stamps depict in a central oval the Liberty obelisk in cow and the letters, SAT. Aroun oval appears in the Morse code, the petarian motto, in Russian and in ranto. On either side of the ov shown a fir-tree and over each fi is a five-pointed green star (the em of the Esperanto movement). Abo oval there appears, in Russian and i peranto, the legend, 'Post USSR' below, there is inscribed, in Espe alone: 'VI International Prope Esperanto Congress 1926'. In ad each stamp contains in two languag value: 7 kopeks, green with brigh center and 14 kopeks, green with center. Green, it may be added, universally recognized Esperanto c

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We had a banquet in Tacoma, Sat., Aug 28, at which the Vall were the guests of honor. Thir present, J. M. Hitt, State librarian, pia, Wash.; Henry Hitt, well know his work on British Columbia and couver Is.; R. R. Thiele; M.G. Te the mayor of Tacoma, and last b least Clyde Brill "penny blacks," wh toastmaster. After the banquet Mr lancey gave a very interesting lect the stamps of Great Britain. Hi ture was made doubly interesting lantern slides.

Besides being a publisher-phil etc., our guest is also a skippe proved this beyond any shadow doubt, by the manner in which he h the wheel on the small yacht we us our cruise on Puget Sound. T three philatelists and friends mad delightful trip, which was planned R. Thiele. We were indeed hap have Mr. and Mrs. Vallancey w and sorry to see them go. We this very congenial couple of Londo remember the philatelists of the Sound country and know that ou wishes are with them always.

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Mr. J. A. McKinney, St. Louis, submitted several covers from the Compagnie des Messageries Maritime, Paris, addressed to the Canadian Pacific Railway at St. Louis, in 1925, each of which bears the 20 centimes France, the circular rate from France at the time, we believe, and in addition the 1½c Harding, cancelled at St. Louis. An explanation for the use of the American stamp in addition to the French does not suggest itself and information on this angle would be welcome.

Mr. W. N. Emerson of the *General Merchant*, Chicago, sends the following clipping:

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Stamp Collecting Handbook, No. 34, "British Postmarks Prior to May 6th 1840." by P. L. Tengley and published by *Stamp Collecting*, 89 Farringdon Street, London, E. C., 4, London, England, at 2sh6d net is a little work of philatelic and historical interest. Latterly, there has been a tendency to give attention to pre-stamp markings and four pages of plates in this booklet, together with the text, afford the investigator a comprehensive knowledge of the subject. The first London Penny Post was started by the Quaker merchant, William Dockwra, in 1680, and lasted two years, when it was seized by the government and became a crown institution. With this book at his elbow, the collector will be able to assign to its category any cover bearing the characteristic markings of the old days, in Great Britain.

The following clipping from Mr. Raymond R. Robbins, Colorado Springs, Colorado, taken from the Denver *Post*, tells of the enterprise of a ten-year-old king in applying for space at the International Exhibition: "NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Ten-year-old King Otto II of Hungary, now in exile in Spain with his mother, Queen Zita, is one of the most recent applicants for space in the international stamp exhibition, to be held in Grand Central palace From Oct. 16 to 23.

The son of the late King Charles of Austria-Hungary, whose throne became a memory thru the cataclysm of the World war, will send nearly his entire collection of stamps to the palace, and is reported to be boyishly enthusiastic over the hope that it will be pronounced one of the masterpieces of the big display.

The youngster's collection is devoted largely to Hungarian issues, of which he has many superb copies. The mounting is especially remarkable, each page having been specially designed and drawn by Professor Haranghy, a noted Hungarian artist. In keeping with the remainder, the binding is an elaborate example of the bookbinder's art.

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NEWS NOTES:—

SAMUEL BENNETT, formerly of Reading, Pa., is now located at 221 Sassafras St., Millville, N. J. Mr. Bennett is one of the trustees of the Society of Philatelic Americans, and is actively engaged as a stamp dealer.

THE W. C. Henry Philatelic Service of Los Angeles, Cal., will be heard from frequently during the coming year. The firm will begin anew its use of the WEEKLY next week with a full page advertisement, which will be one of the most attractive features of our special number. Mr. Henry has signed a 5,000-line advertising contract and expects with Mr. Naschke, his assistant, to be very much upon the philatelic map this season. Mr. Henry has recently made a quick trip east and is again on his way east to meet his friends at the Exhibition. During his stay in New York he will make his headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria.

WE have not received a sufficient number of replies to our Exhibition "certificate plan" to warrant our publishing any names. Several who have sent in word to the effect that they will be at New York failed to mention the very matter that we so urgently stressed. In view of the fact that both the A. P. S. convention and the International Exhibition have been so well and thoroughly advertised we do not think it advisable this year to attempt to publish the names of those who intend to be present.

MR. WILSON'S ITINERARY

F. E. Wilson of Birmingham, England, who is associated with his father W. T. Wilson in business, will attend the New York Exhibition. His itinerary is as follows:—Sept. 19-20 Montreal; 21 Ottawa; 22 Montreal; 24-27 Toronto; 29-30 Detroit; October 1-2 Detroit; 3-5 Chicago; 6 Pittsburgh; 7-10 Washington; 11-12 Philadelphia; 13 Atlantic City; 14-23 New York City; 24-26 Boston.

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United States

White Plains Stamp

Under date of Sept. 14th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department officially announced that the 150th anniversary of the battle of White Plains will be commemorated by a new 2c stamp which will be issued by the Post Office Department for the first time on Monday, October 18th. It was at first understood that this would be placed on sale on Saturday, the 16th, the opening date of the International Philatelic Exhibition but it is now found that it will not be available until the 18th, when it will be placed on sale at both the Branch Agency at the exhibition in New York, as well as at the post office at White Plains.

On and after October 28th, the anniversary of the battle, the new stamp will be offered for sale at the Philatelic Agency in Washington but not before. Postmasters in other cities will receive limited quantities upon requisition as fast as production will permit.

The new stamp is officially described as a horizontal rectangle, 75/100 x 87/100 inches in size, and will be printed in red ink. The center vignette shows a guncrew in action, consisting of four men dressed in Continental uniforms, with cannon and ammunition. Over the vignette, in ribbon form, are the words "United States Postage" in Roman letters. In the upper left corner appears the year "1776", and in the upper right corner the year "1926". Below the vignette in the center of the stamp is a circle containing the large numeral "2", with the word "Cents" on both sides and above the circle are the words "Battle of White Plains." In the lower left corner is the Continental flag, and in the lower right corner the historical "Liberty or Death" flag, first used in the Battle of White Plains, both appearing in oblique position.

On the subject of this variety, I have just received a most interesting communication from Dr. Jason Samuel Parker, the designer of this very handsome variety. Dr. Parker writes as follows:

"On July 17th, Mr. New wrote the Chairman authorizing me to submit a design for the stamp. I was fortunate in being able to interest Edmond F. Ward, a brilliant young artist, and together we worked out the design. The frame is entirely my own idea and he painted the picture to fit the frame. The Department has used our sketch exactly as we submitted it. (Of course, it was redrawn to scale and in the proper proportion by the Department artists.)

We studied the '69 issue, especially the ten cent, which Mr. Ward considers the most beautiful from an artistic standpoint and reproduced it, using the central, single, numeral, and omitted all scroll work. I have asked them to leave off the outer line which was on the model. I believe this is the first stamp designed by a collector and an artist together who endeavored to create an "object of art" which would be appreciated by the general public as well as by the collector.

You may have noticed that part of Patrick Henry's expression was omitted. I did not want the word "death" to appear on our stamp so we folded the flag to hide part of it. Mr. Eidsness wondered why no one ever thought of the old Revolutionary Flag before. I thought it deserved a place on a stamp so I put it on."

New 15c Air Mail Stamp

Under date of September 9th, the Third Assistant Postmaster General formally announced that the Department would issue a 15c air mail stamp for use primarily in connection with the contract air mail service but valid for all purposes for which postage stamps of the regular issue are used. Last June we announced in this column that such a stamp would be advisable to pay postage in the second zone on contract air mail routes and the stamp we are now told will be available at the Philatelic Agency on Saturday, September 18th, and will be distributed to central and direct accounting postmasters having need for such a stamp upon their requisitions, requisitions to be filled after this date as promptly as possible.

The new stamp is identical with the current 10c blue air mail stamp but shows the new value and will be printed in sepia.

It will, of course, be printed on the unwatermarked paper and perforated 11, being the product of the flat bed press. These stamps are printed in sheets of two hundred and cut into post office panes of fifty.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of Sept. 8th, the Department announced that Sept. 15th had been fixed as the date when service will be inaugurated on the extension to Atlanta of the Miami-Jacksonville contract air mail route. The Department states that a stop has been authorized at Macon, a city not on the original schedule.

The schedule for the entire route, an air line distance of 683 miles, calls for a plane to leave Atlanta daily at 7.00 o'clock and arrive at Miami at 4.45 P. M. North bound planes are to make the same schedule.

The North West Airways, Inc., of Detroit, Mich., will take over the operation of the Chicago Twin-Cities air mail route from the present contractor, Charles Dickinson, on October 1st. The new contractor will employ the pilots now being used by the present operator but will operate new air ships. A plane will be held in reserve at each end of the line, something that Dickinson has not done, a detail which is expected to materially enhance the prospects of success for the new enterprise.

On Sept. 9th, the Postmaster General announced that a forty-five day notice had been tendered by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Corporation for discontinuance of contract air mail service between Philadelphia and Washington. Immediately the Department readvertised for bids for similar service between Philadelphia and Norfolk by way of Washington. Bids are returnable Sept. 25th with a view to inaugurating the extended service on October 1st. The former contractors of the shorter route contemplates a passenger service between Philadelphia and Norfolk beginning Sept. 13th and it is understood that they will rebid on the new contract for the extended route.

The new service will place Norfolk in contact with an overnight air mail service between New York and Chicago. Mail leaving the Virginia city in the afternoon will be delivered in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City and intermediate cities the following morning.

6c State "Sepcimen" Error

The *American Philatelist* recently gave space to a note signed by Mr. H. M. Konwiser, wherein a doubt was raised as to the genuineness of a 6c State "Sepcimen" error recently located in Boston. Mr. Konwiser mentions that when this variety was compared with a "Sepcimen" error supposedly genuine of some other Department, that the overprint seeme differ.

For the information of those intere as well as the owner of this very sc stamp, it should be announced that has been passed upon by a number of experts, including the A. P. S. Ex Committee, consisting of Messrs. mann, Morgenthau and Doane. The not the slightest doubt about the st being what it is represented to be and overprint is identically the same as ten or fifteen similar overprints in Sinkler collection.

It is to be regretted that anyone posted upon the subject should attem unfavorably comment upon a stamp i public press.

ANTIGUA.—Whitfield King & Co. Mr. R. Roberts advise that there has a change in the color of the 1½p st It is now being issued in red.

CHILE.—Messrs. Francis J. Field, advise us that a new value of the rent series is to appear shortly. will be of the denomination of 80 brown, with a portrait of General B. Antonio Quintanilla.

The following stamps are now ported as out of use: 1, 2, 4, 8, 1 and 60 centavos.—*Stamp Collecting.*

EGYPT.—The Economist Stamp Co vise that the 50m Prussian green, cultural Exhibition stamp has been charged "5 Milliemes" in two lin black. Also the 100m and 200m o same series bear the overprint "10 liemes" and "15 Milliemes" respect

ESTHONIA.—In the new provis Red Cross stamps, 6 on 3½ marks 12 on 7 marks, the same peculiar per tion variety occurs in one row in sheet, i.e., in the case of the 6 on marks the second vertical row ha horizontal perforation. In the shee 12 on 7 marks this variety occurs o eleventh vertical row in the sheet, sheet containing 120 stamps. This variety occurred on the unsurcha stamps and the reason for its occur still puzzles us.—*Whitfield King & Bulletin.*

GIBRALTAR.—A new printing of th value has just been sent out to the ony and which proves to be quite a ferent colour to the earlier print The new colour is a bright purple the value printed in a brilliant rose co whilst the earlier printings are of a dull purple with the value printe mauve.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bul*

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IRAQ.—*Stamp Collecting* has the rumour, from a usually trustworthy source, that the 1 rupee denomination, with its pictorial representation of the Arabic category of the date tree, may soon be superseded by a stamp bearing a portrait of King Feisul. That picturesque monarch visited the printing works of Messrs. Waterlow, Wilkinson & Co. the other day, and spent some hours in interested inspection of their extensive stamp printing plant.

INDIA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 1R, brown and green, issued by the Government Security Press at Nasik, on multiple star watermarked paper.

ITALY.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the following surcharged "Pneumatic" Post stamps: 15c purple surcharged "Cent. 20" and 30c blue overprinted "Cent. 40." Both are in black in parallel lines obliterate the former values.

JAPAN.—We have to thank our good friend and colleague, Mr. Umejiro Kimura, President of the Philatelic Society of Japan, for examples of the new ordinary postage stamps of that country, 2, 6 and 8 sen values, formally issued on July 1st but which will be put on sale only when the current stamps of the same values are sold out, say in about two to three months from that date. Our friend applied at the Department of Communications for special treatment for philatelists, and the officials were kind enough to consent to his request, so that others were subsequently able to get a few sheets. The stamps, which are expressly intended for foreign mails, show, on the 2 sen, Mount Fujiyas seen from the south, on the 6 sen the famous Yomeimon (Yomei gate) at Nikko, and on the 10 sen the equally famous Nagoya castle, with its golden dragoni fishes on the uppermost roof.

New permanent issue. Designs as above. Transverse oblong format. Wmk. wavy line horizontally. Perf. 13½x13:—2 sen green, 6 sen red. *Stamp Collecting.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS—*Passport stamp.*—Designs for a stamp, which will probably be known as the "Nansen stamp," are at present being considered by the Swiss Federal Stamp Office in Berne, in connection with the scheme for levying a special annual fee on identity certificates or identity cards issued to Russian and Armenian refugees. The stamp (it is stated by the International Labour Office) will be of one denomination only—five gold francs—will probably be issued separately in French and English, and it is proposed that it should bear the portrait of Dr. Nansen, High Commissioner for Refugees. The identity certificate already mentioned is a passport issued by Governments to Russian and Armenian refugees who cannot obtain, or refuse to accept, the Soviet or Turkish nationality. It is issued in identical international form, following arrangements adopted at the instance of the High Commissioner, by forty-five Governments to Russian refugees and by thirty-one Governments to Armenians. The new stamp is to be affixed to these certificates, the fee being charged by States to all Russian and Armenian refugees except those who are without means. The proceeds will be paid to a special fund which is being set up by the League of Nations to assist the migration of these refugees and to improve the present system of identity passports.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

MALTA.—Under date of August 26th last, Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley advises that he has received the following letter regarding the number of stamps issued surcharged "Postage" from the Office of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Palazzo Paradiso, Valletta. Under date of June 7:—

"With reference to your communication, dated the 22nd ultimo, I am directed by the Honourable the Minister for Industry and Commerce to inform you that the statement reproduced by you from the French Philatelic Paper quoted in your letter under reply, regarding the number of stamps overprinted with the word "POSTAGE.' was made under no authority whatever, and is absolutely incorrect."

The figures referred to were first issued by a Belgian dealer and quoted in the French and English papers. Mr. Forbes-Bentley also sends a copy of the new ½p green, type of Scott's A22.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that the 9p green Great Britain stamp printed on the new watermarked paper has been surcharged for use as 75 centimes as before. Also the 1½p brown has been overprinted with the name of the colony at the top in two lines and "15 Centimos" at the bottom.

PARAGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 75c blue of the 1910 issue, perforated obliquely, and half was used as 20c. Our correspondent further adds that this split provisional was on sale for seven days only. A similar provisional was issued in 1911, differing only in shade.

PATIALA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the following new items: De la Rue printings of India overprinted by the Indian Government Press at Nasik: 2R rose and yellow brown, 5R blue and violet, "Service," 6a bistre, 2R and 5R. The 6a stamps are printed in sheets of 256 on De la Rue stamps all watermark single star.

SAN MARINO.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle a set of six stamps issued in commemoration of Antonio Onofri. They are printed in two colors, line engraved with "Rep. Dis Marino" in a curved frame at the top. Below the picture in the centre is the inscription "Francobollo per L'Interno." The figures of value at bottom have the words of currency at each side. Colors and values are 10c blue and black, 20c grey and black, 45c purple and black, 65c olive and black, 1 lira orange and black and 2 lira lilac and black.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 3p Postage Due, Pretoria printing, no watermark, overprinted for use in this colony. The surcharge of "South West" is 16mm and 9½mm between.

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that it was shortly withdrawn and replaced by the same stamp in red-brown in February, 1922. About the end of May, 1922, a 5d stamp in the King George type was added in a light blue. The newspaper rate having been raised from ½d to 1d, the demand for ½d stamps fell off greatly and as there was a large stock of the ½d Victory stamps still on hand, they were surcharged 2d in red, the local letter rate, to use them up.

The latest news is that changes in the color scheme of the current issue are now in prospect. In this respect it may be said that the 2½, 4½ and 7½d stamps of the Georgian set are all understood to be obsolete.

Turning now to the "postal fiscals" we see that the values from 2s up have been regularly employed as postage stamps when needed ever since 1882, as we have already noted. The Postmaster General's report for 1882 says: "The two-shilling and five-shilling postage stamps have been replaced by duty stamps of similar values, and the higher values of duty stamps are now accepted in payment of postage, and may therefore be used either for duty or postage purposes." This was only supplemented by the 2s and 5s of the pictorial series in 1898, and they are now long out of issue.

An Express Delivery stamp was issued in February, 1903, in a rather large oblong form, printed in two colors. The ornamentation is confined to a Teko-Teko in each upper corner and leaves of the large black tree-fern over the value. It is perforated 11 only.

A War Tax stamp in the shape of the ½d King George was made by surcharging the words "WAR STAMP," together with two stars, on September 24, 1915.

From 1892 to 1907 various stamps then in use were overprinted diagonally with a rubber hand-stamp, generally in a magenta or violet ink, with letters "O. P. S. O." (On Public Service Only) when used on official mail. On January 1, 1907, a regular official set was issued overprinted vertically in black with the word "OFFICIAL" on the pictorial series (the 1d was the "Universal Postage"). This has been continued by using several values of the Edwardian set when that was issued, and of the Georgian set in its turn. Three values of the revenue stamps have also been included.

In 1891 a set of six special stamps was issued for the use of the Government Life Insurance Department. "The prepayment of insurance correspondence by special stamps is the outcome of a difference of opinion between the Insurance Department and the Post Office as to the annual postage calculated on periodical countings to be paid the Post Office. . . . It was urged that stamps of a distinctive character would be less likely to be fraudulently used, while they would also afford a means for advertising the Insurance Department." The design was redrawn in 1906, omitting the letters "V. R." on either side of the lighthouse, as King Edward had come to the throne, but only the 1d and 2d values were issued as the set was withdrawn on the appearance of the "OFFICIAL" stamps. The paper and perforation followed those used for the regular postage stamps during the period of use of these special stamps. They were brought into use again on January 2, 1913, and the remaining values issued in the redrawn design, except the 1s, while a ½d stamp was added in 1917.

Postage Due stamps were issued in 1900, the first set being printed from plates cast from type set blocks. The values were printed in at a second operation. There are two types of frame, (*a*) with 14 ornaments in the inner "horseshoe" and 17 dots in the arc beneath, and (*b*) with 13 ornaments and 15 dots, respectively, and the letters "N. Z." smaller. The ½d has both types of frame and has one stamp in the sheet without stop after "D." The 1d and 2d are found with both large and small "D." A new type made up from

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STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

Great Britain.—Mr. Oswald Marsh provides a surprise in the shape of a Somerset House printing of the 1½d with control E. 26. The shade is a pale bright chestnut. One wonders whether this is a philatelic memento of the general strike. At any rate the control appears to be very rare.

Mr. J. O. A. Arkell states that he has a fine used copy of the 1d Harrison Edwardian in aniline-pink, perforated "L & L" over "F O." As he says, it would be interesting to know what firm used up a sheet of this rare shade for ordinary office purposes.

Australian Commonwealth.—From cuttings sent us by various readers, we learn that a special stamp will be issued to commemorate the official opening of the Federal Parliament at Canberra, at which the Duke and Duchess of York will be present. The new stamp will be line-engraved, and will be issued only in a limited quantity.

Mr. D. Hogarth sends us a cutting which states that automatic stamp-vending machines are to be installed in the streets of the principal Australian cities. We believe these machines were supplied by a London firm.

Ceylon.—A reader kindly sends us a cutting from which we learn that the use of postal franking machines is to be authorised. A nine cents adhesive stamp is in preparation.

India.—Many readers have sent us an interesting extract from the *Pioneer*, relative to the new Nasik Press printings of Indian stamps. The gum used is of such a character that it is hoped that it will not get sticky in the rainy season. The rupee values are to be printed in six panes of 20 stamps, 120 stamps to the sheet, instead of 96 per sheet as formerly. The watermark will be the same as for the anna values.

New Zealand.—The 9d stamp is now coming in a noticeably yellower shade. Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co. state that the new 1d, 2s and 3s stamps may be expected at any moment. The two high values will be overprinted for Niue, Rarotonga and Samoa.

Union of South Africa.—Our publishers had a couple of blocks of the 4d Triangular in their shop window for a few weeks. The sunlight turned one of them to very pale greenish blue, while the other came out as a very pale ultramarine, without a trace of green. Specialists should evidently exercise caution in purchasing exceptional shades of these stamps, when they so easily change colour.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Argentine Republic.—Our post-bag this month is full of cuttings from readers, relative to the Argentine Postal Centenary, an interesting event, though the stamps which celebrate it do not reach a very high artistic level. In addition to the stamps a special post card was issued to postal employees as a souvenir of the occasion. The card shows a portrait of Rivadavia, who signed the decree creating the general administration of posts, and the first chief, Don Juan Manuel de Luca, together with views of the old and new post offices as on two of the new stamps. The old P.O. is still used as a branch office. The new G. P. O. has been building for thirty-seven years and is still unfinished! Mr. A. H. Davis and Mr. H. G. Spanton give us the above interesting news. According to Mr. F. E. B. Metcalfe, distribution of the new stamps outside Buenos Aires has been very poor. In Rosario, the second city in the country, only about 35,000 stamps were available, most of these being the 5c value.

We stated some time ago that Argentine stamps would no longer be overprinted for use by Government Departments, but Mr. Metcalfe states that they are still in regular use. We are making further enquiries.

Costa Rica.—Señor G. Noriega states that three million of the new 10c stamp have been issued. Señor Lines tells us that a 5c green, of which one million will be printed, has also been authorised.

Greece.—Mr. E. Melingounakis informs us that so-called Air stamps mentioned in certain Continental journals, which are to be issued for use in connection with the Air post between Italy, Greece and Turkey, are merely labels, without franking power.

Guatemala.—Mr. H. Solis gives the quantities printed of the new 6c, 1p and 3p, dated 1926, as follows: 6c, 1,000,000; 1p, 7,000,000; 3p, 9,000,000. There are eight more values to come.

Mongolia.—To fill the gap between the first issue, and a new permanent issue now in preparation, certain fiscal stamps have been overprinted with the word "POSTAGE" in English and with its Mongolian equivalent. Of the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 cents, 3000 each have been overprinted, but of the 50c and $5 there are only 100 of each, while the $1 is a rarity, with only 50 copies existing. We have seen letters from Mongolia franked only with these new provisionals.

Persia.—In addition to stamps of the ex-Shah series with paper pasted over them, Mr. R. W. Gray shows us others with a black diamond or circle impressed, which fulfils the same purpose. From the same kind correspondent we receive a cover, sent by the first Air mail to leave Teheran for Europe, via Russia.

Portugal.—Mr. C. J. Chambers informs us that, by another decree, the validity of the current postage stamps has been extended to November 14th of this year.

A long series of new stamps is to be issued under the auspices of a Society having as its objects the establishment of an international exhibition in Lisbon in 1940, the acquisition of the historic palace of the Counts of Almada for use as a War Museum, and the commemoration, in 1940, of the 8th Centenary of the founding of Portugal and the 3d Centenary of its restoration in 1640. The six designs of the new series will be historic in character, and the proceeds of the sale of the stamps will be devoted to the objects of the above-mentioned Society. If, as has been suggested, the stamps are overprinted each year, until 1940, with a new date, we do not think collectors will consider variation worthy of notice.

Russia.—The Soviet Government seems to have taken the international language, Esperanto, under its wing. The latest Russian commemoratives elaborate an International Esperanto Congress which we are told is to take place at Leningrad this year. It will be remembered that the Popoff stamps also had an inscription in Esperanto. We are also told that the marks in the oval frame are Morse code letters. Can any reader interpret?

Siam.—Mr. S. V. Devahastin tells us that the inscription on the pictorial stamps

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NEXT week we shall introduce to our readers a new advertiser in Chester I. Crowell of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Crowell has a fine stock of stamps and his opening advertisement will be one well worth perusing. He comes well recommended and we bespeak for him the patronage of our readers.

A STAMP find is reported by Karl A. Pember which has not been noted in the philatelic press. We will quote from his letter:—"Recently I tackled an old farmhouse tucked away in the hills of Vermont. There I found some of the good old things in U. S. treasured since the time when the grandfather of the family had been a small-town postmaster. Among the gems were blocks of the 1c 1867 grilled 11x13, the largest block being of 45 stamps, 9x5, and a beautiful block of fourteen of the 7c Stantons, National Print (the largest known of this stamp, I'm told), large blocks of the 1c and 2c 1869 and a pretty little block of 16 of the 3c rose grilled 9x13. Much of the remainder were pairs, strips with labels and plate numbers and small blocks such as might well have been left under the circumstances above described. The trading battle that followed their discovery was long and drawn out according to the best tenets of Yankee trading, but finally, the "Pember Find" was procured and the bacon carried home. I wonder if some of these items won't be seen at the New York Exhibition? Dr. Carroll Chase has seen them all and is very enthusiastic over them."

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Greely, Neb., and Knowlton, N. J., are represented by blazing stars.

More solid ones from Macedon, N. Y., Van Wert, O., Petersburgh, Ind.

Academy Mont'g Co., Pa., Penns Grove, N. J., and Livonia Station, N. Y., show a small solid star surrounded by a circle, as the central device of an oval grid.

Little Georgetown, W. Va., has as an obliterator what is probably a Masonic emblem surrounded by a circle made up of small squares.

Then there is Forest City, J. G. Reid, P. M., Jan. 30, 1890, Potter Co., S. Dakota, in purple, in five lines; Lewiston, Jan. 27, 1890, Sully Co., Dakota; O- - - -n, Monroe Co., N. Y., in an oval with a small multiple pointed star at each side of the three-line date; Perrysville, Pa., Allegheny Co., in a purple oval, with the date in one line across the center; Rodamers, Preston Co., W. Va., Russell Cave, Fayette Co., Ky., in a double lined oval, and the U. S. mail in a circle as the obliterator; Hoagland, Mercer Co., Pa., in a double lined oval; Newmansville, Clarion Co., J. O. Bowman, P. M., Penna., in a large notched circle.

Alexandria Bay, N. Y., and Bemus Point, N. Y., show the use of that little round finely webbed device, which you doubtless all know. It's not uncommon.

The U. S. Mail monogram is shown from Moulton, Iowa, Beach Haven, Penna., Pennsville, O.

A maltese cross, each arm formed by a double line comes from Springboro, Pa., Bulger, Penna., Diamond, Pa., and a town in Nebr., not readable, all in black, and from Zelianople, Penna., in purple. Type No. 7, Jan. 4, 1926, Forum.

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Then there are two 3c green, one with the initials EN and the other with EHH.

In the issue of July 5 cut No. 3 is reported by Mr. B. A. Ashcraft on a piece of cover bearing the postmark Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa. He says it is a steel die, perfect in every respect. The illustration would be a poor one of such an item. He also reports No. 5 in blue-black from Utahville, Pa. The spelling in the former issue is wrong. The "li" should be "h."

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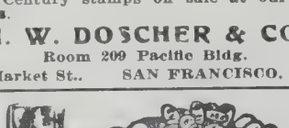

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Mr. Binmore calls attention to the fact that $1,180.00 is the maximum contribution that can be accepted by the committee, and it will be noted that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and J. C. Morgenthau are both in this class.

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Tuesday, Oct. 12—Boston.

Wednesday, Oct. 13—Boston.

Thursday, Oct. 14 to Saturday, Oct. 23—New York Exhibition.

Sunday, Oct. 24—Leave for Philadelphia.

Monday, Oct. 25—Philadelphia. St. James' Hotel. Reception by invitation of the Directors of the Philadelphia Stamp Club.

Tuesday, Oct. 26—Washington. Hotel Arlington.

Wednesday, Oct. 27—Washington.

Thursday, Oct. 28—Niagara (?).

Friday, Oct. 29—New York. Hotel Shelton.

Saturday, Oct. 30—Leave New York S.S. Carmania.

Saturday, Nov. 6—Arrive Plymouth.

Monday, Nov. 8—Arrive London.

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SOME RECENT STAMP ISSUES

By ELLIOTT M. WALTON

Following are a few new issues which arrived this week. You may desire to chronicle these:

Egypt—5, 10 and 15 Milliemes—surcharged on the 50, 100 and 200 Milliemes values of the Agricultural Exhibition. Surcharge is in two lines "10—MILLIEMES". 120,000 said to be printed.

Lebanon—3 values overprinted on the Pictorial issue of 1925 to take care of the new postal rates—3p50 and Syriene characters opt. on Op75; 6p on 2p50 and Syriene characters; 12p on 1p25 and Syriene characters; double bars on either side of the overprint to obliterate the old values—over or under the new value as the case may be.

Mongolia—Provisional surcharges on Revenue stamps of Mongolia. Surcharge is in a "box" vertically—reading "Postage" in English and equivalent in Mongolian characters. Values and numbers printed according to my correspondent. 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 cents, 3,000 each; 50 cents, 100 copies; 1 dollar, 50 copies; 5 dollars, 100 copies. New issue being printed in Moscow and expected soon.

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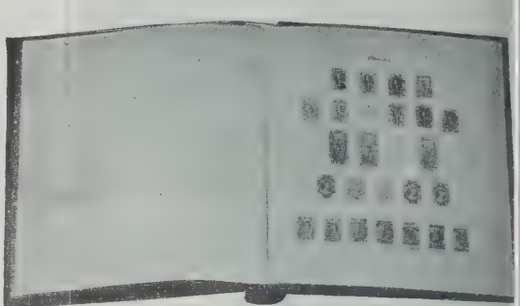

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THE HONOR of President of the International Philatelic Exhibition has been bestowed upon one who is very worthy of it. Mr. Charles L. Pack is known nation-wide for his public spirited activities and he has been no less active acquiring fame in philately. Very recently he was given the degree of Doctor of Laws by Oberlin University and in the specifications of the degree, "Philatelist" is cited. Of Mr. Pack it was said:—

"To all those who preserve for us nature's gifts, our hearts go out in gratitude, but above all to him who cherishes for us the trees of the forest. This morning we are to honor a man who has devoted his life to this cause—who by long study abroad and by acute observation throughout this country has made himself in his profession. It is my privilege, Mr. Chairman, to present Charles Lathrop Pack, influential leader in the conservation of America's forest resources, president of the American Tree Assn."

But while trees constitute Mr. Pack's life work, his hobby is philately, and he has one of the most scientifically studied collections in the world. A monograph on "Victoria—The Half Length Portraits and the Two Pence Queen Enthroned" has added to his laurels. At various exhibitions, he has been awarded gold medals and other honors including Tapling Medal 1922, Crawford Medal 1923, Collectors Club 1925, and Lindenberg (Berlin) Medal 1926. He is a member of various philatelic organizations and makes his home at Lakewood, N. J.

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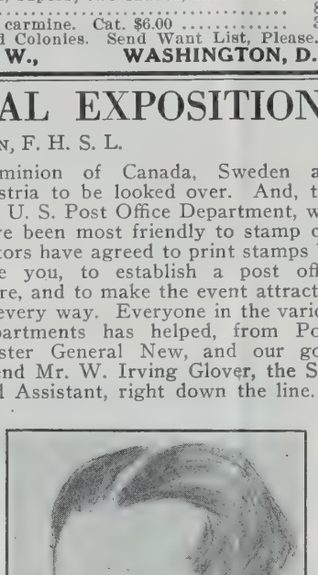
Then think of the booth holders, the dealers with whom you do business, whose articles you read and whose advice you take, sometimes. There are fifty booths, all rented and somebody worthwhile in every booth to talk with.

Then there are the Official Exhibits of the United States Government, the Dominion of Canada, Sweden and Austria to be looked over. And, too, the U. S. Post Office Department, who have been most friendly to stamp collectors have agreed to print stamps before you, to establish a post office there, and to make the event attractive in every way. Everyone in the various departments has helped, from Postmaster General New, and our good friend Mr. W. Irving Glover, the Second Assistant, right down the line.



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Not only are exhibits coming from all over the world but visitors as well. Our Japanese member of the Jury is coming from Tokio. South Africa will be represented by Mr. Emil Tamsen of the Transvaal and Mr. A. E. Le Roy of Durban, Natal. Mr. Percy T. Berry is coming all the way from Melbourne, Australia, to act on the Jury. Dr. Mario de Sanctis is coming from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Every one of the larger countries of Europe will have one or more representatives.

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Being a dealer trained in the old ideas, I was very much inclined to give my good friend Mr. George M. Angers, Secretary of the Aero Philatelic Society, a great razzing. In fact my correspondence greatly in the kidding vein that I went completely off my base and bet Mr. Angers a new hat that they would not have four entries per class or a total of twenty-four entries. It looks very much as though he is going to parade around Springfield in a new hat, paid for by me.

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THE members of the Collectors Club, New York City, are to be congratulated on their new home into which they moved, in June last. The address is 51 West 48th St., only a short distance from Fifth Avenue on the north side of the street.

The building is one of the old five-story brownstone buildings that has been completely altered and renovated. The ground floor is a very fine store that has not yet been leased but which no doubt will very shortly be occupied. A portion of the building has been set off for offices confined to stamp auctioneers and stamp dealers so the building will be an important philatelic center. The space occupied by the Club includes one-half of the third floor and the whole of the fourth and fifth floors. Communication to these is by electric personal elevator.

The walls of all the rooms are finished in buff as is all the woodwork, the ceilings being pure white. This color scheme was worked out to insure ample light during the day, all rooms having outside windows. The lighting system used throughout is the indirect overhead system that has been found to be the most practical for philatelic purposes. All the club rooms are supplied with side, floor and overhead switches so that all the light possible may be had when needed. The rooms occupied by the club are as follows:—

On the third floor is a large front room 20 x 20 feet with a huge built-in fire proof vault. The floor of this room has been covered with asbestolith, all the other rooms having mahogany stained, hard oak floors. This room will be used as the meeting room of the Club and for the displays that take place there, and when not occupied is available for public stamp auctions, which will be held here by several well-known New York auctioneers.

On the fourth floor we have in the front the reception room, one of the most beautiful rooms in the building. The walls are attractively lined with oak bookcases. In this room is placed the splendid philatelic library, which has recently been given to the Club by our esteemed member Joseph S. Rich. In addition to the Rich collection, there is a bookcase filled with the rarest works owned by the Club, as well as two other bookcases filled with examples of stamp albums from the earliest days. This room is also 20 x 20 feet and will be furnished with comfortable chairs and form an ideal reception room and meeting room for committees. On the same floor at the back, is the Secretary's room, which is 18 x 12 feet and is lined with bookcases devoted, in the main, to stamp and auction catalogues. It is in this room that the work of the Club will be done.

Only those people who have an intimate knowledge of the Club's affairs realize the enormous amount of correspondence that is handled during the year.

On the fifth floor, the front room is like the library and here is housed the major part of the periodicals and the files and card indexes, which will enable any student to find works and articles in which they are interested.

CHARLES J. PHILLIPS

This great library of philatelic literature has been built up through many important gifts. One of the very first was the library of J. Murray Bartels, followed by that of Abraham Hatfield, in 1890. Four years ago, Theo. E. Steinway bought and presented to the Club the greatest continental library, that of Judge Victor Suppantschitsch, and this noble gift was followed by an equally important gift from W. R. Ricketts, who has willed his library to the Trustees of the Collectors Club. This latter library is accompanied by an invaluable index, replete with cross references, the result of many years of great labor. Lastly, this

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In 1920 the total membership of the ub was about 90. At this moment it is out 650 active members, including the ading collectors of the world, and the gh standing of this membership is rthy of comment.

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During each season meetings are held the first and third Wednesday in every nth at 8 P.M. In planning the pro-am for the coming year the Governors ve decided to continue the scheme that oved so successful in the past two ars, that is, of asking philatelists in ier cities to give displays, at the same ne expressing the willingness of the mbership of the Club to reciprocate giving displays in other cities if so sired. All of us should bear in mind old saying, that, "Knowledge is Power" and none of us are so well informed that we cannot learn and profit by the displays and talks that are planned for our mutual benefit. At the time of writing the new program for 1926-1927 has not been completed but arrangements have already been made with a number of prominent philatelists to give very important displays.

One of the most important objects of the Club is to produce serious publications worthy to rank with those produced during the last twenty-five years by the Royal Philatelic Society of London. The publications already issued have been "Mexico, Issues of 1873-83." by J. Brace Chittenden, and "Victoria, The Half Length Portraits and the Two Pence Queen Enthroned," by Charles Lathrop Pack.

This year we are publishing a very important work on "Mexico, Issues of 1856-1868," by our member, S. Chapman, and we have in preparation and shall shortly publish a work on "British Columbia and Vancouver Island," by H. C. Hitt.

An important committee is also at work on a very exhaustive publication on the "Stamps of Canada" which will be edited by C. A. Howes, assisted by a number of leading specialists. This work will probably be issued in two volumes, the first dealing with the "Pence" Issues, and the second with all the later issues, but the work is so important and detailed that it will take some considerable time before it is completed.

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I shall be very delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join and send copies of our application forms and our Year Book with a list of members complete up to date which, with Dr. J. B. Chittenden, I have just edited and which we hope to have ready at the time of the Exhibition. Address Chas. J. Phillips, 10 West 86 St., New York, N. Y.

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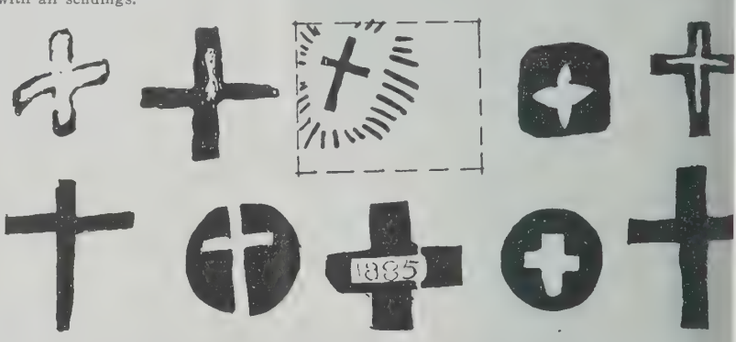

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No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	2c 1883	?	Purple	D. F. Kelleher
2.	3c Nesbit	Canton, Miss.	Black	E. S. Knapp
3.	2c 1875	?	"	H. V. Swallow
4.	2c 1887	?	"	H. P. A.
5.	6c 1869	?	"	H. P. A.
6.	3c 1851	Sunderland, Mass.	"	A. H. Keyes
7.	2c 1883	?	"	D. F. Kelleher
8.	2c 1883	?	"	D. F. Kelleher
9.	15c Nat'l	?	"	D. F. Kelleher
10.	3c 1851	Canton, Miss.	"	H. V. Swallow

THE above crosses show for themselves, and need no amplification. No. 3 is very pretty on the vermilion stamp. No. 8 seems to thrive on that 2c of 1883. Who has seen this on another stamp, and did they use a similar type of cross with another year than the 1885 as shown?

Readers are continually writing to me asking where can they find compact articles on the cancellations appearing on certain issues of stamps, as on the 1851 issue for example, or on the 1869s. The answer is that in no particular publication are these to be found all neatly grouped and shown; but they may be found as far as they have been presented by those collectors who have subscribed to the many stamp publications of the past ten years or so.

The first real "scoop" that I remem re cancellations was a sale that was h in N. Y. City by Mr. Bartels some ye ago. It consisted of a very fine accur lation of the Waterbury, Ct., cance tions, and later this was illustrated, gether with a resume of the pri brought, which made the collectors be to hunt for odd cancellations.

This brought the town of Waterb into the limelight for its cancellatio and even now collectors with a v slight acquaintance with cancels can r ognize "a Waterbury" at a glar There are however several other tov that did their bit, the most notable of earlier towns being Canton, Miss., b in the '50s.

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ings of all his "Cantons," and find that he had 26 varieties of obliterations on 3s 1851s, and '57s. A few of these have been illustrated in the Forum; but the majority have not. I believe there are more than 26 varieties, some of which I have seen on "Nesbits"; but not on adhesives.

Then too, this does not include the later odd cancels, when Canton was using the Confederate issues, and the old PAID 3 was supplanted by a new type of home made PAID 5, there being at least two types of this cancellation.

If you have any odd Canton pmks, except the Lyres and the "Odd Fellow" device, I would like to see them, for some day I will try to assemble all that can be found, and present them in a single issue of the Forum in order that you may have at least one complete set of cancels.

The grouping of cancels in the Forum has been a "hit or miss" proposition, for certain forms group themselves, while other forms must go into a miscellaneous group, otherwise I would have many that could not be produced, for they would have no group that applied to these items.

My idea is to present all that come in to the Forum, and look interesting enough to pay for the space they take up in the column.

You have now seen nearly 20 groups of cancellations. What recommendations have you to make? What cancellations have you been saving till you can get a little time to send them in? Many write in they have some and when they get time they will send them. I know just about what you mean by that, for it is just that way with myself.

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Annam & Tonkin No. 8 ($10); Argentina No. 2a ($10); 4 ($10); Brazil No. 22 ($4); Benin No. 15 ($9), 16 ($10); Belgium No. 1 ($4); Cape Good Hope No. 6 ($15); Ceylon No. 10 ($40); Dutch Indies No. 2 ($10); Egypt No. 5 ($15), 6, ($15), 314 ($15); Fiji Islands No. 24 ($12.50); French Colonies No. 8 ($17.50); Great Britain No. 455 ($22.50); Guam No. 6 ($4); Hungary No. 2 ($35); Luxemburg No. 24 ($25); Monaco No. 9 ($18); Natal No. 97 ($10); New Caledonia No. 18 ($12), 19 ($6); Newfoundland No. 3 ($10), 23 ($12.50); San Marino No. 20 ($20); Spain No. 210 ($25); Tahiti No. 15a ($10), 151 ($15); 163 ($35); Uruguay No. 14 ($10); 184a ($7.50), 185a ($7.50), etc., etc., etc.

Father Salvador was a resident of Angola and several other colonies of rtugal for years, and obtained many scarce stamps from the local post ices there, and through the favor of officials. His Portuguese Colonies, as y be expected, contain some excellent pieces, including scarce minor rieties, and unpriced errors, which we have not counted in valuing the llection, although they are worth quite a bit. South America and French lonials are also well represented.

All of the stamps have been carefully inspected for condition; damaged pies and unpriced varieties were not valued.

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Cape G. Hope—Nos. 2 ($7), 3 ($10), 3a ($13.50), 4, etc.
Ceylon—Nos. 28 ($20), 41 ($10), 56b ($15), etc.
France—Nos. 1 ($10); 2 ($15), No. 18 unused ($12), 21 ($20), 36 ($10)
Hamburg—No. 1a ($10); 4 ($10); 18 ($10); No. 21 ($17.50), 11 ($35)
Luxemburg—No. 2 unused (cat. $25); also used; No. 3, etc.
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Oldenburg—Nos. 3; 12 ($50), No. 7 ($75)
Roumania—No rarities, but a splendid showing of the "earlies"
St. Helena—No. 1 ($15), 2b, 8, 19
St. Vincent—No. 7 ($18), 28, 28a
Spain—Nos. 1 unused ($10), 3, 9, No. 70 ($30)
Switzerland—No. 25 and 28
Transvaal—Nos. 24 unused ($12.50), No. 26 ($25), 35b
Tuscany—Nos. 10 ($18) and 13a
Uruguay—No. 6 ($20), No. 17 ($40), No. 33
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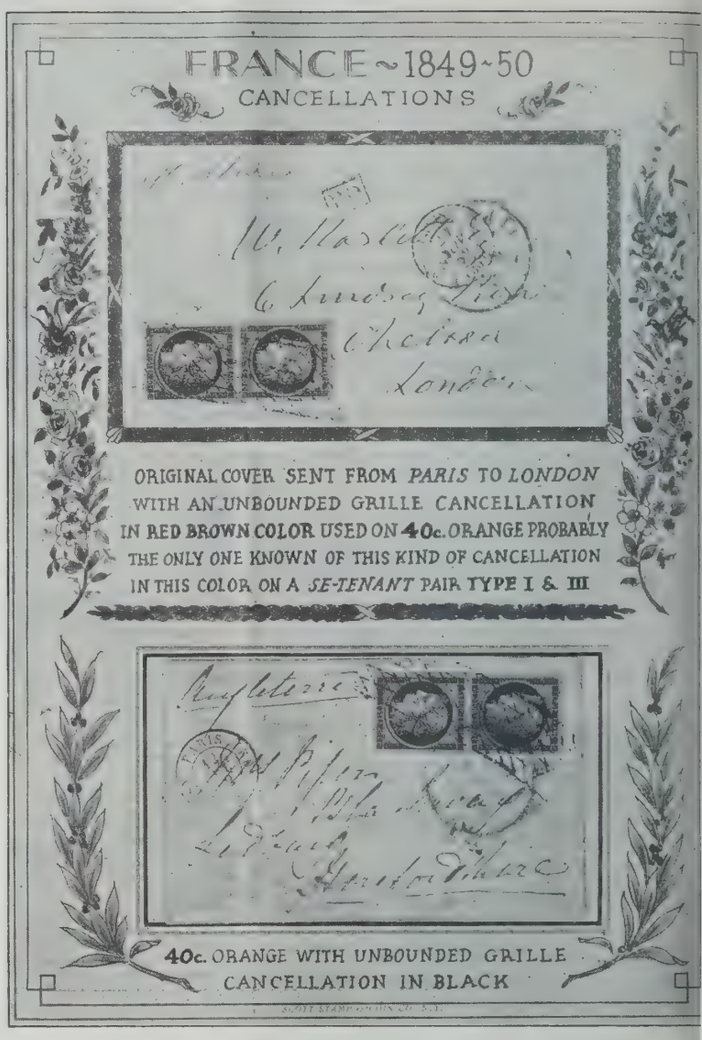
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Mr. Berry's collection is mainly Australian, and his specialties are the early imperforate issues of Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. Since 1920, his interest has been centered on the classic half-lengths. From a business standpoint, Mr. Berry is associated with the Henry Berry & Co. Pty. Ltd., with which he has been connected since 1888. In 1913 he was made Managing Director, which position he still holds. He is Consul for Chile in Queensland and a justice of the peace in both Queensland and Victoria. He is also a past president of the Philatelic Society of Victoria.

FROM THE PRESS AGENT

H. M. KONWISER.

CONVENTION time will soon be here, as the fortieth annual gathering of the American Philatelic Society will be called to order at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on October 17th for a three-day session. This does not mean that all who attend the convention will devote their time and thought to "affairs de stamp organization" in the rooms occupied for the stamp gathering.

Attending a stamp convention means the renewal of old friendships, the meeting with people who know you or *vice versa* by philatelic endeavor, seeing the sights, seeing things not in sight, buying stamps, selling stamps, swapping stamps, arguing about this stamp and its validity, proving that all experts should know their business, arguing, against constantly-increasing prices in the various stamp dealers catalogs, urging more stamps as the fundamental thing for increasing the number of stamp collectors, contending that too many stamps make for too much trouble, and other things too numerous to mention in a family paper of this size.

(It is understood by the press agent for the Convention, and so stated for publication, that none of the Convention Committee, legally appointed by President Wilhelm, will undertake to debate any of these problems. Nor will they essay to contradict any writers who maintain that stamp collecting is a surer way to money-making than stocks and bonds.)

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Apart from these things, the committee will endeavor to look after your welfare. The Association has a booth at the Stamp Exhibition, which will be held during Convention week. The White Plains stamp will be issued that week. And this paper hopes every one of the members stops in at the WEEKLY booth at the Exposition.

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Of these stamps, the Jamaica Philatelic Society in their 6th annual report for the year ending April 13, 1926, make some very interesting comments:

"18.—On the 2nd November, 1925, for the third year in succession, the Child Welfare stamps were again put on sale at the various Post Offices throughout the Island. It is regretted, however, that the local support given to this movement was again very poor, and the net benefit to the Child Saving League was only £57.8.4.

19.—The sale of these stamps was restricted to local demand and orders from abroad were not supplied by the Postal Department. This led to much criticism from certain quarters, but bearing in mind the original policy not to extend the sale of these stamps to foreign orders, the Committee can only endorse the action of the Government in not departing from its original intention, although this involved less financial aid to the laudable scheme inaugurated to assist the poor children of the Island.

20.—The lack of local support is deplored by this Society, but a certain amount of blame for this condition must be laid at the door of the Child Saving League, whose members, although enthusiastic in their work for the destitute children, lost what was no doubt a good opportunity to increase their finances, by not undertaking in a wholesale manner, to push the sale of these stamps by their own personal efforts, even if these efforts involved the purchase of the stamps by the League and the sale of them to dealers abroad and to merchants and others locally.

21.—This policy was adopted by the Red Cross League of Jamaica which was founded during the Great War. By its push and energy in this direction the League realised over £1000 by the sale of their stamps to the public of Jamaica and other countries at the small price of ½d each. These Red Cross labels were seen on all the correspondence of several local firms although they represented no postal value, but the same cannot be said of the Child Welfare stamps, which although they carry postal value, *are rare in their used state.*"

During the first season of sale (1923-24), 37,941 stamps were sold, and in 1924-25, 33,710—the Child Saving League receiving £79.0.10½ and £70.4.7, respectively.

	Sales 1923-24		*Sales 1924-25*	
½d,	13,073	£27. 4.8½	12,943	£ 25.17. 7½
1d,	16,629	69. 5.9	11,611	48. 7. 7
2½d,	8,239	85.16.5½	9,676	100.15.10
	37,941	£182.6.11	33,710	£175. 1. 0½

The remainders available for issue November 2, 1925, were as follows:

½d,	82,081	£171. 0.0½
1d,	24,390	101.12.6
2½d,	21,150	220. 6.3
	127,621	£492.18.9½

The sales between Nov. 2, 1925, and Jan. 31, 1926, were in less quantity, unfortunately, than in the previous seasons, as indicated by the following tabulation, which also lists the remainders on hand at the end of January, 1926.

	Sales 1925-26		*Remainders Jan.31,'26*	
½d,	10,026	£20.17. 9	72,055	£150.2. 3½
1d,	9,482	39.10. 2	14,908	62.2. 4
2½d,	7,397	77. 1. 0½	13,753	143.5. 2½
	26,905	£137.8.11½	100,716	£355.9.10

On the basis of the stamps sold (26905), the Child Saving League was entitled to receive £56.1.1½, but through some miscalculation on the part of the Chief Accountant, of the G. P. O., £57.8.4. was handed over to them. This overpayment of £1.7.3½d will be deducted from whatever sum may be due to the League for sales made during the fourth season, 1926-27.

An American dealer, desiring to purchase £100 of these stamps, after they had been withdrawn from sale, wrote to His Excellency the Acting Governor

HARRY E. HUBER,
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(Hon. A. S. Jelf), on March 4, 1926, to which the following reply was made on March 24.

"Colonial Secretary's Office,
JAMAICA, 24th March, 1926.

No. 1987-26

Sir:

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th March, asking how you can obtain some Child Welfare stamps.

2.—I am to inform you that the sale of these stamps by the Jamaica Post Office is permitted only during the months of November, December and January, but that the Child Saving League has a supply of these stamps, and that a copy of your letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the League, who is being asked to communicate with you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Signed, D. H. HALL,
Acting Asst. Colonial Secretary."

Although previously, requests out of season for purchase of Child Welfare stamps (intended for filling orders from abroad), had been refused by the Government, the Acting Governor was interviewed by the Child Saving League, and permission obtained to secure the stamps as needed from the General Post Office. The transaction was handled entirely by the Child Saving League, who bought the stamps from the G. P. O., and dispatched them abroad.

It having been suggested that the Child Saving League should undertake the sale of these stamps to purchasers from abroad (during the months they are obtainable from the Post Office), arrangements to this end have been perfected, and commencing November 1, 1926, orders may be sent to Mrs. E. F. Latreille, Chairman, Child Saving League, Kingston, Jamaica. The amount of the remittance should cover the cost of the stamps (face plus ½d each), and return postage and registration (4½d minimum). As Mrs. Latreille has no Government stamp vendor's license, it will be as a private individual that she will purchase the stamps from the G. P. O.

In view of the strong representations made to the Government in the matter of non-sale of these stamps, except over the counter, the Secretary of State for the Colonies has sanctioned the filling of orders received by the Post Office from applicants abroad, during the months of November, December and January.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

THE advanced specialist after practically completing a country or group of countries is confronted with the same question as the new collector, namely, what must I collect next? Twenty years ago, we all made general collections, for, with a small outlay, a most satisfactory lot could be gotten together. Today this is almost impossible even with unlimited means, when we consider the hundreds of countries and thousands of stamps. As a result, philately like other branches of human endeavor, has become specialized. The man who endeavors to collect all countries is the exception rather than the rule. I know of no issue or groups of issue offering greater pleasure or making possible a more substantial profit considering the amount invested than the 20th century issues of the United States.

Today with very few exceptions, most of these can be had at nominal prices. Having been issued within the last twenty-five years, many of them do not bring the figure that their scarcity warrants. Year by year they are becoming more seasoned, if I may use that expression, with the result that the one who wisely invests today has an opportunity of not only gaining untold pleasure, but a profit as well.

While I do not recommend that anyone collect simply for profit, I do hold that the investment point of view should not be forgotten and if we can combine the combination of pleasure and profit, so much the better. Good stamps, like good stocks and bonds increase in value year by year and for fine things there is always a ready market.

The auction sales within the last two or three years have demonstrated to those who may have been in doubt, that the demand for our late issues is steadily increasing and that the time is almost here when the available supply will not begin to take care of the demand. As soon as the small stocks now in the hands of the professional become exhausted, prices are bound to rise. Varieties that could have been purchased at the post office less than ten years ago are, in many cases, bringing dozens of times their face value. These are not isolated

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instances for substantial increases are found in most of these emissions.

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Then too, the stamps are not diffic to distinguish and the fact that many the rarer shades and dies are only appre ated by those who actually collect, gi the collector an opportunity to pick many items at especially attractive tures.

Beginning with the first 20th centu issue, that is, the Pan-American ser of 1901, we have one of the most attr tive series of stamps ever turned out this country. The two colors especia appeal to the non-collector. We th pass on to what we might designate our "Statesmen" series of 1902 and h we have nothing to complicate the an teur either in the way of perforations watermarks. He seeks the numer shades which may be picked up by bro ing through dealers' stocks. This ser remained in use for several years a was replaced by the issue of 1918, wher portraits of Washington and Frank only, appear. This series with mi changes in perforation and waterma continued in use right through to series started in 1922—the one that are now using. During these twen five years several commemorative s appeared, such as those to commemor the "Louisiana Purchase," the "Found of Jamestown," the "Panama-Pacific E hibition," the "Landing of the Pilgrin and the like.

For the specialist who desires to more deeply into the hobby, there is opportunity of adding blocks and str in the case of coils.

Personally, I recommend the collecti of the unused 20th century United Sta specimens but those who are partial the used copies will derive great inter in the hobby because they will find necessary to look far and near in or to locate many of the varieties in us block form. A collection gotten togeth on such a basis entails only the expen ture of a few hundred dollars wh may be extended over any period desir

To the collector of larger means, the are the errors to be gotten, such as inverted centers, the part perforates a the like. The coming International Ph atelic Exhibition will show the nov the great possibilities of getting togeth a collection of this kind.

PREPARATION FOR MOUNTIN

By WILLIAM A. LORENZ

In mounting postage stamps it is sirable to remove the old hinges a portions of envelope. If these are soak in water and the cancellations are fu tive (as for example on many stamps the Colombian Republic), the cancel tions will run and spoil the stamps. order to avoid this, I proceed as follow

Wet a piece of cotton, or a copy-bo cloth; lay this down upon a piece oiled paper, such as used in copy-boo then place the stamps upon this wet clo with the hinge, or gum side, against t wet side of the cloth; then over th place oiled paper on the face of the po age stamps; then weight the top w books or magazines. By leaving t postage stamps under this weight f about half an hour, the stamps w readily separate from the backing. Th leaves some gum on the stamps, whi the average collector likes to retain. sprinkling a little powdered talc on t gum, the gum need not be wiped o Then the stamps should be placed t tween blotting paper under a weight that they will dry flat.

By proceeding in this way, the stam can be readily separated from their bac ing and the face of the stamps will n be wetted. Consequently, the fugiti cancellations on the stamps will not spoiled.

The gum may be wiped off with a w cloth, without disturbing the face of t stamps, but be careful to keep the fa dry.

Stamps with gum thereon, particular new ones, are in many instances apt curl badly, and will not lie flat. Th curl may be taken out by drawing t metal edge of a ruler over the stamp which will straighten out the stamps a allow them to lie flat. Draw the rul edge gently over the "convex" side the stamps.

HELLO UNITED STATES!

Exhibition Greetings

FROM FRED. J. MELVILLE

President of the J. P. S.

GREETINGS once again to the land of Stars and Stripes, the home of Old Glory. Greetings also to the countless philatelic friends who ve their dwelling there, and whom I all delight to meet again.

America has now taken her proper ace in the front rank of philatelic hievement, and the New York Exbition of 1926 is attracting a much ger body of visitors than did the t wonderful show in 1913. Collcrs and dealers in Europe are eager see the great feast of philatelic asure to be spread before them in e vast area of the Grand Central lace for the great week of October th to 23rd. So from 1st October ery ferry-boat crossing the Pond m European ports will have its ota of philatelists flocking to the urney.

They come full of great expectations, d I who have seen what New York uld do in 1913 have no doubt the thcoming show will justify and perps exceed their anticipations. They me also filled with a warm appreciaon of the support and co-operation nerican Philately has extended to all eat philatelic enterprises in Europe recent years, and heartily desirous their turn of backing up the greatest ort of organised Philately in the ited States.

Our leading collectors, too, are doing ir share in sending or bringing the me of their collections, to enrich a play already rich to opulence in the hibits of the great collectors of the ited States. The spirit of friendly mpetition is good in all games and orts, and the collectors of Europe play a true sportsmanship in aking a plucky stand for the ampionships and other honours of e stampic arena. They know someng of the marvelous strength of eir American competitors, but are t daunted. The greater the struggle e greater the honour to victor and vanquished.

We come, too, inspired with the sense fraternity which Philately engenders. matters little if we capture few or ny medals, the real matter is that shall all capture rich rewards in the endships formed with our fellow-phielists overseas. Each previous visit of ne to the United States swelled the ny of good friends whose affection has en a source of lasting joy to me, and renew and re-cement those associans would alone be sufficient to ene my revisiting America on the first portunity. But I am confident the ning trip will still further enlarge e legion of congenials, good folk o have read my books and articles, d who become in a sense intimate, hough we have not met in the flesh. ny of these I hope to meet when y congregate in the Grand Central lace next month.

t is one of the sweet rewards of the orer in any literary field that he is stantly learning of new friendships de. A charming letter from a San ancisco boy reached me the other y; it is typical of many that come lough my all-welcoming letter-box, I quote it as the handiest example:

"SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
U. S. A., 5. 10. 26.

dear MR. MELVILLE,

have just finished reading your cellent book, "Chats on Postage mps" and I wish to write a note appreciation of this fine book.

t was, and, in fact, still is the best ok which I have taken from the liry on stamps. In commendation I sh to say that you make your book teresting by not giving any superbus details, such as the Latin name an ant eater on a stamp of French Guinea or some other silly thing in which no collector is interested. I believe your history of the postage system is the most interesting I have ever read.

I see by the paper that you are coming to America in October to preside as one of the judges at the philatelic exhibition and I certainly wish that I could attend the event just to meet you. I am an ardent collector and would enjoy the prospect of going to the exhibition, but of course that

FRED. J. MELVILLE
London, England.

is impossible so I must content myself with accounts of it.

I belong to the San Francisco Stamp Society and am vice-president of the Polytechnic High School Stamp Club. I have one sister who collects stamps also.

Mr. Melville, since I cannot meet you personally I would dearly like to have your signature.

Sincerely yours,
WADE BAKER."

Although I shall probably not have the pleasure of meeting Master Wade Baker on this trip, I am hopeful of meeting many of America's real juniors in New York, and possibly also in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington. A few of the boys I met in New York in 1913 are still numbered among my friends and frequent correspondents. Some are now quite famous in the philatelic world.

I may express the hope in conclusion that there may be set aside at least one evening or afternoon at the exhibition for a great rally of America's philatelic youth. I am confident it would be an occasion inspiring to the seniors, as well as to the young folk themselves.

The latter would retain for many years to come the happiest memories of the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York which fired them with the true love of stamps.

I. P. E. STICKER

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*150		10c on 50c	.45
*150b		2c on 15c	1.65
*152		2c on 5c	.16
*152b		2c on 5c, scarce	6.00
*156		1c on 2c	.13
*162	1918,	3c on 10c	.17
*178a	1920,	5c on 10c, Inverted Surch.	1.10
*179		5c on 10c	.22
*179d		5c on 10c, double sur., 1 inverted	1.40
*180a		5c on 10c, double surcharge	1.10
*180d		5c on 10c, triple sur. (not listed)	2.25
*181a		5c on 10c, double sur., 1 inverted	1.10
*182b		5c on 10c, double sur., 1 inverted	1.40
*183	1921,	1c green	.03
*798	1906,	5c ultra. & black	.11
*809	1909,	1c emerald & black	.03
*813		15c claret & black	.25
*841c	1915,	1c on 2c, "LFF 1c" inverted	1.65
*842		1c on 2c	.13
*846	1918,	2c red & black	.06
*847		5c ultra. & black	.11
*858	1920,	3c on 1c, green & brown	.22
*859		4c on 2c, red & black	.30
*863	1921,	1c green	.03

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Scott's Nos.			Per Set
101-10	1906,	1c-75c Postage	.80
111-13		$1.00-$5.00	1.20
115-24	1909,	1c-75c	.65
134, 135, 183, 184—4 varieties for			.10
163-72	1918,	1c-75c	1.65
163-75		1c-$5.00	4.00
183-88	1921,	1c-25c	.40
183-91		1c-75c	.65
183-94		1c-$5.00	2.00
195-208		1c-$5.00	2.20
610-14	1903,	Registration	.20
620-24	1921,	Registration	.30
625-29		Registration	.50
796-805	1906,	1c-75c Official	.80
806-08		$1.00-$5.00	1.20
809-18	1909-12,	1c-75c	.65
845-54	1918,	1c-75c	1.65
855-57		$1.00-$5.00	3.00
860, 861, 863, 864, 865—set of five			.15
860-70	1921,	2c-75c	.85
860-73		2c-$5.00	2.00
874-87		1c-$5.00	2.50

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Scott's No.			Our Price
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20		24c rose red	.50
101	1906,	1c green & black	.03
116	1909,	2c lake & black	.03
150	1915,	10c on 50c	.50
150b		10c on 2c	1.65
159	1916,	10c on 24c	.32
159a		10c on 24c, Inverted surch.	1.75
162	1918,	3c on 10c plum & black	.17
164		2c rose & black	.04
176b	1920,	3c on 1c, double surcharge	1.65
178a		5c on 10c, Inverted surch.	1.10
178b		5c on 10c, double surcharge	2.25
178c		5c on 10c, dble. sur., 1 invtd.	1.40
179d		5c on 10c, dble. sur., 1 invtd.	1.40
180a		5c on 10c, double surcharge	1.10
180b		5c on 10c, dble. sur., 1 invtd.	1.40
182a		5c on 10c, double surcharge	1.10
182b		5c on 10c, dble. sur., 1 invtd.	1.40
451	1915,	2c+3c on 10c, plum & black	.17
452		2c+3c on 10c, ultra. & black	.17
838c	1915,	2c on 5c, scarce	6.00
841c		1c on 1c, "LFF 1c" Inverted	1.65
858b	1920,	3c on 1c, double surcharge	1.65
858c		3c on 1c, triple surcharge	2.00
859a		4c on 2c, Inverted surcharge	1.15
859b		4c on 2c, double surcharge	1.35
859c		4c on 2c, dble. sur., 1 invtd.	140
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STAMP COURTESY

By A. Atlas Leve

STAMP COURTESY! Just what the two words imply. Let us be courteous to our stamps. Treat them nicely and it will repay one a thousand-fold. The collector who picks up or turns over a stamp with his thumbnail will eat soup with a knife. Stamp tongs or tweezers are great and useful articles and absolutely indispensable to a real stamp man. A real collector never touches his stamps except when mounting them in his album. A perfect stamp in all details is a work of art and should be treated so. I have seen rare stamps that looked as if their various owners had used chewing gum to mount them and monkey wrenches to pick them up with. Handle your stamps carefully all the time.

Then there is the matter of hinges. Use peelable hinges. There are some hinges that could be used for shipping tags. No stamp should be hinged so as to allow the perforations to get bent over, eventually these perforations will break off. It is wise to remove old pieces of hinges. I have taken some pretty solid chunks of paper from stamps composed of five or six hinges. The hinges that are made with a heavy, thick glue, should be shunned. It is far better to wet the hinge with your finger tip than the tongue.

Approval Cards. A nice invention, but these cards are the real cause of fine tears and broken perforations. If you receive any approvals on cards be very careful in replacing the stamps. The sharp edges of the pockets will cut a stamp or turn a perforation very quickly. Raise the pocket very carefully when inserting stamps.

As a rule both collector and dealer are slow in their correspondence. Of course there are dealers who have a tremendous mail and their system requires time; but when a dealer absolutely ignores a request from a collector, he, the dealer, injures Philately. On the other hand, the collector who ignores the dealers' request for the prompt return of approvals also injures Philately. Credit is the very life of business, but credit has its limits. Be courteous, Mr. Stamp Man. It pays.

Stamp Courtesy also requires that a selection sent on approval should be returned within ten days. Leading dealers are beginning to shorten that time to three and five days. Fine stamps are scarce and the demand is great. I know collectors who carry approvals in their pockets for days. It isn't fair to all concerned. Then there are the collectors, and serious ones, too, who return valuable selections in the ordinary mail, others who do not protect approval books carefully in mailing and still others who mark and fold and soil approval books to the extent that the stamps have to be remounted. I had a case where the collector walked out of the post-office and opened some of my approval books in the rain. I salvaged the unused stamps for postage.

Stamp Courtesy means everything to the real collector. He appreciates receiving a registered letter franked with high or odd value stamps. He also preciates a neatly addressed enve with the stamps nicely canceled. S times a courteous word to the reg clerk will save the "cover" from "shoe brush and hammer." Cou pays. Some dealers answer every quest if it takes weeks to do it. Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washin is simply a great illustration of S Courtesy by the government. It both Uncle Sam and the collector costs practically nothing. I'll hav quit now for Courtesy's sake.

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LOUISIANA STATE REVENU

By Arthur W. Van Pelt, A. P. S. Morgan City, La.

Collectors of state revenue issues be interested in a new series from L iana which will come into effect Oc 1st, to place in force a ten per cent. on tobacco and cigarettes as a result act of the last session of the State L lature.

The stamps will be in seven denom tions, as follows: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25 50c. The total issue of all denomina amounts to sixty million, and the st will have a total value of slightly than one-half million dollars. All sta regardless of denomination, are to b in books of 250 each. The size of pane is not known to the correspon as yet.

Distribution of the stamps over state will be handled by banks through other media, as some of the b throughout the state have refused t dertake the handling of them.

The act placing the new tax on tol was created for the purpose of ra additional funds for education. Th the cause was as meritorious as pos the act was a very unpopular one, passed by only a small margin. Its popularity came through the fact users of tobacco were made to carr of the additional tax, and it is gene known throughout the state as Nuisance Tax.

THE EXHIBITION AUCTION SALE

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Believing that the International Philatelic Exhibition should suffer no iness counter-attractions and feeling that the visitor will want to attend ew York auction sale, the leading auction dealers of New York have de- d to hold no auctions during the Exhibition week, Saturday, Oct. 16th to d, except the "Exhibition Auction".

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THE CLASSIC RARITIES OF FRANCE

By Dr. S. Avazon.

FOR over a year I have been writing for philatelic magazines, and lecturing on French stamps, and it is indeed with great pleasure that I accept the invitation of the Managing Editor to begin a series of articles for the leading stamp paper of the world, Mekeels' Weekly Stamp News.

I feel that this offer will give me an opportunity of reaching many more thousands of people than I have been able to reach in the past, and I welcome a chance to try to make others see some of the wonders, beauties, and possibilities of a collection of that epoch history making and ever increasingly popular country—*France*.

One of the strongest pleas for French stamp collecting is based on the fact that France from 1849 to 1876 issued one of the most classical and simple series of stamps, and the collector's patience is not tried with perforations, watermarks and differences in paper, and there is a comparatively small number of forgeries which are very obvious to even an amateur.

French stamps offer a very interesting registering of the political changes in the country, and provide one of the best examples of how stamps similar to great political documents inaugurate the periods of a nation's history.

Aside from the historical point, French stamps offer to the philatelist one of the deepest studies, and how deep one may, and must search, only one who has specialized in French stamps knows. But what rewards one receives! The more one gazes at a specialist's collection, the more one sees, and the more one wants to look, and the closer one examines each stamp.

This, then, is what the making of a French stamp collection offers you, namely, a "clean-cut," straightforward, series of stamps, and an opportunity of getting acquainted with the fascinating history of France, including the famous Napoleon Bonaparte, and in addition a fascinating study of a classical issue of stamps that will test your powers of observation and your ability to dig deep.

The French stamps begin when the Revolutionists of 1848 overthrew the monarchy of Louis Phillip, and the new government adopted the Postage Stamp System already operating successfully in Great Britain, since 1840.

Thus, the second Republic inaugurated the postage stamp system in France, and Mr. Barre, the great designer and engraver, used as the design of this first series of stamps the allegorical figure of the Head of Ceres, the Italian goddess of Agriculture, or "Mother Earth." When one considers that France was primarily an agricultural country, this was truly a fitting design.

The first French stamps were offered for sale January 1, 1849, in the denominations of 20c black, similar to the one penny black of Great Britain, 10c bistre, yellowish and dark bistre yellowish, 15c yellow green and deep green, 40c orange-vermilion, and orange-yellowish and one franc vermilion.

It is obvious to the reader that the color black was inappropriate for cancellation purposes, and that the 40c orange vermilion and one franc vermilion might be easily confused. But France soon rectified these early mistakes, and the color of the 20c black was changed to blue, while the one franc vermilion was discarded for one franc carmine.

Strange to say, the 20c blue was never put into circulation, due to a decree raising the postal rates from 20c to 25c, while the only stamp of this first series to become rare was the one franc vermilion.

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UMEJIRO KIMURA, TOKYO, JAPA

LEADER IN ALL PHILATELIC ACTIVITIES IN HIS NATIVE CO TRY, WHO WILL JUDGE THE NEW YORK ENTRIES

MR. UMEJIRO KIMURA, whose picture appears in the page of judges elsew in this issue, who will serve as one of the judges at the New York Exhibi is fifty-seven years old and is director of a three-color print shop in Tokyo, Ja He has collected stamps since 1910, and is president of the Yurakukai, the phila society of Japan. In fact, he has been president since its establishment in To have been president of this society for fourteen years is an indication of ability and the popularity of Mr. Kimura.

The Yurakukai possesses three hundred members and is the oldest and la philatelic society in Japan. It publishes a monthly journal entitled *The Yu* which was founded in 1914, and which is the oldest and largest philatelic jou in Japan. It is edited by Mr. Kimura.

In 1920 our friend was elected a member of the Roll of Distinguished Ph elists. The Literary labors of Mr. Kimura have also been devoted in part to publishing of the Standard Catalog of the Postage Stamps of Japan, the edition of which was recently issued, and also an "Introduction to Postage St Collecting."

Mr. Kimura specializes in the stamps of Japan.

superseded December of that same year. In addition to its short life few copies were printed because it was seldom used except for heavy mail or sending letters to foreign lands.

The most interesting period in French stamps lies between its inauguration in January, 1849, and the close of the Franco-Prussian War, and the downfall of Napoleon in 1870.

This period includes practically all the rarities of French stamps, such as the one franc orange-vermilion, the tête-beches, and the famous and much written about balloon postes.

I have just told you a little about that great rarity one franc vermilion, now let us consider the tête-beches.

The tête-beches begin with the 1849-50 issue and appear in all values of this issue, and such tête-beches occur when one stamp is in a reverse position to others, upside down, in a horizontal pair, and head to head in a vertical pair. We may also have tête-beches in a strip.

There are two explanations for the tête-beches. One explanation is that Mr. Hulot intentionally inserted some of the cliches upside down for the purpose of a control in the detection of forged sheets. The second explanation is to the effect that the tête-beches may be due to the negligence of the workmen.

The most expensive tête-beches is the one franc Vervelle listed in Yvert & Tellier for forty thousand dollars. Only one copy of the Vervelle color is known, and this stamp is named after Mr. Vervelle, who found it among Mr. Hulot's papers at his death and bought it in 1895.

The one franc dull orange tête-beches was sold in 1924, in France, to an American collector, for about twenty thousand dollars.

The second most famous French tête-beches is the 15c yellow green discovered in 1896 by Monsieur Victor Robert, a well-known French dealer and specialist who came across it while looking over a lot that he bought from an American dealer. The discovery of this tête-beche was hailed with delight by specialists all over the world, and was sold to the famous Ferrari for 3,500 French francs, or a sum equivalent to $700, and was later sold in the last Ferrari auction sale for the sum of $3000.

The third rarities are the balloon post, and for the benefit of those readers who possibly may have escaped hearing about the renowned Ballon Monte, I shall give a short account.

During the Franco-Prussian War, the Germans surrounded Paris, and so effectively cut off the provinces that all means of communication with the outside world was a hazardous affair, and Paris' endeavors to communicate with the outer world are among the most fascinating of postal records. A cable laid from Paris to Rouen under the Seine, the Germans destroyed by dragging the river. The Swiss government declared telegraph wires contraband and they had to be smuggled into France. Letters enclosed in hollow spheres and th into the river met with failure. Ind ual dispatch bearers, men and wo were caught and shot in spite of al elaborate means they used to tr conceal messages. Dogs were use messengers, but without any good re and finally the idea of carrier pig was tried.

All letters were brief and were pri in type, and these cards were placed fore cameras and photographed to very, minute size. The photographs put inside of the quills which wer tached to the tail feathers of the and the pigeons were set free. these pigeons reached Paris, the photographs were taken from the and the messages were read by mean powerful microscopes, and thus the lem of sending messages was solved is recorded that one pigeon delivered 40,000 messages in one flight.

But the means of communicatio interest to philatelists is the one ina rated by the director of postes, nar the air mail, and this means offered chief instrument for sending epistles of the city of Paris, while messages riving in the city had to be carrie the carrier pigeon. The carrier pig were taken out of the city in the ball and the people relied on the pig instinct to fly back home to Paris.

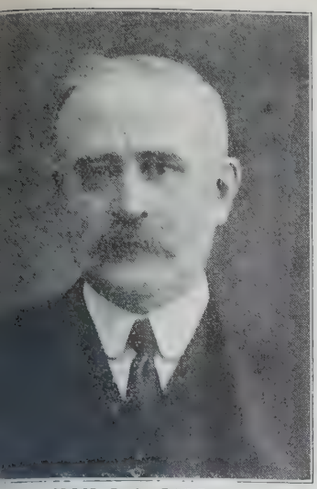
Letter sheets were issued for both free balloon and the passenger ball which charged a higher postage rate such letter sheets were inscribed Ballon Non-Monte or Par Ballon M Ten centimes was the postal rat unmanned balloons, to various part France and Algiers.

At eight o'clock on the morning the 23rd of September, 1870, a th gathered in the Place Saint Pier Montmarte to see the pilot, Jules Dur off with his two sacks of 125 kilo mail in the balloon called Le Nep The balloon landed the same mor three hours later in the Chateau l'ar Craconville, one hundred one kilo m from Paris. Great was the rejoicin Paris when the news arrived that balloon had safely carried the mess past the enemy's lines and into the h of the French.

Altogether there were sixty-seven loons sent during this period, of w fifty-five successfully carried the mai to the hands of the French. Only on these successful balloons was a fre no-passenger balloon.

If I am not mistaken, the most fam balloons were the Ville d'Orleans, leased the 24th of November from Gare du Nord, the Jacquard released 28th of November from the Gar Orleans, and the Richard Wallace from the Gare du Nord on the 27th January, 1871.

I trust that the readers will be to see some of the above mentio rarities during the International P atelic Exposition in New York so they may receive a practical knowle of these classic and historical stamps



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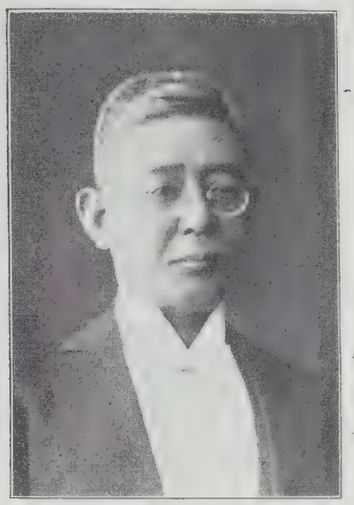

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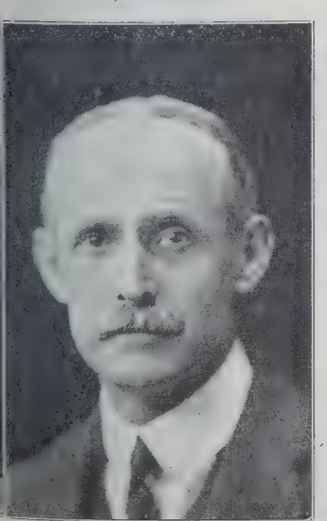

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		Unused	Used fine	Used good
POSTMASTERS PROVISIONALS				
17	5c New York, Black	50.00	45.00	19.00
18	5c Providence, Black	7.75	..	..
1847 GENERAL ISSUES				
28	5c Brown	20.00	6.00	3.00
29	10c Black	..	24.00	16.00
1851-56. Imperforate				
31	1c Blue, Type II	8.00	3.25	2.00
32d	1c Blue, Type IV	5.00	2.50	1.25
33	3c Red	2.00	.25	.12
34	5c Red Brown	..	28.50	16.00
35	10c Green, Type I	..	9.00	6.00
35a	10c Green, Type II	..	3.50	2.50
35b	10c Green, Type III	..	4.00	2.50
35c	10c Green, Type IV	..	..	12.00
36	12c Black	20.00	8.00	3.25
1857-60. Same Perforated 15				
40	1c Blue, Type I	15.00	10.00	5.00
41	1c Blue, Type II	10.00	4.00	2.50
42b	1c Blue, Type IIIa	15.00	7.00	4.50
42d	1c Blue, Type IV	..	12.00	7.00
42f	1c Blue, Type V	1.00	.60	.45
43	1c Rose, Type I	6.00	.65	.40
44	1c Dull Red, Type II	.15	.05	.03
45	5c Brick Red, Type I	..	25.00	16.50
46	5c Red Brown, Type I	..	16.50	9.00
47	5c Brown, Type I	..	8.00	6.50
48	5c Or'ge Br'n, Type II	7.50	..	..
48a	5c Brown, Type II	6.50	8.00	6.00
49	10c Green, Type I	..	7.50	6.00
49a	10c Green, Type II	..	2.50	2.00
49b	10c Green, Type III	..	3.00	2.50
49c	10c Green, Type IV	..	..	25.00
50	10c Green, Type V	4.50	1.50	1.00
51	12c Black	5.50	4.00	2.85
52	24c Lilac	8.75	10.00	6.75
53	30c Orange	9.00	15.00	9.00
54	90c Blue	24.00	..	24.00
1861. First (August) Issue. Perf. 12				
56	3c Brown Red	15.00	..	..
58	10c Dark Green	..	18.00	14.00
60	24c Violet	..	45.00	20.00

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1861. Second (September) Issue				
63	1c Blue	1.20	.60	.45
64	3c Pink	..	12.50	8.00
65	3c Rose	.60	.05	.02
66	3c Lake	22.50	..	..
67	5c Buff	..	22.50	12.50
68	10c Yellow Green	3.00	.75	.50
69	12c Black	6.50	2.00	1.25
70	24c Red Lilac	15.00	6.75	3.25
70b	24c Steel Blue	..	24.00	12.50
71	30c Orange	6.50	2.50	1.85
72	90c Blue	18.50	9.00	6.00
1862-66. New Values and Colors				
73	2c Black	1.00	.35	.25
75	5c Red Brown	..	7.00	4.00
76	5c Brown	4.00	2.25	1.20
77	15c Black	12.00	3.00	1.75
78	24c Lilac	3.50	2.00	1.25
1867. Same Design, Grilled				
83	3c Rose (13x16) m.m.	..	..	5.00
85	3c Rose (12x14) m.m.	..	..	2.00
86	1c Blue (11x13) m.m.	..	3.50	2.85
87	2c Black	4.00	1.00	.70
88	3c Rose	2.00	.25	.15
89	10c Green	10.00	3.50	2.25
90	12c Black	..	3.50	2.90
91	15c Black	20.00	4.50	2.75
1867. Small Grill (9x13) m.m.				
92	1c Blue	7.00	3.00	2.00
93	2c Black	2.00	.45	.35
94	3c Red	1.00	.15	.04
95	5c Brown	..	10.00	5.00
96	10c Yellow Green	5.50	2.00	1.50
97	12c Black	8.50	1.75	1.35
98	15c Black	7.50	2.75	1.65
99	24c Grey Lilac	..	16.00	6.00
100	30c Orange	12.50	5.00	3.00
101	90c Blue	..	28.50	15.00
1869. Pictorial Issue, Grilled				
112	1c Buff	2.50	2.00	1.40
113	2c Brown	1.25	.50	.30
114	3c Blue	.80	.10	.05
115	6c Blue	4.50	3.00	2.00
116	10c Yellow	4.50	2.40	1.60
117	12c Green	3.00	2.00	1.25
118	15c Br'n & Blue, Ty. I	..	6.25	4.50
119	15c Br'n & Blue, Ty. II	7.50	2.50	1.85
120	24c Green & Violet	15.00	7.50	4.75
121	30c Blue & Carmine	15.00	4.50	3.00
122	90c Carmine & Black	..	35.00	22.00
1870-71. With Grill				
134	1c Ultramarine	5.00	1.00	.40
135	2c Red Brown	3.00	.40	.28
136	3c Green	2.00	.15	.04
137	6c Carmine	17.50	..	3.25
138	7c Vermilion	17.00	..	3.25
139	10c Brown	20.00	..	9.00
141	15c Orange	20.00	..	7.50
143	30c Black	..	..	22.00
144	90c Carmine	..	..	7.00
1870-71. Without Grill				
145	1c Ultramarine	2.00	.25	.08
146	2c Red Brown	.90	.07	.04
147	3c Green	.80	.03	.01
148	6c Carmine	2.50	.40	.25
149	7c Vermilion	5.00	2.50	1.25
150	10c Brown	5.00	.50	.35
151	12c Dull Violet	7.00	1.00	.65
152	15c Bright Orange	5.00	1.50	1.00
153	24c Purple	13.50	5.00	2.75
154	30c Full Black	15.00	3.00	2.25
155	90c Carmine	14.00	3.25	2.00
1873. Secret Marks. Hard Paper				
156	1c Ultramarine	.75	.08	.04
156c	1c Blue	..	.50	.25
157	2c Brown	1.00	.15	.08
157b	2c Brown, dbl. paper	20.00	3.00	2.50
158	3c Green	.50	.02	.01
158c	3c double paper	..	1.00	.80
159	6c Dull Pink	2.00	.30	.16
160	7c Vermilion	5.50	2.00	1.45
161	10c Brown	2.85	.25	.16
162	12c Blackish Violet	10.00	1.35	.85
163	15c Yellow Orange	11.50	2.00	1.00
165	30c Grey Black	10.00	.55	.45
165a	30c Greenish Black	..	.65	.55
166	90c Rose Carmine	8.00	5.00	3.25
1875. Hard Paper				
178	2c Vermilion	2.00	.07	.05
179	5c Blue	3.50	.22	.18
1875. Government Reissues, Etc.				
29d	5c Brown, 1847	4.00	..	..
29e	10c Black, 1847	6.25	..	..
54a	1c Bright Blue, 1857-60	2.85	..	..
102	1c Blue, 1861	7.00	..	..
123	1c Buff, 1869	3.75	4.00	3.00
124	2c Brown, 1869	6.00	..	..
125	3c Blue	16.50	..	..
126	6c Blue	9.50	..	..
127	10c Yellow	9.50	..	..
128	12c Green	11.50	..	..
129	15c Brown & Blue	12.50	..	7.00
130	24c Green & Violet	10.50	..	..
131	30c Blue & Carmine	16.50	..	..
132	90c Carmine & Black	35.00	..	..
133	1c Buff, 1869 (Soft pa.)	2.25	..	..
1879. Soft Porous Paper				
182	1c Dark Ultramarine	1.00	.07	.04
182a	1c Blue	1.00	.07	.04
183	2c Vermilion	.30	.02	.01
184	3c Green	.35	.01	.01
185	5c Blue	2.50	.18	.14
186	6c Pink	3.50	.50	.35
188	10c Br'n (secret marks)	2.00	.20	.14
188a	10c Yellow Brown (no secret marks)	2.50	.28	.18
189	15c Red Orange	1.15	.70	.45
190	30c Full Black	2.75	.65	.50
190a	30c Greenish Black	..	.85	.65
191	90c Carmine	7.50	3.50	2.70
	1882	**Unused.**		**Used**
205	5c Yellow Brown	1.00		.07
1882. Re-engraved				
206	1c Grey Blue	.22		.01
207	3c Blue Green	.32		.01
208	6c Rose	4.00		.85
208a	(6c Brown Red)	3.85		3.65
209	10c Brown	.50		.03
209b	(10c Black Brown)	4.00		.50
1883				
210	2c Red Brown	.15		.01
211	4c Blue Green	.80		.12
1887				
212	2c Green	.14		.01
213	3c Vermilion	.65		.60
214	1c Ultramarine	.15		.01
1888. New Colors				
215	4c Carmine	.40		.15
216	5c Indigo	.50		.08
217	30c Orange Brown	2.00		1.25
218	90c Purple	5.50		3.00
1890-93. Small Design				
219	1c Dull Blue	.05		.01
219d	2c Lake	.45		.01
220	2c Carmine	.04		.01
220a	"Cap on left 2"	.40		.06
220b	"Cap on both 2's"	..		.15
221	3c Purple	.15		.02
222	4c Dark Brown	.22		.01
223	5c Chocolate	.25		.01
224	6c Brown Red	.50		.12
225	8c Lilac	.25		.03
226	10c Green	.45		.01
227	15c Indigo	.85		.30
228	30c Black	1.40		.40
229	90c Orange	2.50		1.25
	Complete set (12 Var.)	6.60		2.00
	Set to 10c only (9 Var.)	2.00		.20
1893. Columbus Issue				
230	1c Deep Blue	.03		.01
231	2c Violet	.04		.01
232	3c Green	.10		.10
233	4c Ultramarine	.06		.03
234	5c Chocolate	.10		.03
235	6c Purple	.20		.16
236	8c Magenta	.14		.04
237	10c Black Brown	.15		.02
238	15c Dark Green	.70		.60
239	30c Orange Brown	1.20		.90
240	50c Slate Blue	1.40		1.40
241	$1 Salmon	3.50		3.50
242	$2 Brown Red	3.50		3.25
243	$3 Yellow Green	6.65		6.25
244	$4 Crimson Lake	8.00		7.25
245	$5 Black	9.00		8.25
	Set to 10c (8 Var.)	.75		.35
	Set to 50c (11 Var.)	3.75		3.00
	Complete set	32.00		29.75
1894. Triangles in Corners—No Wmk.				
246	1c Ultramarine	.08		.04
247	1c Blue	.18		.05
248	2c Pink, Tri. I	.12		.04
249	2c Carmine Lake, Tri. I	.50		.04
250	2c Carmine, Tri. I	.06		.01
251	2c Carmine, Tri. II	.65		.15
252	2c Carmine, Tri. III	.50		.12
253	3c Purple	.22		.03
254	4c Dark Brown	.40		.03
255	5c Chocolate	.28		.03
256	6c Dull Brown	.75		.10
257	8c Violet Brown	1.00		.12
258	10c Dark Green	.85		.04
259	15c Dark Blue	1.40		.35
260	50c Orange	2.50		.75
261	$1 Black, Type I	5.00		1.65
261a	$1 Black, Type II	13.25		4.00
262	$2 Dark Blue	13.00		8.50
263	$5 Dark Green	25.00		14.00
	Complete set to 50c (15 Var.)	8.50		1.75
1895. Double Line Wmk. USPS				
264	1c Blue	.04		.01
265	2c Carmine, Tri. I	.25		.07
266	2c Carmine, Tri. II	.25		.10
267	2c Carmine, Tri. III	.04		.01
268	3c Purple	.10		.02
269	4c Dark Brown	.12		.01
270	5c Chocolate	.28		.01
271	6c Dull Brown	.75		.03
272	8c Violet Brown	.20		.01
273	10c Dark Green	.35		.01
274	15c Dark Blue	.80		.15
275	50c Orange	1.75		.35
276	$1 Black, Type I	3.25		.80
276a	$1 Black, Type II	6.75		1.75
277	$2 Dark Blue	6.50		3.75
278	$5 Dark Green	12.75		6.65
	Complete set to 50c (12 Var.)	4.50		.70
1898-99. New Colors				
279	1c Deep Green	.04		.01
279b	2c Orange Red	.35		.01
280	4c Rose Brown	.40		.02
280b	4c Orange Brown	.36		.02
281	5c Dark Blue	.14		.01
282	6c Lake	.50		.04
282a	6c Purplish Lake	3.85		.16
282c	10c Brown, Type I	2.10		.04
283	10c Orange Brown, Type II	1.10		.02
283a	10c Brown, Type II	1.75		.03
284	15c Olive Green	1.20		.10
	Complete set (8 Var.)	5.25		.20
1898. Trans-Mississippi Issue				
285	1c Yellow Green	.04		.03
286	2c Copper Red	.05		.01
287	4c Orange	.30		.22
288	5c Dull Blue	.45		.28
289	8c Violet Brown	.65		
290	10c Grey Violet	.70		
291	50c Sage Green	2.85		
292	$1 Black	4.40		
293	$2 Orange Brown	9.50		
	Set to 10c	2.00		
	Complete set	17.50		
1901. Pan American Issue				
294	1c Green & Black	.03		
295	2c Carmine & Black	.04		
296	4c Chocolate & Black	.16		
297	5c Ultramarine & Black	.24		
298	8c Brown Violet & Black	.45		
299	10c Yellow Brown & Black	.28		
	Complete set	1.10		
1902-03. New Designs				
300	1c Blue Green	.06		
301	2c Carmine	.18		
302	3c Bright Violet	.24		
303	4c Brown	.18		
304	5c Blue	.18		
305	6c Claret	.32		
306	8c Violet Black	.28		
307	10c Pale Red Brown	.32		
308	13c Purple Black	.22		
309	15c Olive Green	.75		
310	50c Orange	1.65		
311	$1 Black	4.00		
312	$2 Dark Blue	6.00		
313	$5 Dark Green	13.50		
	Complete set to 13c	1.75		
1902-03. Imperforate				
314	1c Blue Green	.16		
315	5c Blue	5.00		
1903. Shield Shaped Background				
319	2c Carmine	.03		
320	2c Carmine, Imperf.	.15		
1904. Louisiana Purchase				
323	1c Green	.08		
324	2c Carmine	.08		
325	3c Violet	.36		
326	5c Dark Blue	.65		
327	10c Red Brown	.75		
	Complete set	1.70		
1907. Jamestown Exposition				
328	1c Green	.05		
329	2c Carmine	.08		
330	5c Blue	.22		
	Complete set	.30		
1908-09. Double Line Wmk., Perf.				
331	1c Green	.08		
332	2c Carmine	.03		
333	3c Deep Violet	.18		
334	4c Orange Brown	.12		
335	5c Blue	.14		
336	6c Red Orange	.25		
337	8c Olive Yellow	.40		
338	10c Yellow	.50		
339	13c Blue Green	.50		
340	15c Pale Ultramarine	.50		
341	50c Violet	1.40		
342	$1 Violet Black	3.00		
	Set to 15c (10 Var.)	2.50		
Imperforate				
343	1c Green	.04		
344	2c Carmine	.10		
345	3c Deep Violet	.22		
346	4c Orange Brown	.28		
347	5c Blue	.42		
	Complete set	1.00		
Coil Stamps, Perf. 12 Horizontally				
348	1c Green	.05		
349	2c Carmine	.20		
350	4c Orange Brown	.80		
351	5c Blue	.85		

N. B. These and all subsequent stamps can be supplied in pairs at d the single price. Line pairs and pas pairs 25% additional.

Coil Stamps, Perf. 12 Vertically				
352	1c Green	.40		
353	2c Carmine	.30		
354	4c Orange Brown	1.10		
355	5c Blue	.90		
356	10c Yellow	17.50		
On Bluish Experimental Paper				
357	1c Green	.40		
358	2c Carmine	.45		
359	3c Deep Violet	13.25		
361	5c Blue	52.50		
362	6c Red Orange	4.75		
364	10c Yellow	8.75		
365	13c Blue Green	37.50		
366	15c Pale Ultramarine	5.00		
1909. Lincoln Memorial				
367	2c Carmine	.04		
368	2c Imperforate	.10		
369	2c on Bluish paper	.40		
Alaska-Yukon Issue				
370	2c Carmine	.04		
371	2c Imperforate	.10		
Hudson-Fulton Issue				
372	2c Carmine	.04		
373	2c Imperforate	.10		
1910. As Before, Wmk. Single USPS, Pe				
374	1c Green	.03		
375	2c Carmine	.04		
376	3c Deep Violet	.14		
377	4c Brown	.14		
378	5c Blue	.18		
379	6c Red Orange	.28		
380	8c Olive Green	.65		
381	10c Yellow	.75		
382	15c Pale Ultramarine	2.25		
Imperforate				
383	1c Green	.04		
384	2c Carmine	.08		
Coil Stamps, Perf. 12				
385	1c Green, perf. horiz.	.20		
386	2c Carmine, perf. horiz.	.40		
387	1c Green, perf. vertically	.40		
Coil Stamps, Perf. 8½				
390	1c Green, perf. horiz.	.10		
391	2c Carmine, perf. horiz.	.16		
392	1c Green, perf. vertically	.12		
393	2c Carmine, perf. vertically	.15		
394	3c Deep Vio., perf. vertically	.22		
395	4c Brown, perf. vertically	.28		
396	5c Blue, perf. vertically	.42		
1912-13. Panama Pacific Issue, Perf.				
397	1c Green	.03		
398	2c Carmine	.05		
399	5c Blue	.18		
400	10c Orange	.48		
400a	10c Orange Yellow	.48		

		Unused	Used
	1915. Same Perf. 10		
1c	Green	.12	.03
2c	Carmine	.18	.02
5c	Blue	.45	.10
10c	Orange	2.50	.12
	1912-15. Perf. 12		
1c	Green	.02	.01
2c	Carmine	.04	.01
7c	Black	.20	.05
	Imperforate		
1c	Green	.04	.04
2c	Carmine	.08	.04
	Coil Stamps, Perf. 8½		
1c	Green, perf. horiz.	.05	.04
2c	Carmine, perf. horiz.	.12	.03
1c	Green, perf. vert.	.06	.02
2c	Carmine, perf. vert.	.12	.03
	Perforated 12, Single Line Wmk.		
8c	Olive Green	.24	.02
9c	Salmon Red	.28	.04
10c	Orange Yellow	.20	.01
12c	Claret Brown	.38	.03
15c	Grey	.40	.02
20c	Ultramarine	.80	.06
30c	Orange Red	.85	.08
50c	Violet	3.75	.30
	1912-15. Double Line Wmk., Perf. 12		
50c	Violet	3.00	.16
$1	Violet Black	3.50	.35
	1914-15. Single Line Wmk., Perf. 10		
1c	Green	.04	.01
2c	Carmine	.04	.01
3c	Deep Violet	.10	.01
4c	Brown	.10	.01
5c	Blue	.14	.01
6c	Orange	.18	.02
7c	Black	.20	.04
8c	Olive Green	.24	.02
9c	Salmon Red	.28	.06
10c	Orange Yellow	.22	.01
11c	Dark Green	.30	.07
12c	Claret Brown	.38	.03
12c	Copper Red	.42	.04
15c	Grey	.36	.02
20c	Ultramarine	.70	.04
30c	Orange Red	1.25	.08
50c	Violet	3.35	.12
	Coil Stamp, Wmk. USPS, Perf. 10		
1c	Green, perf. horiz.	.24	.10
2c	Carmine, perf. horiz.	.12	.06
1c	Green, perf. vert.	.10	.05
2c	Carmine, perf. vert.	.14	.05
3c	Violet, perf. vert.	1.50	1.50
4c	Brown, perf. vert.	.60	.30
5c	Blue, perf. vert.	.85	.50
	Rotary Press Coils, USPS, Perf. 12		
1c	Green, perf. horiz.	.20	..
2c	Carmine, perf. horiz.	.10	.03
1c	Green, perf. vert.	.06	.03
2c	Carmine, perf. vert.	.10	.02
3c	Violet, perf. vert.	.50	.08
4c	Brown, perf. vert.	.60	.20
5c	Blue, perf. vert.	.90	.25
	1914-15. Double Line Wmk., Perf. 10		
$1	Violet Black	3.50	.30
	1915. Wmk. USPS, Perf. 11		
2c	Carmine	1.00	..
	1916-17. No Wmk., Perf. 10		
1c	Green	.15	.02
2c	Carmine	.05	.01
3c	Violet	2.25	.25
4c	Orange Brown	.25	.03
5c	Blue	.30	.03
5c	Carmine (error)	9.50	..
6c	Red Orange	.60	.06
7c	Black	.35	.05
8c	Olive Green	.35	.03
9c	Salmon Red	.80	.07
10c	Orange Yellow	.75	.03
11c	Dark Green	.45	.09
12c	Claret Brown	.55	.04
15c	Grey	.80	.06
20c	Light Ultramarine	1.20	.08
50c	Light Violet	11.00	.25
$1	Violet Black	5.50	.28
$2	Dark Blue	2.40	.50
$5	Light Green	5.60	1.00
	1916-17. Imperforate, No Wmk.		
1c	Green	.02	.02
2c	Carmine	.03	.02
3c	Violet	.05	.04
	Rotary Press Coil Stamps, Perf. 10		
1c	Green, perf. horiz.	.02	.01
2c	Carmine, perf. horiz.	.03	.01
3c	Violet, perf. horiz.	.10	.04
1c	Green, perf. vert.	.02	.01
2c	Carmine, perf. vert.	.03	.01
3c	Violet, perf. vert.	.07	.02
4c	Orange Brown, perf. vert.	.06	.02
5c	Blue, perf. vert.	.07	.03
10c	Or'ge Yellow, perf. vert.	.14	.07
	1917-19. Perf. 11, No Wmk.		
1c	Green	.02	.01
2c	Rose	.03	.01
3c	Violet	.04	.01
4c	Brown	.05	.01
5c	Blue	.06	.01
5c	Rose (error)	6.00	..
6c	Red Orange	.07	.01
7c	Black	.08	.02
8c	Olive Bistre	.09	.01
9c	Salmon Red	.10	.02
10c	Orange Yellow	.11	.01
11c	Light Green	.13	.03
12c	Brown Carmine	.14	.01
13c	Apple Green	.15	.10
15c	Grey	.17	.01
20c	Deep Ultramarine	.22	.01
30c	Orange Red	.33	.02
50c	Red Violet	.55	.02
$1	Violet Black	1.10	.05
	Double Line Wmk., Perf. 11		
2c	Carmine	7.00	..
	1918. Aeroplane Issue		
6c	Orange Red	.20	.10
16c	Green	.20	.16
24c	Carmine & Blue	.30	.25
	1918. High Values		
$2	Orange Red & Black	3.50	2.00
$5	Deep Green & Black	5.85	1.65
	1918-20. Offset Print		
1c	Grey Green	.02	.01
2c	Carmine	.03	.01
3c	Purple	.05	.01
3c	double print	1.00	..
	Imperforate (Offset)		
1c	Green	.12	.12
2c	Carmine	.04	.04
3c	Violet	.08	.04

		Unused	Used
	Perforated 12½		
536	1c Grey Green	.15	..
	1919. Victory Issue		
537	3c Violet	.04	.01
	1919-21. Rotary Press Prints		
538	1c Green (11x10)	.03	..
539	2c Carmine Rose (11x10)	.05	.04
541	3c Violet (11x10)	.40	..
543	1c Green (10x11)	.05	.02
544	1c Green (10x10)	.02	.01
545	1c Green (11x11)	.90	..
546	2c Carmine (11x11)	.32	..
	1920. New Color		
547	$2 Carmine & Black	2.20	.35
	1920. Pilgrim Issue		
548	1c Green	.03	.02
549	2c Carmine Rose	.05	.01
550	5c Deep Blue	.15	.09
	1922-23. New Designs, Perf. 11		
551	½c Olive Brown	.01	.01
552	1c Deep Green	.02	.01
553	1½c Yellow Brown	.02	.01
554	2c Carmine	.03	.01
555	3c Violet	.04	.01
556	4c Yellow Brown	.05	.01
557	5c Dark Blue	.06	.01
558	6c Red Orange	.07	.01
559	7c Black	.08	.01
560	8c Olive Green	.09	.01
561	9c Rose	.10	.02
562	10c Orange	.11	.01
563	11c Light Blue	.12	.03
564	12c Brown Violet	.13	.01
565	14c Dark Blue	.15	.03
566	15c Grey	.17	.01
567	20c Carmine Rose	.22	.01
568	25c Deep Green	.28	.04
569	30c Olive Brown	.33	.03
570	50c Lilac	.55	.02
571	$1 Violet Brown	1.10	.07
572	$2 Deep Blue	2.20	.55
573	$5 Carmine & Dark Blue	5.50	1.65
	1922-25. Imperforate		
575	1c Green	.02	.02
576	1½c Yellow Brown	.02	.02
577	2c Carmine	.03	.02
	Rotary Press Printings		
578	1c Green, perf. 11x10	.04	..
579	2c Carmine, perf. 11x10	.08	..
595	2c Carmine, perf. 11	.65	..
	Perforated 10		
581	1c Green	.02	.01
582	1½c Deep Brown	.02	.02
583	2c Carmine	.03	.01
584	3c Violet	.04	.01
585	4c Yellow Brown	.05	.01
586	5c Blue	.06	.01
587	6c Red Orange	.07	.02
588	7c Black	.08	.02
589	8c Olive Green	.09	.02
590	9c Rose	.10	.03
591	10c Orange	.11	.01
	Coils, Perf. 10 Vertically		
597	1c Green	.02	.01
598	1½c Deep Brown	.02	.01
599	2c Carmine	.03	.01
600	3c Violet	.04	.02
601	4c Yellow Brown	.05	.01
602	5c Dark Blue	.06	.02
603	10c Orange	.12	.06
	Coils, Perf. 10, Horizontally		
604	1c Green	.02	.02
605	1½c Yellow Brown	.03	.02
606	2c Carmine	.03	.01
	1923. Aeroplane Issue		
608	8c Dark Green	.10	.06
609	16c Dark Blue	.20	.12
610	24c Carmine	.28	.09
	1923. Harding Memorial Issue		
611	2c Black, perf. 11	.03	.01
612	2c Black, Imperf.	.03	.03
613	2c Black, perf. 10 rotary	.04	.01
	1924. Huguenot-Walloon Issue		
614	1c Green	.02	.02
615	2c Carmine Rose	.03	.01
616	5c Dark Blue	.10	.08
	1925. Lexington-Concord Issue		
617	1c Green	.02	.02
618	2c Carmine Rose	.03	.01
619	5c Dark Blue	.10	.08
	1925-26. Norse-American Issue		
620	2c Carmine & Black	.05	.03
621	5c Dark Blue & Black	.10	.10
	1925-26. New Values		
622	13c Blue Green	.15	.08
623	17c Black	.19	.02
	1926. Large Aeroplane Issue		
625	10c Dark Blue	.12	.09
	1926. Sesquicentennial Issue		
626	2c Carmine Rose	.03	.01
	1926. Ericsson Memorial Issue		
627	5c Violet Blue	.07	.07
	1912-13. Parcel Post Pictorials		
1450	1c Carmine Rose	.02	.01
1451	2c Carmine Rose	.04	.01
1452	3c Carmine Rose	.08	.07
1453	4c Carmine Rose	.12	.03
1454	5c Carmine Rose	.12	.02
1455	10c Carmine Rose	.18	.02
1456	15c Carmine Rose	.35	.09
1457	20c Carmine Rose	.50	.07
1458	25c Carmine Rose	.50	.03
1459	50c Carmine Rose	1.20	.32
1460	75c Carmine Rose	.95	.35
1461	$1 Carmine Rose	2.75	.32
	Set to 25c	1.75	.30
	Complete set to $1	6.25	1.25
	1925. Special Handling		
1463	25c Deep Green	.30	.06

OFFICIAL STAMPS

	1873. Dept. of Agriculture		
1500	1c Yellow (specimen .40)	3.50	3.50
1501	2c Yellow (specimen .60)	1.20	1.35
1502	3c Yellow	.65	.30
1503	6c Yellow	1.80	1.25
1504	10c Yellow	4.75	4.75
1505	12c Yellow	7.25	8.00
1506	15c Yellow	2.65	2.65
1507	24c Yellow	4.50	4.75
1508	30c Yellow	4.50	5.00
	Executive Dept.		
1509	1c Carmine (specimen .40)	9.00	9.00
1510	2c Carmine	9.00	9.00
1511	3c Violet Rose	7.50	6.50
1512	6c Carmine	13.50	12.50
1513	10c Carmine	12.50	12.50
	Interior Dept.		
1514	1c Vermilion	.50	.40
1515	2c Vermilion	.20	.16

		Unused	Used
1516	3c Vermilion	.85	.10
1517	6c Vermilion	.45	.12
1518	10c Vermilion	.80	.50
1519	12c Vermilion	.70	.40
1520	15c Vermilion	1.00	.50
1521	24c Vermilion	1.10	.75
1522	30c Vermilion	1.25	.65
1523	90c Vermilion	4.00	1.50
	Dept. of Justice		
1524	1c Purple (specimen .40)	1.20	1.25
1525	2c Purple	2.00	2.00
1526	3c Purple	1.50	.90
1527	6c Purple	1.85	.90
1528	10c Purple	2.00	1.75
1529	12c Purple	2.00	1.85
1530	15c Purple	5.00	5.00
1531	24c Purple	12.50	9.00
1532	30c Purple	16.50	10.50
1533	90c Purple	28.00	24.00
	Navy Dept.		
1534	1c Ultramarine	.85	.75
1535	2c Ultramarine	.70	.45
1536	3c Ultramarine	1.00	.40
1537	6c Ultramarine	.90	.45
1538	7c Ultramarine	12.00	7.50
1539	10c Ultramarine	2.00	1.25
1540	12c Ultramarine	1.00	1.00
1541	15c Ultramarine	1.75	1.50
1542	24c Ultramarine	5.50	3.20
1543	30c Ultramarine	3.25	1.75
1544	90c Ultramarine	12.50	8.00
1545	2c Green, error	48.50	..
	Post Office Dept.		
1546	1c Black	.30	.30
1547	2c Black	.35	.35
1548	3c Black	.06	.05
1549	6c Black	.24	.15
1550	10c Black	1.75	1.75
1551	12c Black	.75	.65
1552	15c Black	1.10	1.10
1553	24c Black	1.10	.80
1554	30c Black	.95	.75
1555	90c Black	2.00	1.40
	Dept. of State		
1556	1c Dark Green	1.85	1.85
1557	2c Dark Green	3.50	2.50
1558	3c Bright Green	1.50	.75
1559	6c Bright Green	1.00	.65
1560	7c Dark Green	2.00	1.70
1561	10c Dark Green	2.00	1.60
1562	12c Dark Green	3.50	2.65
1563	15c Dark Green	3.50	2.50
1564	24c Dark Green	7.00	5.50
1565	30c Dark Green	4.40	3.50
1566	90c Dark Green	9.00	9.00
1567	$2 Green & Black	20.00	18.50
	Treasury Dept.		
1571	1c Brown	1.15	.25
1572	2c Brown	.50	.18
1573	3c Brown	.20	.10
1574	6c Brown	.20	.09
1575	7c Brown	1.50	1.00
1576	10c Brown	.40	.20
1577	12c Brown	.45	.20
1578	15c Brown	.40	.25
1579	24c Brown	7.75	2.00
1580	30c Brown	.60	.30
1581	90c Brown	1.85	.45
	War Dept.		
1582	1c Rose	5.00	.24
1583	2c Rose	5.00	.28
1584	3c Rose	4.50	.15
1585	6c Rose	10.00	.25
1586	7c Rose	2.00	2.00
1587	10c Rose	.75	.30
1588	12c Rose	2.50	.30
1589	15c Rose	.22	.22
1590	24c Rose	.22	.20
1591	30c Rose	.35	.30
1592	90c Rose	.65	.65
	1879. Soft Porous Paper		
1593	1c Agriculture	24.00	..
1594	3c Agriculture	2.00	2.00
1597	1c Interior	2.00	2.00
1598	2c Interior	.10	.12
1599	3c Interior	.10	.10
1600	6c Interior	.10	.14
1601	10c Interior	1.00	.90
1602	12c Interior	1.00	1.00
1603	15c Interior	2.50	2.25
1607	3c Justice	2.00	..
1608	6c Justice	3.00	..
1610	3c Post Office	.12	.08
1620	3c Treasury	.90	.15
1621	6c Treasury	.90	.30
1622	10c Treasury	2.00	.70
1625	30c Treasury	6.50	1.75
1626	90c Treasury	10.00	2.50
1627	1c War	.08	.12
1628	2c War	.12	.10
1629	3c War	.08	.07
1630	6c War	.08	.08
1631	10c War	.40	..
1632	12c War	.30	.30
1634	30c War	1.20	.75

1911 POSTAL SAVINGS

	Double Line Wmk.		
1635	2c Black	.50	.04
1636	50c Dark Green	4.00	2.50
1637	$1 Ultramarine	3.00	.75
	Single Line Wmk.		
1638	1c Dark Violet	.45	.10
1639	2c Black	1.40	.10
1640	10c Carmine	.40	.01

U. S. OFFICES IN CHINA

3280	2c on 1c Green	.04	.04
3281	4c on 2c Rose	.05	.05
3282	6c on 3c Violet	.09	..
3283	8c on 4c Brown	.09	..
3284	10c on 5c Blue	.12	.12
3285	12c on 6c Red Orange	.14	..
3286	14c on 7c Black	.16	..
3287	16c on 8c Olive Green	.55	..
3287a	16c on 8c Olive Bistre	.22	..
3288	18c on 9c Salmon Red	.16	..
3289	20c on 10c Orange Yellow	.20	.16
3291	24c on 12c Claret Brown	.65	..
3291a	24c on 12c Brown Carmine	.22	.22
3293	30c on 15c Grey	.25	..
3294	40c on 20c Ultramarine	.45	.35
3295	60c on 30c Orange Red	.55	..
3296	$1 on 50c Light Violet	2.65	..
3297	$2 on $1 Violet Brown	2.15	2.00
3298	2c on 1c, Local surcharge	1.00	..
3299	4c on 2c, Local surcharge	1.00	..
	Complete set, 18 var.	7.85	..

		Unused	Used
	CARRIER ISSUE		
	1851. Original Issue		
1802	1c Blue (eagle)	1.00	4.00
	1875. Reprints		
	1c Blue (eagle Imperf.)	.40	..
	1c Blue on Rose (Franklin)	.75	..
	1c Blue (eagle perf.)	2.50	..
	Semi-Official Issues		
1809	1c Red (Baltimore)	15.00	10.50
1810	1c Black (horseman)	7.00	6.75
1811	1c Red (horseman)	..	10.00
1813	1c Blue (Boston)	..	15.00
1841	2c Bluish Gr'n (Louisville)	10.75	..
1848	3c on Blue (New York)	..	12.50
1849	3c on Green (New York)	..	20.00
1863	1c Gold on Black (Phila.)	30.00	12.50

1911 REGISTRATION STAMP

1951	10c Ultramarine	.15	.03

SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

1890	10c Blue (special) 1885 issue	.75	.30
1891	10c Blue (at any) 1888 issue	.70	.16
1892	10c Orange (1893 issue)	.38	.12
1893	10c Blue (line under 10c) 1894	1.00	.20
1894	10c Blue (dbl.line wmk.) 1895	.35	.05
1895	10c Ultr. (bicycle) 1902	.35	.03
1896	10c Green (helmet) 1908	.40	.40
1897	10c Ultr. (USPS p. 12) 1911	.35	.03
1898	10c Ultr. (USPS p. 10) 1914	.40	.04
1899	10c Ultr. (no wmk. p.10) 1916	1.00	.12
1900	10c Ultr. (perf. 11) 1917	.16	.02
1901	10c Ultr. (motorcycle) 1922	.12	.02
1902	15c Orange 1925	.18	.05
1903	20c Black 1925	.25	.12

1865. NEWSPAPER STAMPS

2001	5c Dark Blue, Blue border	13.50	..
2004	5c Dark Blue, White border	1.75	..
2002	10c Blue Green, Green bord.	4.00	..
2003	25c Carm. Red, Red border	4.00	..
	1875. Government Reprints, Hard Paper		
2004c	5c Dull Blue	2.00	..
2004d	10c Dark Bluish Green	1.30	..
2004f	25c Dark Carmine	1.75	..
2004g	5c Dark Blue, soft paper	3.00	..

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	1875. Thin Hard Paper		
2005	2c Black	.35	.35
2006	3c Black	.60	.60
2007	4c Black	.50	.30
2008	6c Black	1.85	1.10
2009	8c Black	2.00	..
2010	10c Black	.65	.50
2012	12c Rose	2.00	1.20
2013	24c Rose	1.50	.65
2014	36c Rose	2.00	1.20
2015	48c Rose	7.50	3.75
2016	60c Rose	3.75	2.25
2017	72c Rose	10.00	7.00
2018	84c Rose	12.00	7.50
2019	96c Rose	7.00	3.00
	1879. Soft Porous Paper		
2029	2c Black	.20	.20
2030	3c Black	.50	.50
2031	4c Black	.40	.40
2032	6c Black	.75	..
2033	8c Black	.65	..
2034	10c Black	.60	..
2035	12c Red	1.40	..
2036	24c Red	2.00	..
	1885. New Value and Colors		
2052	1c Black	.20	..
2053	12c Carmine	.80	..
2054	24c Carmine	1.10	..
2055	36c Carmine	1.50	..
	1894. Soft Paper		
2061	1c Intense Black	.40	..
2062	2c Intense Black	.40	..
2063	4c Intense Black	.75	..
	1895. New Designs. No Watermark		
2075	1c Black	.25	..

We shall be pleased to quote prices on any newspaper stamps not priced on application.

	1895. Same Designs, Double Line Wmk.		
2087	1c Black	.20	.20
2088	2c Black	.20	.20
2089	5c Black	.20	.20
2090	10c Black	.20	.20
2091	25c Carmine	.35	.35
2092	50c Carmine	.75	.50
2093	$2 Scarlet	.75	.75
2094	$5 Dark Blue (Repr. .90)	8.00	4.00
2095	$10 Green (Repr. .60)	1.00	1.00
2096	$20 Slate (Repr. .60)	1.00	1.00
2097	$50 Rose (Repr. .60)	2.00	2.25
2098	$100 Purple (Repr. 1.00)	2.00	2.00
	Complete set of Reprints (5 var.)		2.50

1879. POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

2208	1c Brown	.09	.08
2209	2c Brown	.14	.10
2210	3c Brown	.10	.04
2210a	3c Yellowish Brown	.65	.15
2211	5c Brown	.30	.12
2212	10c Brown	.50	.10
2213	30c Brown	1.00	.50
2214	50c Brown	2.00	.65
	1889. Change of Color		
2215	1c Red Brown	.10	.02
2216	2c Red Brown	.10	.02
2217	3c Red Brown	1.25	.50
2218	5c Red Brown	.32	.08
2219	10c Red Brown	.50	.06
2220	30c Red Brown	.80	.35
2221	50c Red Brown	2.25	1.10
	1891-93. Change of Color		
2222	1c Bright Claret	.03	.02
2223	2c Bright Claret	.04	.01
2224	3c Bright Claret	.10	.03
2225	5c Bright Claret	.12	.06
2226	10c Bright Claret	.20	.05
2227	30c Bright Claret	.60	.30
2228	50c Bright Claret	1.00	.60
	1894. Smaller Design		
2236	1c Vermilion	1.50	1.00
2237	2c Vermilion	.45	.20
2238	1c Deep Claret	.04	.02
2239	2c Deep Claret	.05	.02
2240	3c Deep Claret	.14	.10
2241	5c Deep Claret	.25	.10
2242	10c Deep Claret	.35	.08
2243	30c Deep Claret	.80	.50
2244	50c Deep Claret	1.50	1.00
	1895. Double Line Wmk.		
2245	1c Deep Claret	.02	.01
2246	2c Deep Claret	.03	.01

		Unused.	Used
2247	3c Deep Claret	.05	.02
2248	5c Deep Claret	.10	.03
2249	10c Deep Claret	.16	.02
2250	30c Deep Claret	.45	.15
2251	50c Deep Claret	.90	.55
	1911-13. Wmk. USPS, Perf. 12		
2252	1c Deep Claret	.12	.01
2253	2c Deep Claret	.16	.01
2254	3c Deep Claret	.30	.03
2255	5c Deep Claret	.40	.07
2256	10c Deep Claret	.45	.03
2257	50c Deep Claret	2.00	.50
	1914-15. Perf. 10, Wmk. USPS		
2259	1c Carmine Lake	.15	.01
2260	2c Carmine Lake	.10	.01
2261	3c Carmine Lake	.30	.03
2262	5c Carmine Lake	.50	.04
2263	10c Carmine Lake	.65	.02
2263b	30c Carmine Lake	2.00	..
2264	50c Carmine Lake	4.25	.85
	1916. No Wmk., Perf. 10		
2265	1c Rose	..	.60
2266	2c Rose	.75	.14
	1917-23. Perf. 11		
2267	1c Carmine Rose	.01	.01
2268	2c Carmine Rose	.04	.01
2269	3c Carmine Rose	.03	.01
2270	5c Carmine Rose	.07	.01
2271	10c Carmine Rose	.12	.01
2272	30c Carmine Rose	..	1.00
2273	50c Carmine Rose	.70	.04
2274	½c Dull Red	.02	.02
	1912. Parcel Post Dues		
2291	1c Dark Green	.03	.02
2292	2c Dark Green	.18	.11
2293	5c Dark Green	.08	.03
2294	10c Dark Green	.30	.16
2295	25c Dark Green	.35	.03

ENVELOPES

Note — We are trying an innovation in listing these stamps in the order in which they appear in the National album and disregarding the catalogue order. We consider this to be the logical arrangement listing stamps by values, instead of by papers—do you agree?

Where no paper is mentioned, stamps are to be considered as being on white paper.

	1853-55		
2301	3c Red, Die 1	..	.35
2310	3c on Buff, Die 1	4.50	.20
2302	3c Red, Die 2	..	.90
2311	3c on Buff, Die 2	..	.60
2303	3c Red, Die 3	..	14.00
2312	3c on Buff, Die 3	..	1.35
2304	3c Red, Die 4	..	4.00
2313	3c on Buff, Die 4	..	7.00
2305	3c Red, Die 5	.50	.08
2314	3c on Buff, Die 5	.25	.04
2306	6c Red	3.00	..
2315	6c on Buff	1.85	1.75
2307	6c Green	4.00	3.50
2316	6c on Buff	2.75	2.50
2308	10c Green, Die 2	..	2.25
2317	10c on Buff, Die 2	4.50	1.00
2308	10c Green, Die 4	5.00	3.00
2318	10c on Buff, Die 4	..	1.20
	1857-61		
2328	1c Blue on Buff (period)	.65	.50
2319	3c Red	1.10	.32
2323	3c on Buff	.50	.26
2320	(3c+1c) Blue & Red	8.00	..
2324	(3c+1c) on Buff	7.75	8.00
2322	10c Green	..	20.00

Reprints: 6c either paper $3.50; 10c either paper $2.50

	1861. Outline Letters		
2330	3c Pink	.70	.12
2332	3c on Buff	.90	.10
2334	3c on Blue	1.00	1.10
2331	6c Pink	5.00	5.00
2333	6c on Buff	1.50	1.75
2336	10c Green	.90	1.00
2337	10c on Buff	.90	.90
2338	12c Brown & Red	4.00	4.50
2339	20c Blue & Red	5.00	..
2340	24c Green & Red	6.00	..
2341	40c Red & Black	5.50	..
	1863-64		
2342	2c Black on Buff, Die A	1.00	.90
2346	2c Black on Buff, Die C	.60	.60
2347	2c on Orange, Die C	.75	.50
2348	2c on Buff, Die D	.40	.40
2349	2c on Orange, Die D	.40	.35
	1864. Large Numerals		
2350	3c Pink	.15	.04
2352	3c on Buff	.20	.03
2351	6c Pink	.75	.85
2353	6c on Buff	.60	.60
2354	9c Lemon on Buff	7.25	..
2355	9c Orange on Buff	2.00	..
2356	12c Brown on Buff	4.25	..
2357	12c Red Brown on Buff	1.35	1.50
2358	18c Red on Buff	1.35	..
2359	24c Blue on Buff	1.35	1.50
2360	30c Green on Buff	1.25	..
2361	40c Rose on Buff	1.35	..
	1865		
2362	3c Brown	1.70	1.85
2364	3c on Buff	1.25	1.50
2363	6c Purple	.75	..
2365	6c on Buff	1.20	1.30
	1870. Reay Issue		
2366	1c Blue	.40	.25
2377	1c on Amber	.45	.25
2396	1c on Orange	.14	.12
2367	2c Brown	.30	.18
2378	2c on Amber	.35	.24
2397	2c on Orange	.16	.16
2368	3c Green	.06	.02
2379	3c on Amber	.09	.02
2380	3c on Cream	.25	.06
2369	6c Dark Red	.18	.18
2380	6c on Amber	.25	.25
2390	6c on Cream	.45	.45
2381	7c Vermilion	.75	..
2371	10c Brown	1.40	1.50
2383	10c on Amber	1.75	..
2372	12c Plum	1.60	..
2384	12c on Amber	2.20	..
2391	12c on Cream	2.85	..
2375	15c Red Orange	1.70	..
2385	15c on Amber	5.00	..
2392	15c on Cream	2.25	..
2374	24c Purple	1.40	..
2386	24c on Amber	2.40	..
2393	24c on Cream	2.40	..
2375	30c Black	1.85	..
2387	30c on Amber	3.25	..
2394	30c on Cream	4.85	..
2376	90c Carmine	2.50	..
2388	90c on Amber	4.25	..
2395	90c on Cream	3.00	..
	1874-86. Plimpton Issue		
2398	1c Dark Blue, Die A	3.25	1.75
2427	1c on Amber, Die A	3.65	3.50
2465	1c on Orange, Die A	.40	.28
2400	1c Light Blue, Die B	.03	.02
2429	1c on Amber, Die B	.06	.06
2462	1c on Cream, Die B	.15	.12
2466	1c on Orange, Die B	.04	.03
2473	1c on Blue, Die B	.24	.24
2478	1c on Fawn, Die B	.20	.25
2533	1c on Manila, Die B	.05	.05
2540	1c on Amber Manila, Die B	.50	..
2401	2c Brown, Die A	2.25	2.00
2430	2c on Amber, Die A	2.25	2.00
2402	2c Brown, Die B	.70	.90
2431	2c on Amber, Die B	.85	.60
2403	2c Brown, Die B2	2.75	2.75
2432	2c on Amber, Die B2	7.50	6.75
2468	2c on Orange, Die B3	1.25	..
2405	2c Brown, Die C	2.25	..
2434	2c on Amber, Die C	2.25	1.50
2417	2c Vermilion, Die C	.06	.05
2446	2c on Amber, Die C	.09	.09
2463	2c on Cream, Die C	.50	.35
2479	2c on Fawn, Die C	.18	.12
2418	2c Vermilion, Die C2	.80	.80
2446a	2c on Amber, Die C2	2.25	.60
2475	2c on Blue, Die C2	.90	.75
2479a	2c on Fawn, Die C2	.20	.08
2406	3c Green, Die A	.65	.15
2435	3c on Amber, Die A	.90	.25
2454	3c on Cream, Die A	1.25	.40
2407	3c Green, Die B	.04	.01
2436	3c on Amber, Die B	.08	.02
2455	3c on Cream, Die B	.16	.04
2470	3c on Blue, Die B	.14	.03
2480	3c on Fawn, Die B	.10	.04
2419	5c Blue, Die A	.15	.20
2447	5c on Amber, Die A	.20	..
2464	5c on Cream, Die A	2.00	..
2471	5c on Blue, Die A	.25	..
2481	5c on Fawn, Die A	6.75	..
2420	5c Blue, Die B	.15	.15
2448	5c on Amber, Die B	.15	..
2472	5c on Blue, Die B	.65	..
2482	5c on Fawn, Die B	2.75	..
2408	6c Red	.20	.15
2437	6c on Amber	.25	.25
2456	6c on Cream	.50	.45
2483	6c on Fawn	1.00	1.00
2438	7c Vermilion on Amber	2.00	..
2410	10c Brown, Die A	1.50	..
2439	10c on Amber, Die A	2.25	..
2411	10c Chocolate, Die B	.20	.20
2440	10c on Amber, Die B	.20	.25
2526	10c on Oriental Buff, Die B	.25	..
2530	10c on Blue, Die B	.25	..
2537	10c on Manila, Die B	.30	..
2544	10c on Amber Manila, Die B	.30	..
2412	12c Plum	3.25	2.75
2441	12c on Amber	4.00	..
2457	12c on Cream	6.00	..
2413	15c Orange	.75	..
2442	15c on Amber	5.50	..
2414	24c Purple	5.00	..
2415	30c Black	.75	..
2444	30c on Amber	2.00	..
2460	30c on Cream	12.50	..
2527	30c on Oriental Buff	1.50	..
2531	30c on Blue	1.50	..
2538	30c on Manila	1.00	..
2545	30c on Amber Manila	1.10	..
2416	90c Carmine	1.50	..
2445	90c on Amber	4.25	..
2528	90c on Oriental Buff	3.25	..
2532	90c on Blue	3.25	..
	1876. Centennial Issue		
2421	3c Red	.35	.25
2422	3c Green, Die A	.40	.35
2423	3c Green, Die B	.40	.30
	1882 to 1886		
2426	5c Brown	.12	.15
2451	5c on Amber	.12	.15
2477	5c on Blue	2.00	..
2485	5c on Fawn	10.00	..
2525	5c on Oriental Buff	4.25	..
	October, 1883		
2486	2c Red	.09	.04
2487	2c on Amber	.12	.08
2488	2c on Fawn	.18	.10
2489	2c on Blue	.20	.20
	November, 1883		
2490	2c Red	.08	.03
2491	2c on Amber	.12	.03
2492	2c on Fawn	.18	.09
2493	2c on Blue	.20	.20
	June, 1884. Retouched Die		
2502	2c Red	.10	.05
2503	2c on Amber	.18	.08
2504	2c on Fawn	.22	.20
2505	2c on Blue	.35	.35
2505a	2c Red (3½ Links)	.85	.50
2494	4c Green, Die A	.12	.08
2496	4c on Amber, Die A	.15	.15
2524	4c on Oriental Buff, Die A	.25	.25
2529	4c on Blue, Die A	.25	..
2535	4c on Manila, Die A	.40	..
2542	4c on Amber Manila, Die A	1.20	..
2495	4c Green, Die B	.10	.10
2497	4c on Amber, Die B	.25	..
2536	4c on Manila, Die B	.20	..
2543	4c on Amber Manila, Die B	.20	..
	May, 1884		
2498	2c Brown	.05	.04
2499	2c on Amber	.18	.10
2500	2c on Fawn	.28	.28
2501	2c on Blue	.20	.20
	June, 1884. Retouched Die		
2506	2c Brown	.10	.05
2507	2c on Amber	.50	.25
2508	2c on Fawn	.30	.30
2509	2c on Blue	.65	.65
	1884 to 1886		
2510	2c Brown	.04	.01
2512	2c on Amber	.05	.01
2514	2c on Fawn	.06	.02
2516	2c on Blue	.07	.04
2522	2c on Oriental Buff	.10	.07
2534	2c on Manila	.10	..
2541	2c on Amber Manila	.12	..
	1887 to 1895		
2547	1c Blue	.03	.01
2554	1c on Amber	.03	.03
2573	1c on Manila	.03	.01
2579	1c on Amber Manila	.05	.05
2590	1c Dark Blue	.14	.14
2591	1c on Amber	.60	.60
2592	1c on Manila	.30	.25
2548	2c Green, Die A	.30	..
2555	2c on Amber, Die A	1.00	..
2549	2c Green, Die B	.04	.01
2556	2c on Amber, Die B	.05	.01
2562	2c on Oriental Buff, Die B	.06	.01
2568	2c on Blue, Die B	.06	.01
2575	2c on Manila, Die B	.07	.05
2581	2c on Amber Manila, Die B	.07	.03
2550	4c Carmine	.10	.04
2557	4c on Amber	.10	.06
2563	4c on Oriental Buff	.15	..
2569	4c on Blue	.16	..
2576	4c on Manila	.16	.16
2582	4c on Amber Manila	.18	.18
2551	5c Blue, Die A	.15	.15
2558	5c on Amber, Die A	.15	.15
2564	5c on Oriental Buff, Die A	.20	.20
2570	5c on Blue, Die A	.20	.20
2593	5c Blue, Die B	.40	..
2594	5c on Amber, Die B	.30	.30
2552	30c Red Brown	.75	..
2559	30c on Amber	.75	..
2565	30c on Oriental Buff	.65	..
2571	30c on Blue	.80	..
2577	30c on Manila	.80	..
2583	30c on Amber Manila	.90	..
2553	90c Purple	1.00	..
2560	90c on Amber	1.40	..
2566	90c on Oriental Buff	1.40	..
2572	90c on Blue	1.40	..
2578	90c on Manila	1.30	..
2584	90c on Amber Manila	1.30	..
	1893. Columbian Issue		
2585	1c Deep Blue	.03	.02
2586	2c Violet	.04	.01
2587	5c Chocolate	.15	.15
2589	10c Slate Brown	.20	.20
	1899 Issue		
2595	1c Green	.04	.01
2603	1c on Amber	.03	.03
2609	1c on Oriental Buff	.05	.05
2612	1c on Blue	.05	.05
2615	1c on Manila	.04	.02
2596	2c Carmine, Die A	.07	.05
2604	2c on Amber, Die A	.25	.25
2610	2c on Oriental Buff, Die A	.25	.25
2613	2c on Blue, Die A	.90	.90
2597	2c Carmine, Die B	.03	.01
2605	2c on Amber, Die B	.05	.01
2611	2c on Oriental Buff, Die B	.05	.01
2614	2c on Blue, Die B	.05	.01
2599	4c Brown, Die A	.15	.15
2606	4c on Amber, Die A	.18	.18
2601	4c Brown, Die C	.18	.12
2607	4c on Amber, Die C	1.50	1.10
2602	5c Blue	.18	.15
2608	5c on Amber	.18	.15
	1903		
2616	1c Green	.02	.01
2620	1c on Amber	.05	.02
2624	1c on Oriental Buff	.12	.12
2626	1c on Blue	.08	.05
2628	1c on Manila	.07	.02
2617	2c Carmine	.03	.01
2621	2c on Amber	.03	.01
2625	2c on Oriental Buff	.06	.02
2627	2c on Blue	.06	.02
2618	4c Chocolate	.10	.10
2622	4c on Amber	.15	.15
2619	5c Blue	.15	.15
2623	5c on Amber	.15	.15
	1904. Same Type, Recut		
2629	2c Carmine	.05	.03
2630	2c on Amber	.12	.02
2631	2c on Oriental Buff	.10	.02
2632	2c on Blue	.12	.03
	1907-10. Oval Die		
2633	1c Green	.02	.01
2638	1c on Amber	.03	.02
2643	1c on Oriental Buff	.06	.02
2648	1c on Blue	.07	.03
2653	1c on Manila	.07	.02
2634	2c Brown Red	.06	.02
2639	2c on Amber	.12	.03
2644	2c on Oriental Buff	.16	.05
2649	2c on Blue	.15	.05
2635	2c Carmine	.03	.01
2640	2c on Amber	.03	.01
2645	2c on Oriental Buff	.04	.01
2650	2c on Blue	.05	.01
2636	4c Black	.10	.10
2641	4c on Amber	.12	.12
2637	5c Blue	.15	.10
2642	5c on Amber	.15	.15
	1916-21. Round Die		
2660	1c Green	.02	.01
2665	1c on Amber	.16	.16
2670	1c on Oriental Buff	.16	.16
2675	1c on Blue	.03	.02
2681	1c on Manila	.02	.01
2682	1c on Brown Glazed	.05	.03
2661	2c Carmine	.02	.01
2666	2c on Amber	.03	.01
2671	2c on Oriental Buff	.07	.01
2676	2c on Blue	.03	.01
2662	3c Dark Violet	.08	.01
2667	3c on Amber	.20	.03
2672	3c on Oriental Buff	.20	.04
2677	3c on Blue	.20	.04
2662a	3c Carmine (error)	1.50	..
2663	4c Black	.08	.04
2668	4c on Amber	1.25	1.00
2679	4c on Blue	.07	.04
2664	5c Blue	.09	..
2669	5c on Amber	.50	..
2680	5c on Blue	.09	..
	1920-21. Revalued Envelopes		
2684	2c on 3c Violet, Type 1	.30	.30
2686	2c on 3c, Type 2	.07	.05
2688	2c on 3c on Amber, Type 2	.15	.15
2695	2c on 3c Violet, Type 3	.06	.04
2696	2c on 3c on Amber	.08	.08
2697	2c on 3c on Buff	.12	.12
2698	2c on 3c on Blue	.12	.10
2699	2c on 3c Violet, Type 4	.07	.04
2700	2c on 3c on Amber	.25	.25
2701	2c on 3c Buff	.25	.25
2702	2c on 3c on Blue	.25	.25
2705	2c on 4c Chocolate	.28	..
2706	2c on 4c on Amber	.12	..
	1925. New Value		
2713	1½c Brown	.02	.01
2715	1½c on Blue	.02	.02
2716	1½c on Manila	.03	.02
	1925. Revalued Envelopes (Closed Figures)		
2720	1½c on 1c Green (1907)	.25	..
2721	1½c on 1c on Amber (1907)	.30	..
2725	1½c on 1c Green (1916)	.04	..
2726	1½c on 1c on Amber	.50	..
2727	1½c on 1c on Buff	.40	..
2728	1½c on 1c on Blue	.06	..
2729	1½c on 1c on Manila	.10	..
	(Open Figures)		
2733a	1½c on 1c Amber (1903)	.60	..
2734	1½c on 1c Green (1907)	.40	..
2736	1½c on 1c on Buff (1907)	.60	..
2737	1½c on 1c on Blue (1907)	.50	..
2738	1½c on 1c on Manila (1907)	.65	..
2739	1½c on 1c Green (1916)	.04	..
2739a	1½c on 1c on Amber	1.00	..
2740	1½c on 1c on Buff	.50	..
2741	1½c on 1c on Blue	.12	..
2742	1½c on 1c on Manila	.25	..
2744	1½c on 1c Green (Magenta)	.15	..

WRAPPERS

(All Wrappers on Manila paper unless otherwise stated.)

	1861	
3000	1c Blue on Buff	1.10
3002	1c Blue	1.10
	1863-64	
3004	2c Black, Die A	1.65
3005	2c Black on Buff, Die C	1.65
3006	2c Bl'k on D'k Manila, Die C	.50
3007	2c Black on Buff, Die B	3.75
3008	2c Bl'k on L't Manila, Die B	.35
	1870	
3009	1c Blue	.35
3010	2c Brown	.30
	1874-80	
3011	1c Dark Blue, Die A	1.50
3012	1c Light Blue, Die B	.05
3013	2c Brown, Die A	2.00
3014	2c Brown, Die B	1.00
3015	2c Brown, Die B3	1.25
3016	2c Brown, Die C	.65
3019	2c Vermilion, Die C	.06
3020	2c Vermilion, Die C3	.80
	November, 1883	
3022	2c Red	.07
	1884	
3023	2c Brown (May)	.25
3025	2c Brown (June)	.30
3026	2c Brown, Die A (July)	.10
	1887	
3029	1c Blue	.03
3030	2c Green	.08
	1894	
3031	1c Dark Blue	.50
	1899	
3032	1c Green	.05
3033	2c Carmine	.30
3034	4c Brown	.40
	1903	
3035	1c Green	.05
3036	2c Carmine	.35
3037	4c Chocolate	.35
3038	2c Carmine (Recut die 1904)	.25
	1907-10	
3039	1c Green	.02
3040	2c Brown Red	.20
3041	2c Carmine	.06
	1916-18	
3042	1c Green	.02
3043	2c Carmine	.04
	1920 (Brown Paper)	
3044	1c Green	.15
3045	2c Carmine	.15
	1925	
3046	1½c Brown	.03
	1886. Letter Sheet, Grant	
3150	2c Green	.25

OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

	1873. Post Office	
3200	2c Black on Lemon	.25
3201	3c Black on Lemon	.15
3202	6c Black on Lemon	.20
	1874-76 (Large Numerals)	
3203	2c Black on Lemon	.05
3204	3c Black on Lemon	.04
3205	6c Black on Lemon	.07
	1876-79	
3206	2c Black on White	1.00
3209	3c Black on Amber	1.50
	1877. Postal Service	
3210	Black on White	.08
3211	Black on Amber	.65
3212	Blue on Amber	.75
3213	Blue on Blue	.14
	1873. War Dept.	
3216	3c Dark Red	.18
3236	3c Vermilion on Cream	.07
3240	3c Red (1875)	.15
3243	12c Red	.50
3246	1c Red on Amber	32.50
3250	10c Red on Amber	60.00
3251	12c Red on Amber	20.00
3252	15c Red on Amber	20.00
3254	3c Red on Cream	.10
3259	2c Red on Orange	.25
3260	3c Red on Blue	.05
3261	3c Red on Fawn	.08
	Postal Savings	
3263	2c Red	.75
	Wrapper (War Dept.)	
3274	1c Red	.05

Prices can be quoted on most of the velopes not listed above.

REVENUE STAMPS

	1862-71. First Issue Imperforate	
3800a	1c Express	
3803a	1c Telegraph	
3804a	2c Bank Check	
3806a	2c Certificate	
3808a	2c Express	
3818a	3c Telegraph	
3823a	5c Certificate	
3824a	5c Express	
3826a	5c Inland Exchange	
3832a	10c Certificate	
3835a	10c Inland Exchange	
3839a	15c Inland Exchange	
3840a	20c Foreign Exchange	
3841a	20c Inland Exchange	
3842a	25c Bond	
3843a	25c Certificate	
3844a	25c Entry of Goods	
3845a	25c Insurance	
3846a	25c Life Insurance	
3847a	25c Power of Attorney	
3848a	25c Protest	
3849a	25c Warehouse Receipt	

30c Foreign Exchange 4.25
30c Inland Exchange ..... .55
50c Conveyance ..... .90
50c Foreign Exchange ..... .90
50c Lease ..... .90
50c Life Insurance 1.20
50c Mortgage ..... .60
50c Original Protest ..... .22
50c Passage Ticket 2.65
50c Probate of Will 1.25
50c Surety Bond 6.50
60c Inland Exchange 1.25
70c Foreign Exchange 3.75
$1 Conveyance ..... .22
$1 Entry of Goods ..... .50
$1 Foreign Exchange ..... .50
$1 Inland Exchange ..... .12
$1 Lease 1.00
$1 Life Insurance 2.85
$1 Manifest ..... .80
$1 Mortgage 1.40
$1 Passage Ticket 5.00
$1 Power of Attorney ..... .75
$1 Probate of Will 1.75
$1.50 Inland Exchange ..... .30
$1.60 Foreign Exchange 19.00
$2 Conveyance 1.75
$2 Mortgage 1.65
$3 Charter Party 1.15
$3 Manifest 1.35
$5 Charter Party 3.00
$5 Conveyance 1.40
$5 Manifest 3.00
$5 Mortgage 3.75
$10 Conveyance 4.75
$20 Conveyance 1.50

1862-71. First Issue, Part Perforated

1c Exp.	.30	3842b 25c Bond	.25
2c B. Chk.	.07	3843b 25c Cert.	.07
2c Exp.	.50	3845b 25c Ins.	.12
2c Pl. C.	5.00	3851b 30c In. Ex.	.35
2c Prop.	1.00	3852b 40c In. Ex.	.20
3c F. Ex.	2.50	3853b 50c Convey.	.10
3c Tel.	.10	3854b 50c En. gds.	.80
5c Cert.	.08	3855b 50c F. Ex.	.40
5c Exp.	.08	3858b 50c Mtge.	.40
5c In. Ex.	.05	3861b 50c P.of W.	2.00
10c Cert.	1.50	3862b 50c S. Bond.	.30
10c In. Ex.	.05	3863b 60c In. Ex.	.30
15c In. Ex.	.10	3864b 70c F. Ex.	.30
20c In. Ex.	.05		

1862-71. First Issue, Perforated

1c Express ..... .05
1c Playing Cards 2.25
1c Proprietary ..... .03
1c Telegraph ..... .15
2c Bank Check, Blue ..... .01
2c Bank Check, Orange ..... .01
2c Certificate, Blue 1.00
2c Certificate, Orange ..... .50
2c Express, Blue ..... .04
2c Express, Orange ..... .06
2c Playing Cards, Blue ..... .20
2c Playing Cards, Orange ..... .75
2c Proprietary, Blue ..... .06
2c Proprietary, Ultramarine .. 9.75
2c Proprietary, Orange 1.75
2c U. S. I. R. ..... .01
3c Foreign Exchange ..... .05
3c Playing Cards 4.25
3c Proprietary ..... .16
3c Telegraph ..... .18
4c Inland Exchange ..... .10
4c Playing Cards 8.00
4c Proprietary ..... .18
5c Agreement ..... .03
5c Certificate ..... .02
5c Express ..... .05
5c Foreign Exchange ..... .04
5c Inland Exchange ..... .01
5c Playing Cards ..... .45
5c Proprietary 1.25
6c Inland Exchange ..... .12
10c Bill of Lading ..... .06
10c Certificate ..... .03
10c Contract, Blue ..... .03
10c Contract, Ultramarine .... .15
10c Foreign Exchange, Blue .. .50
10c Foreign Exchange, Ultram. .50
10c Inland Exchange ..... .02
10c Power of Attorney ..... .05
10c Proprietary ..... .40
15c Foreign Exchange ..... .50
15c Inland Exchange ..... .06
20c Foreign Exchange ..... .70
20c Inland Exchange ..... .03
25c Bond ..... .10
25c Certificate ..... .01
25c Entry of Goods ..... .08
25c Insurance ..... .08
25c Life Insurance ..... .15
25c Power of Attorney ..... .03
25c Protest ..... .18
25c Warehouse Receipt ..... .40
30c Foreign Exchange 3.75
30c Inland Exchange ..... .09
40c Inland Exchange ..... .09
50c Conveyance, Blue ..... .03
50c Conveyance, Ultramarine.. .25
50c Entry of Goods ..... .05
50c Foreign Exchange ..... .50
50c Lease ..... .60
50c Life Insurance ..... .06
50c Mortgage ..... .03
50c Original Process ..... .02
50c Passage Ticket ..... .20
50c Probate of Will ..... .80
50c Surety Bond ..... .07
50c Surety Bond, Ultramarine. .25
60c Inland Exchange ..... .12
70c Foreign Exchange ..... .12
$1 Conveyance ..... .10
$1 Entry of Goods ..... .07
$1 Foreign Exchange ..... .05
$1 Inland Exchange ..... .04
$1 Lease ..... .10
$1 Life Insurance ..... .10
$1 Manifest ..... .50
$1 Mortgage 3.25
$1 Passage Ticket 5.25
$1 Power of Attorney ..... .06
$1 Probate of Will 1.00
$1.30 Foreign Exchange ..... .75
$1.50 Inland Exchange ..... .12
$1.60 Foreign Exchange 4.75

3879c	$1.90 Foreign Exchange		2.00
3880c	$2 Conveyance		.12
3881c	$2 Mortgage		.14
3882c	$2 Probate of Will		1.00
3883c	$2.50 Inland Exchange		.15
3884c	$3 Charter Party		.22
3885c	$3 Manifest		.28
3886c	$3.50 Inland Exchange		1.20
3887c	$5 Charter Party		.40
3888c	$5 Conveyance		.35
3889c	$5 Manifest		2.20
3890c	$5 Mortgage		.90
3891c	$5 Probate of Will		.85
3892c	$10 Charter Party		1.10
3893c	$10 Conveyance		2.65
3894c	$10 Mortgage		1.10
3895c	$10 Probate of Will		1.00
3896c	$15 Mortgage		4.25
3897c	$20 Conveyance		1.35
3899c	$25 Mortgage		3.25

1871. Second Issue, Blue & Black

3903	1c	.80	3917	70c	1.20
3904	2c	.04	3918	$1	.10
3905	3c	.50	3919	$1.30	4.25
3906	4c	.60	3920	$1.50	.35
3907	5c	.08	3921	$1.60	11.00
3908	6c	2.00	3922	$1.90	2.50
3909	10c	.05	3923	$2	.45
3910	15c	.50	3924	$2.50	.55
3911	20c	.18	3925	$3	1.10
3912	25c	.05	3926	$3.50	4.50
3913	30c	1.10	3927	$5	.70
3914	40c	.75	3928	$10	3.00
3915	50c	.03	3931	$50	15.50
3916	60c	1.10			

1871-72. Third Issue

Same Designs, Center Black
Frames Various Colors

3944	1c	1.00	3953	70c	.70
3945	2c	.01	3954	$1	.08
3946	4c	.65	3955	$2	.30
3947	5c	.04	3956	$2.50	.40
3948	6c	.70	3957	$3	1.00
3949	15c	.35	3958	$5	.70
3950	30c	.35	3959	$10	3.00
3951	40c	.60	3960	$20	12.00
3952	60c	.75			

Inverted Medallions

3961 2c Orange & Black 5.00

1874. Fourth Issue

3965 2c Orange & Black on Green ... .01

1875. Fifth Issue

3967 2c Blue on Blue ..... .01
3967c 2c Blue on Blue, Rouletted .... .40

PROPRIETARY STAMPS

1871-75. Green & Black, on Violet Paper

3970a	1c	.07	3973a	4c	.16
3971a	2c	.14	3975a	6c	1.35
3972a	3c	.40	3976a	10c	10.00

As Above, on Green Paper

3970b	1c	.07	3973b	4c	.25
3971b	2c	.15	3976b	10c	1.60
3972b	3c	.35			

1875-81. Proprietary, Silk Paper

3983a	1c	Green .05	3986a	4c	Red Br. .14
3984a	2c	Brown .06	3988a	5c	Black 3.85
3985a	3c	Orange .16	3989a	6c	V. Blue 1.00

As Above, Watermark Paper

3993b	1c	Green .03	3988b	5c	Black 3.00
3994b	2c	Brown .05	3989b	6c	V. Blue .50
3995b	3c	Orange .15	3990b	6c	Violet 1.10
3996b	4c	Red Br. .10	3991b	10c	Blue 10.00
3997b	4c	Red .20			

As Above, But Rouletted

3983c	1c	Green			.80
3984c	2c	Brown			4.50
3985c	3c	Orange			3.00
3987c	4c	Red			3.50

1894. Sixth Issue, Playing Card Stamps

			Unused.	Used
3992	2c	Lake	.12	.15
3993	2c	Ultramarine	.50	.35
3994	2c	Blue, Watermarked	.35	.18
3994b	2c	Deep Blue, Perf.	..	5.00

1898. Stamps of 1895 Surcharged

3995	1c	Green, Small I. R.	12	.12
3996	1c	Green, Large I. R.	.03	.02
3997	2c	Carmine, Large I. R.	.03	.01
3997a		Inverted Surcharge	.25	.25
3998	$5	Blue, Surch. down	10.00	9.00
3999	$5	Blue, Surch. up	5.00	3.50

1898. Proprietary Stamps (Battleship)

4001	1/8c	Yellow Green	.02	.01
4002	1/4c	Pale Brown	.02	.02
4003	3/8c	Deep Orange	.02	.02
4004	5/8c	Deep Ultramarine	.02	.01
4005	1c	Dark Green	.04	.04
4006	1 1/4c	Violet	.05	.02
4007	1 7/8c	Dull Blue	.12	.12
4008	2c	Violet Brown	.06	.05
4009	2 1/2c	Lake	.08	.05
4010	3 3/4c	Olive Grey	.35	.35
4011	4c	Purple	.12	.12
4012	5c	Brown Orange	.35	.25

1898. Documentary Stamps

4025	1/2c	Orange	.25	..
4026	1/2c	Dark Grey	.03	.02
4027	1c	Pale Blue	.01	.01
4028	2c	Carmine	.02	.01
4029	3c	Dark Blue	.04	.03
4030	4c	Pale Rose	.05	.02
4031	5c	Lilac	.05	.01
4032	10c	Dark Brown	.10	.01
4033	25c	Purple Brown	.20	.01
4034	40c	Blue Lilac	.40	.05
4035	50c	Slate Violet	.25	.02
4036	80c	Bistre (Cut .05)	.75	.18
4037	$1	Dark Green	.50	.01
4038	$3	Dark Brown (Cut .05)	1.50	.07
4039	$5	Orange Red (Cut .04)	2.00	.08
4040	$10	Black (Cut .10)	5.00	.35
4041	$30	Red (Cut 3.25)	..	7.50
4042	$50	Grey Brown (Cut .30)	..	.60

1899

4043	$100	Br'n & Black (Cut $3)	..	6.00
4044	$500	Car. & Bl'k (Cut 27.50)	..	..

1900

4046	$1	Carmine (Cut .02)	..	.10
4047	$3	Lake (Cut .50)	..	1.40
4048	$1	Grey (Cut .02)	..	.03
4049	$2	Grey (Cut .02)	..	.05
4050	$3	Grey (Cut .20)	..	.50
4051	$5	Grey (Cut .12)	..	.30

Unused. Used

4052	$10	Grey (Cut .40)	..	.90
4054	$50	Grey (Cut 6.00)	..	13.50

1902. Surcharged Large Black Numerals

4055	$1	Green (Cut .05)	..	.20
4056	$2	Green (Cut .03)	..	.20
4057	$5	Green (Cut .40)	..	1.00
4058	$10	Green (Cut 2.50)	..	7.50
4059	$50	Green (Cut 30.00)	..	65.00

Eighth Issue

1914-15. Documentary, Watermarked USPS

4075	1/2c	Rose	.07	.07	
4076	1c	Rose	.03	.02	
4077	2c	Rose	.04	.02	
4078	3c	Rose	1.00	1.00	
4079	4c	Rose	.15	.15	
4080	5c	Rose	.08	.03	
4081	10c	Rose	.15	.15	
4082	25c	Rose	.30	.05	
4083	40c	Rose	.50	.10	
4084	50c	Rose	.60	.05	
4085	80c	Rose	..	.32	

Watermarked USIR

4089	1/2c	Rose	.02	.02	
4090	1c	Rose	.02	.01	
4091	2c	Rose	.03	.01	
4092	3c	Rose	.04	.01	
4093	4c	Rose	.05	.01	
4094	5c	Rose	.06	.01	
4095	10c	Rose	.12	.01	
4096	25c	Rose	.30	.06	
4097	40c	Rose	.50	.12	
4098	50c	Rose	.60	.03	
4099	80c	Rose	1.00	.25	
4100	$1	Green (Cut .01)	..	.03	
4101	$2	Carmine (Cut .01)	..	.05	
4102	$3	Purple (Cut .07)	..	.15	
4103	$5	Blue (Cut .07)	..	.20	
4104	$10	Orange (Cut .25)	..	1.00	
4105	$30	Vermilion (Cut 1.75)	..	3.00	

PROPRIETARY STAMPS

1914. Watermarked USPS

4111	1/8c	Blk.	.02	.03	
4112	1/4c	Blk.	.04	.04	
4113	3/8c	Blk.	.05	.05	
4115	5/8c	Blk.	.50	.50	
4117	1 1/2c	Blk.	.18	.16	
4119	1 5/8c	Blk.	2.00	..	
4121	2 1/2c	Blk.	.25	.20	
4123	3 1/2c	Blk.	3.00	..	
4124	3 3/4c	Blk.	1.80	1.80	
4125	4c	Blk.	1.25	1.00	
4127	5c	Blk.	..	2.00	

Watermarked USIR

4132	1/8c	Blk.	.02	.02	
4133	1/4c	Blk.	.02	.02	
4134	3/8c	Blk.	.15	.15	
4135	5/8c	Blk.	.12	..	
4136	5/8c	Blk.	.02	.01	
4137	1c	Blk.	.18	..	
4138	1 1/4c	Blk.	.10	.10	
4139	1 1/2c	Blk.	.18	..	
4140	1 5/8c	Blk.	.10	.10	
4141	2c	Blk.	.25	..	
4142	2 1/2c	Blk.	.06	.05	
4143	3c	Blk.	.25	..	
4145	3 1/2c	Blk.	.35	..	
4146	4c	Blk.	.06	.05	
4147	4 1/2c	Blk.	.50	..	
4148	5c	Blk.	.10	.09	
4149	6c	Blk.	1.25	..	
4150	8c	Blk.	.70	.60	
4151	10c	Blk.	.40	.30	
4152	20c	Blk.	.80	.65	

CORDIALS & WINES

1914. Watermarked USPS

4155	1/4c	Grn.	.05	.05	
4156	1/2c	Grn.	.02	.02	
4157	1c	Grn.	.03	.02	
4158	1 1/2c	Grn.	.05	.04	
4159	2c	Grn.	.15	.15	
4160	3c	Grn.	.08	.08	
4161	4c	Grn.	.10	.12	
4162	5c	Grn.	.12	.13	
4163	6c	Grn.	.24	.20	
4164	8c	Grn.	.25	.25	
4165	10c	Grn.	.16	.16	
4166	20c	Grn.	.25	.20	
4167	24c	Grn.	.60	.60	
4168	40c	Grn.	.75	.50	
4169	$2	Green, Imperf.	..	.35	

1914-18. Watermarked USIR

4175	1/4c	Grn.	.10	..	
4176	1/2c	Grn.	.60	.60	
4177	1c	Grn.	.02	.02	
4179	2c	Grn.	.05	.06	
4180	3c	Grn.	.06	.06	
4181	4c	Grn.	.10	.08	
4183	6c	Grn.	.10	.12	
4184	8c	Grn.	.15	.15	
4185	10c	Grn.	.18	.10	
4186	20c	Grn.	.13	.14	
4187	24c	Grn.	.60	.60	
4188	40c	Grn.	..	2.00	
4189	$2	Green, Imperf.	..	.30	

Ninth Issue, Wine Stamps

1916-18. Large Size

4195	1c	Grn.	.04	..	
4197	4c	Grn.	.06	.05	
4198	6c	Grn.	.07	..	
4200	10c	Grn.	.07	..	
4201	12c	Grn.	.15	..	
4202	15c	Grn.	.25	..	
4203	18c	Grn.	.50	..	
4204	20c	Grn.	.15	.10	
4205	24c	Grn.	.40	..	
4206	30c	Grn.	.20	..	
4208	50c	Grn.	.15	.15	
4209	60c	Grn.	.50	..	
4210	72c	Grn.	..	1.50	
4211	80c	Grn.	.30	.30	
4212	$1.20	Green	.75	..	
4213	$1.44	Green	1.00	1.00	
4214	$1.60	Green	..	1.40	
4215	$2	Green	.60	.60	
4216	$4	Green	.75	.50	
4217	$4.80	Green	..	1.00	
4218	$9.60	Green	1.25	1.00	
4219	$20	Green	8.00	4.00	

1917. Tenth Issue, Documentary Stamps
Carmine Rose

4225	1c	.02	.01		
4226	2c	.03	.01		
4227	3c	.04	.01		
4228	4c	.05	.01		
4229	5c	.06	.01		
4230	8c	.10	.02		
4231	10c	..	.12	.01	
4232	20c	..	.30	.15	
4233	25c	..	.30	.02	
4234	40c	..	.50	.05	
4235	50c	..	.60	.05	
4236	80c	..	1.00	.10	
4237	$1	Green	..	.05	
4238	$2	Rose	..	.10	
4239	$3	Violet	..	.20	
4239a	$3	Dark Violet	..	.20	
4240	$5	Blue (Cut .10)	5.00	..	
4241	$10	Orange (Cut .40)	..	.75	
4243	$30	Vermilion (Cut 1.25)	..	2.50	
4245	$60	Brown (Cut 2.50)	..	5.00	
4246	$100	Green (Cut 2.50)	..	..	
4248	$1000	Orange (Cut 7.50)	..	..	

STOCK TRANSFER

1918-24 Surcharged on 1917 Documentary

4250	1c	Carmine Rose	.15	..
4251	2c	Carmine Rose	.03	.01
4251a	2c	Double Surch. (Cut $1)	..	4.00
4252	4c	Carmine Rose	.05	.02
4252a	4c	Double Surch. (Cut $1)	..	3.00
4253	10c	Carmine Rose	.15	.01
4253a	10c	Double Surch. (Cut $1)	..	3.00
4254	20c	Carmine Rose	.25	.01
4254a	20c	Double Surch. (Cut 1.50)	..	..
4254b	25c	Carmine Rose	.50	..
4254c	40c	Carmine Rose	.80	..
4255	50c	Carmine Rose	.60	.03
4256	80c	Carmine Rose	1.00	.50
4257	$1	Green (Red) (Cut .05)	1.50	.80
4257a	$1	Invert. Surch. (Cut 1.50)	..	5.00
4257b	$1	Green (Black)	1.00	.03
4257d	$1	Invert. Surch. (Cut 2.50)	..	..
4258	$2	Rose	2.00	.03
4258a	$2	Invert. Surch. (Cut 1.00)	..	10.00
4259	$3	Violet	5.00	..
4260	$5	Dark Blue (Cut .15)	5.50	..
4261	$10	Orange (Cut .15)	6.50	.75
4263	$30	Vermilion (Cut 1.50)	..	..
4266	$100	Green (Cut 2.50)	..	6.00

FUTURE DELIVERY

1918-24

4289	1c	Carmine Rose	.10	.07
4271	2c	Carmine Rose	.03	.02

			Unused.	Used
4272	4c	Carmine Rose	.06	.01
4273	10c	Carmine Rose	.12	.01
4274	20c	Carmine Rose	.25	.02
4275	50c	Carmine Rose	..	.04
4276	80c	Carmine Rose	..	.14
4277	$1	Green	1.25	.05
4278	$2	Rose	2.00	.08
4279	$3	Violet (Cut .15)	3.00	.75
4280	$5	Blue (Cut .10)	5.00	.20
4281	$10	Orange (Cut .20)	..	.75
4283	$30	Vermillion (Cut 6.00)	..	..
4284	$50	Olive Green	..	8.50

1919. Narcotic Stamps

4351	1c	Carmine Rose	.15	.15
4352	2c	Carmine Rose	.20	.20
4354	4c	Carmine Rose	.35	.35
4357	10c	Carmine Rose	.75	.35
4363	$1	Green	4.00	3.00

1919. Proprietary

4365	1c	Dk.Bl. .03	.02	4370 8c Dk.Bl.	.65 ..
4366	2c	Dk.Bl. .05	.02	4371 10cDk.Bl.	.40 .35
4367	3c	Dk.Bl. .07	.07	4372 20cDk.Bl.	.75 ..
4368	4c	Dk.Bl. .09	..	4373 40cDk.Bl.	1.50 ..
4369	5c	Dk.Bl. .12	..		

Narcotic Strip Stamps

4379	1c	Violet, small size	.12	.15
4380	1c	Violet, medium size	..	.16
4393	10c	Violet	..	1.75
4397	25c	Violet	..	2.50

CIGTTE TUBES

1919

4411	1c	Carmine Rose	.30	.25

1920-22. Stock Transfer, New Type

4420	10c	Carmine Rose	.12	.02
4421	20c	Carmine Rose	.22	.01
4422	50c	Carmine Rose	.60	.04
4424	$1	Green	1.10	.04
4425	$2	Rose	2.20	.05

Playing Card Stamps

4501	7c	on 2c Blue (17)	..	1.50
4504	7	CENTS on 2c Blue	..	.75
4505	7c	on 2c Blue	..	1.50
4506	8	CENTS on 2c Blue	..	2.50
4507	8c	on #458 Inverted	..	2.00
4508	8	CTS. on 2c Blue (Carm.)	..	.50
4508a	8	CTS. on 2c Blue (Vermil.)	..	.18
4512	(SC)	Blue	.25	.20
4513	8C	Blue (Carmine)	..	.45
4513a		Inverted Surcharge	.75	.75
4514	10C	Blue	..	.18

POST OFFICE SEALS

1751		Green (Registered)	.35	.20
1752		Brown "Post Obitum"	3.75	..
1753		Brown (Engraved)	.08	.08
1754		Light Brown (Imperf.)	.40	..
1755a		Light Brown (Perf.)	.08	..
1761		Black (Rouletted)	.10	..
1765		Blue	.03	.03
1768		Black on Pink	.15	..
1769		Black	.04	.04
1770		Black (no net work)	..	.03

TELEGRAPH STAMPS

1881. American Rapid

3300	1c	Black	.05	3304 15c Green	.15
3301	3c	Orange	.30	3305 20c Red	.03
3302	5c	Bistre	.03	3306 25c Rose	.04
3303	10c	Purple	.03	3307 50c Blue	.30

"Collect" Stamps

3308	1c	Brown	.04	3310 15cRedBrn.	.07
3309	5c	Blue	.04	3311 20c Ol.Grn.	.07

"Duplicate" Stamps

3312	1c	Brown	.05	3314 15cRedBrn.	.08
3313	5c	Blue	.05	3315 20c Ol.Grn.	.02

1885-86. Baltimore & Ohio

3344	Brown	.18	3345	Black	.20

1886. Engraved

3346	1c	Green	.07	3348 10c Brown	.07
3347	5c	Blue	.07		

1886. Lithographed

3350	1c	Green	.04	3352 10c Dk.Brn.	.04

B. & O. Connecticut River

3375	1c	Black on Yellow			.02
3376	5c	Black on Yellow			.20

1883. Pacific Mutual

3501	1c	Black			.30
3502	1c	Slate			.07
3503	5c	Black on Buff			.10
3504	10c	Black on Green			.08
3505	25c	Black on Salmon			.15

1885. Postal

3510	10c	Green			.10
3511	15c	Red			.20
3512	25c	Blue			.07
3513	50c	Brown			.20
3517	Red	Brown (1893)			.35

Western Union

3660	Green	(1871)			2.00
3661	Red	(1872)			1.50
3662	Blue	(1873)			1.50
3665	Red	(1876)			1.50
3677	Blue	(1888)			.10
3682	Blue	(1893)			.18
3683	Green	(1894)			.18
3688	Olive Green	(1899)			.04
3695	Carmine	(1905)			.08
3705	25c Slate	(1914)			.30

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204	10c	Rose	..	13.50
205	5c	Blue (London Print)	.22	.40
206	5c	Blue (Local Print)	.40	.40

1863

207	2c	Brown Red	.70	..
208	"TEN CENTS",	Milky Blue	17.50	20.00
210	10c	Blue (Open Corners)	.12	.40
211	10c	Blue (Filled in Corners)	.20	.40
212	20c	Green	.70	7.00

1864

213	1c	Orange	1.10	..

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By Willard O. Wylie.

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THE writer of this sketch has not had the privilege of a personal acquaintance with Mr. August Dietz, but ever since he has known anything about philatelic journalism he has been made to realize the fact that Mr. Dietz is a strong personality. He has a unique individuality in that he has ever sought the promotion of his ideals free from the taint of mercenary motives. In this very realistic age such a man is hard to find. He has been called "Dietz the Dreamer," but how can one build unless he sees the structure in the making long before it has really become acquainted with either timber or stone?

A visitor to Richmond, Va., will have no difficulty in locating the "Temple of Typography" at 109 East Cary St. It is particularly a shrine for those who delve in the graphic arts. Here will be found Mr. Dietz, also the junior who is following in the footsteps of his father, producing specimens of the printing art that seem to possess both life and spirit.

Upon the second floor is a museum—a trade museum if you please, where may be found a wonderful collection of craft relics and curios. We cannot enumerate them for these treasures are too numerous and varied. Their name is "Legion," and how much Mr. Dietz prizes them!

Of this collection on printing subjects, Walter Hurt, author, recently wrote:—"In this museum there are specimens of the products of master printers from Asia, Africa, the European countries and Australia; Chinese and Japanese type. and fonts of Arabic and Sanskrit letter; Colonial currency; old presses, and craft implements of earlier periods; exhibits of the different stages in the respective processes of typefounding, electrotyping and stereotyping, the various methods of engraving, and allied arts. Also there is an assemblage of ancient volumes, first folios and rare editions, that delight the soul of the reverent bibliophile and prompts him to invoke blessings upon the head of Dietz."

Recently Mr. Dietz was appointed to an important position by the Intertype Corporation. He is now Chief Counselor in typographic design. The Richmond (Va.) *Times-Despatch* of June 30, referring to the honor accorded Mr. Dietz, declares it to be a rare tribute to his ability. This staid southern daily never mentions a man in its editorial columns unless perchance it be someone prominent in the political life of the nation. In a half-column editorial Mr. Dietz is lauded as "a lover of the art of printing" and "a master of his craft and art."

It is as a stamp collector that our readers will take particular interest in Mr. Dietz. He has been collecting stamps for nearly fifty years. Some twenty years ago he realized that this old world was a pretty big place and that the wealth of a Croesus would scarcely suffice to keep up with everything issued so he determined to confine his activities to a few select countries, Confederate States, United States, Germany and German States, old Italian States, Argentine, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay and Mexico. Mr. Dietz has never specialized nor plated but his collection of these countries is practically complete in every straight catalog number—every piece being absolutely flawless. He is the worst kind of a condition crank. In United States he lacks the "August issues" and the inverts. These he never expects to have but he affirms that "no gray hairs will grow on that account."

Naturally the Confederate stamps hold first place in his affection. Very modestly he disclaims having a large collection but he does consider it the most perfect and complete collection in point of historic interest and quality of material. Every number in the catalog every minor variety of shade, is represented by an unused, used and on cover piece, and every item is absolute perfection. In addition there are original drawings and designs and essays for Confederate stamps, litho, typo and steel plate proofs, hand press on which the first lithographed stamps were printed in 1861, Archer & Daly's steel trial plates, electrotype replicas of the De la Rue and a number of locals, and finally a reference album of life-sized photographs of every Confederate provision on record.

It is a matter of deep regret to the writer and it will also be to thousands of our readers to learn that Mr. Dietz has made no entry for the New York Exhibition. The items enumerated above would have proven a great attraction. He enters the excuse that he does not have "quantity" to display. There are times when quality is fully as interesting as quantity.

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THE PHILATELIC STAMP AGENCY

By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

ON November 25, 1921, due to the efforts of an unusually active Third Assistant Postmaster General, Warren Irving Glover, the Postmaster General, then Will H. Hay, issued an order, effective December 1st, establishing the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington. Since then, those in charge have done everything reasonable within their power to serve the philatelic public in a prompt and efficient manner and most of us will agree that they have accomplished their purpose.

At first they occupied a small office in the Post Office Building adjoining Union Station, with the Agent and a lady assistant in charge. Since then they have taken larger quarters across the hall and the force of two has grown to a force of five with an extra clerk recently loaned from another section.

In the meantime orders have grown from one or two a day to one hundred and fifty and even more a day. Since May first the business has averaged around $1,300 daily, the mail orders around 150 a day, with a good number of daily callers who spend quite a little time and money in picking out what they want.

Since its establishment several circulars have been sent out to the five or six thousand names upon their mailing list calling attention to the varieties available. What is the result—many thousands are now able to buy everything in the hands of the department at face and get picked copies at that, besides plate blocks, positions and the like are supplied where possible.

Since the new issue has been completed dozens are writing for the complete set and therefore instead of answering a letter in a day or two as heretofore, at times it takes a week or more. Some writers are of the opinion that they are the only one doing business with the Agency and if they do not receive a reply by return mail sit down and write the Third Assistant Postmaster General and complain that they are not being treated fairly. Because the dealer or collector across the street has the new stamp just issued and you haven't, you get the idea that he was favored and you were slighted, where as a matter of fact he may have written a week ahead of you.

All orders received are numbered and the first is served before the second receives attention. At times stock may have to be ordered from the Bureau, which delays matters. When you consider that many orders have dozens of items you must appreciate that it takes time to select the varieties. While there recently, I saw a couple of orders just in which ran over 50 items and one called for sixty-five items in addition to five sets of envelopes and the entire order only ran around $60.

Remember the department likes to receive these and fills them promptly, but is it fair to complain just because your order may be a week late in arriving. One man who has been buying consistently since the establishment of the Agency and who as a rule not only requests plate numbers but designates the very numbers wanted has always had his orders filled, as was seen from his file, in two to three days, and this included dozens of orders. Recently due to the large number of orders and the inadequate clerical force his order was delayed about a week and as a result he writes a long letter to the Third Assistant Postmaster General. One man ordered a complete set of the current issue with top plate number, on the single stamp too, not blocks, and because one value was off center complained.

The Agency tries its best to send picked specimens but when a non-philatelic clerk has been picking out stamps all day he begins to see double by evening and some off centers may slip through but even then if it happens to be a high denomination they will gladly replace it. Do not, however, return to them stamps that you have bought elsewhere and expect them to replace them. They keep account of all orders and know what has been sent you, for there is always a check and re-check on every order.

Another thing which should be remembered, if you order stamps and want to ask for philatelic information write two separate letters, otherwise your stamps are likely to be held up until some other person can answer the inquiry. Then too, remember, that they can only supply exactly the items on their published list, they do not reprint, re-issue, or make to order stamps for the Agency. They, however, do have the Bureau of Engraving & Printing pick out especially fine stock for the Agency of any issued variety that they might have on hand.

What is more, they try to bring in from outlying offices any varieties or shades that are not obtainable in Washington. For instance, the smaller offices pay the newspaper postal charges by cancelling sufficient postage stamps to equal the amount of postage collected from the publishers and these are returned to Washington. They pass through the Division of stamps and if they are unusual the Postmaster is ordered to return this stock to the Agency.

As the postmaster generally gets rid of his old and undesirable stock in this way, quite often odd things are noted. It is because of this good work that several varieties have recently become available, such as the $2 orange and black, the 50c and 75c Parcel Post, the old 10c registration stamps and several others that I do not recall at the instance.

When they are doing all this for us do you think it fair to complain? Do you not think a letter of appreciation is more in order? You know the Agency was only established after many letters from collectors and against the opposition of some officials, and if you want it discontinued all you have to do is to let the officials higher up become disgusted with the whole thing. In several weeks they will no doubt be able to answer letters within a day or two but now with the new series just completed orders are coming in faster than they can take care of them.

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Italy 1926, 25c yel. green & gray green	.02
Guadeloupe 1926, 1fr 05 on 2fr vermilion	.10
Luxemburg 1926, 2fr dark brown	.15
Official 1926, 2fr dark brown	.15
Union of South Africa, Post. Due 1926, 3p blue & black	.15
India 1926, 3pi gray	.02
½a green	.03
1a brown	.04
3a ultramarine	.12
Official 1926, 1a brown	.06
(Patiala), 3a ultramarine	.12
Malta 1926, ½p green	.03
Federated Malay 1926, $2.00 green & red	2.60
Hong Kong 1926, $3.00 violet & green	3.80
British Bechuanaland 1926, 1sh bistre.	.50
Algeria 1926, 1fr claret & green	.08
Tunis 1926, 2fr red & green, pink	.15
France 1926, 1fr deep blue	.08
1926, 1fr 50 ultramarine	.12
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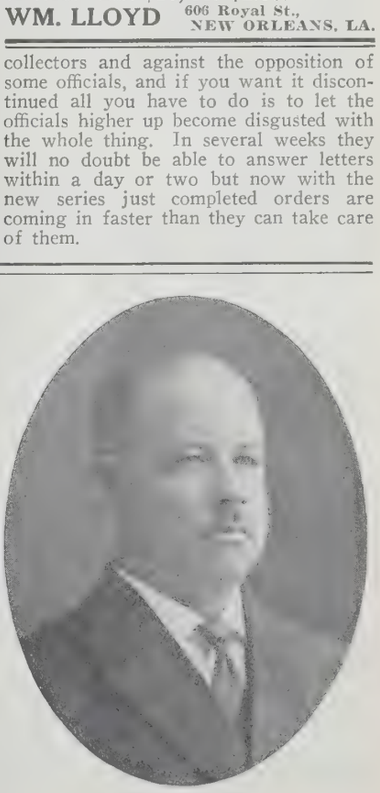

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The International Philatelic Exhibition is truly named. Its scope is worldwide and its internationalism is derived not alone from the fact that the exhibits are contributed by countries throughout the habitable globe, but also for the reason that among those who will attend the Exhibition are representatives from many corners of the world. When a stamp exhibition becomes a magnet that attracts the elect of philately from Europe, Australia and South America, not to mention other distant points, the convocation becomes a triumph of romance through the reality of journeys of thousands of miles undertaken by pilgrims to the philatelic shrine. In this day of materialism, there still remains a sentiment that impels men to travel across the seas to pledge personally their friendship for philately.

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These visitors coming from afar present, first of all, testimony to the universality of philately and by their presence, they pay a tribute to American philately. We appreciate this evidence of accord and hearty recognition of our endeavors that the presence of collectors from abroad indicates. If there are collectors in this country who have any lingering doubts as to the truth of the saying that philately girdles the globe, they are now removed, together with any other misgivings as to the acceptability of our pursuit to almost all the nations of the earth.

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The effect on the public or nonphilatelic mind made by the attendance of foreign visitors must be an enlightening one. The outsider will be impressed by the array of names of philatelic dignitaries from other continents and the conviction that there is a solid foundation to our pursuit will follow. This country is a vast one but the newspaper press will penetrate to its uttermost reaches with its tale of the Exhibition and its activities, participated in by people of many of the nations. The result will be that much of the ignorance concerning stamp collecting will be dissipated. By reason of its news value, in the light of the growing editorial tendency to realize that philately is a legitimate source of news, the Exhibition will receive attention in the newspapers that will outshine that which it is now basking in; and the consequence will be that progress will be made in the onward march of philately to a permanent place in the public esteem.

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Philately will be on parade at the Exhibition and it devolves upon all who are within our ranks to make the occasion one to be remembered by the noncollector or the one who knows nothing of organized collecting. The interest that the stranger may show in the Exhibition should be encouraged through the willingness of collectors to answer questions and explain all angles in order that any collecting inclination should be stimulated. A groping desire when given full rein may become a fixed collecting idea. A cordial welcome will await the unknown collector from those who have had years of training and if the one knocking at the door is made to feel at home at the time of his introduction, the memory of the friendliness will emphasize the satisfaction of collecting.

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The convention of the American Philatelic Society which will be held concurrently with the Exhibition should be a success on the score of attendance and we learn that President Wilhelm, with a number of friends, has already left San Francisco with the intention of proceeding leisurely to New York. From different sections of the country, we hear that members are planning to meet at the convention and any register that may be published now of names of delegates will not reflect by any means the numerical strength of the attendants. The committees, in New York, who are in charge of the plans for the reception and entertainment of members and others have worked to advantage. The men comprising these committees have buckled down to work in a manner to insure entertainment for all; and we are sure that under the intelligent guidance of the New York hosts, the visitors will have every opportunity for philatelic work and play.

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The "Weekly" celebrates the occasion by issuing a large number of the paper, of which a greater number than usual is printed. At the WEEKLY'S booth at the Exhibition copies of this special number will be distributed to callers and it is intended to place as many papers as possible in the hands of those to whom the printed page of philately is something of a revelation. The advertising pages will surprise those who have had no reason to inquire into philately in an internal sense, heretofore. The market place that is brought before the eyes through the medium of the advertisements is of a magnitude that must astound the one who knows nothing or little about stamps.

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Joseph Byfield died in Chicago recently at an advanced age. Though born in Europe he came to Chicago at an early day and waxed prosperous with the city. His name originally was Beifeld but was changed to Byfield at the outbreak of the World War. Joseph Beifeld, will be remembered by veteran collectors as one of the pioneer stamp dealers. In the seventies, he published lists, albums, etc., and had a local trade that was of some proportions. He published the Centennial Stamp Album in 1876, and about this time his directory of the stamp dealers in the U. S. and Canada appeared. His business success in other lines led to his relinquishing of the stamp business but for years he kept his stamp collection. Some years ago, Mr. Byfield issued a handsome set of labels to advertise his Sherman Hotel. Mention was made of the labels in the WEEKLY and with Mr. Byfield's permission, readers were asked to give him a shower of letters asking for sets of the stickers. The response swept Mr. Byfield off his feet, out of touch as he was with philately of a later day. He said that requests literally by the thousand were received from readers of this paper and that any suspicion that he may have had that philately was not flourishing was succeeded by admiration for the acquisitive instincts of collectors of this day.

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The Nordiska Filatelistkongressen was held at Stockholm, Sweden, September 18th to 21st. Invitations were sent to the philatelic societies in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland to participate in the exercises to celebrate the fortieth birthday of the Swedish Philatelic Society, under whose auspices the congress was held. An interesting program was given, the most important feature of which was a stamp exhibit. The influence of the Swedish Philatelic Society has long been recognized and we congratulate the society upon attaining so ripe and respectable an age.

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The new fifteen cent air mail stamp was issued promptly on the 18th of September, at Washington, and is now in the hands of collectors. The color ascribed to the stamp by the post office is sepia. To repeat the reason for the issue of this denomination, quoting from the government circular: "The stamp will be used to cover air mail postage over one zone of the government-operated transcontinental route, where the air mail postage is 8 cents, plus transportation over one of the contract air mail routes up to 1,000 miles, where the postage charge is 10 cents. Thus, 5 cents is charged for transport over the government line and 10c over the contract line. The stamp also will be used on contract air mail routes where the distance to be traveled is in excess of 1,000 miles. At present, only one such contract route exists, that between Seattle and Los Angeles."

INTERESTING FIRST FLIGHTS

Monday, September 20, brought to our attention a number of interesting covers in connection with airmail flights and first day covers.

First we want to chronicle the new 15c sepia airmail stamp, which is by the way, both a unique and handsome stamp. It is of the same design as the 10c blue. Specimens upon cover are at hand from Albert E. Gorham and Raymond C. Schaffer. Upon the reverse side of the envelopes is the Philadelphia Transit marking, showing airmail service from Washington to Philadelphia.

A first flight between Seattle and Los Angeles, on Sept. 15, furnished an interesting group of covers. We were again favored by Albert E. Gorham, who sent us a first flight Seattle to Los Angeles and a second from Los Angeles to Seattle and another San Francisco to Tacoma. They are uniform in the character of the markings with the exception that the first and third have the air flight marking in purple and the other in dark red. One of the covers is the more interesting because the postage was paid in imperforate stamps.

Specimens of these covers were also received from Frank L. Applegate, Frank C. Clark, both of Medford, Ore., and Charles L. Hall of Chicago. The Applegate and Clark covers are very similar, each bearing a Medford, Ore., marking in purple and a San Francisco marking upon the reverse side in black. The Hall cover reached us with a Barkersfield, Cal., airflight marking, via Medford.

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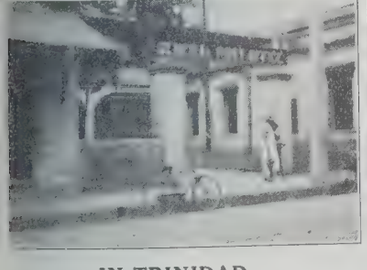

IN TRINIDAD

By Norville L. Burdon.

This is the General Post Office at ort of Spain, on the island of Trinidad, the large flaring sign glistening in the typical sunlight shows. Port of Spain is a sleepy little town, but it is full of people who enjoy this life, although they do not seem to be much disturbed about it. One considers, as he passes this place, the wonderful possibilities if he had only been there buying all the new issues during all the past years that have been sold for a song to the unappreciative inhabitants, who have licked the backs of so many rare gems for the prosaic purpose of forwarding letters which could not have been important enough to destroy the mint condition of many of them now great and costly rarities.

For MEKEEL'S WEEKLY

USED OR UNUSED?

By Robert S. Gordon.

To one with a fairly good knowledge of geography and no knowledge of philately, it would seem fairly obvious that the stamps of the Wallis and Futuna Islands are scarcer than those of Algeria. The latter has all the advantages of a comparatively large population, easy communications with the rest of the world, and an enormously greater postal business. Yet the unused stamps of both colonies are listed at very similar prices, and rightly so. Both series of stamps can be bought in Paris, fresh from the printing presses. There is no necessity of sending drafts, bank notes, or money orders to curious postmasters, with the consequent delay in arrival of the stamps.

But compare the difficulties of obtaining the same stamps postally used! Ask a dealer for a selection of used Wallis and Futuna Islands stamps, and consider yourself lucky if even one is forthcoming. Don't take my word for it. Try it. Or, better yet, try to obtain covers of the two colonies.

Hence my contention that used stamps are, in these days of Philatelic Agencies and New Issue services, a truer index to scarcity than the cleaner and better appearing mint varieties. It's no trick at all to keep up-to-date with unused stamps, provided the check book holds out. The real job is to find the same stamps postally used, and hang the price!

There are perhaps half a dozen or so colonies whose stamps—all of them—are infinitely rarer used than unused. On cover, of course, their rarity is greater yet. How many of the following have you seen advertised recently, used?

Ascension, Belgian East Africa, Brunei, French Equatorial Africa, Kuwait, Mauretania, Spanish Guinea, Spanish Western Sahara, Upper Volta, Wallis & Futuna Is.

Most of these, it is true, only recently began to issue stamps. Yet none of them is so new that it is impossible to arrive at a fair estimate of the relative scarcity of its used and unused stamps. And the following list gives what I consider a rough approximation to the true value of the used stamps, expressed as a percentage of the unused value:

Ascension	250%
Belgian East Africa	350%
Brunei	200%
French Equatorial Africa	175%
Kuwait	250%
Mauretania	200%
Spanish Guinea	200%
Spanish Western Sahara	600%
Upper Volta	300%
Wallis & Futuna Is.	750%

This estimate takes into account the relative importance of the colonies listed, and the comparative amount of their postal business, which, while far from being a true criterion, is nevertheless a basis on which to work.

It is perhaps too much to hope for, to await the eventual compilation of the true values of the used stamps of each country and colony. It would be a monumental undertaking, even were the distinction between different postmarks omitted. And doubtless there is not, as yet, sufficient interest shown to justify such labor; although the interest in original covers is certainly increasing by leaps and bounds.

In the hope that it may interest others, I am adding another of my "rough approximations," being the relative scarcity of the postmarks on the stamps of Brunei, for each of the five postoffices; with the "Brunei" postmark, the commonest, rated at 1:

Belait,	12	Temburong,	5
Brunei,	1	Tutong,	15
Muara,	8		

Will others, with more material at hand than I have, rate the postmarks of their favorite colonies in like manner?

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will find samples and supplies of the "Specials" offered below and on the following page, along with other received too late to list here, at our booths at the Exposition. You can buy them there if you wish. Look them over, anyway.

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A copy of our big 64 page, illustrated "Exposition Special" is waiting for you at our booth. It lists thousands of good single stamps, sets, special offers, packets, etc., etc. Come and get it—It's FREE. This list is published once a month and if you are a live collector you should get on our mailing list. This list is FREE so long as you show interest by an occasional order. Gladly sent to any "Weekly" readers on request.

Portugal Independence Jubilee

This new set is one of the handsomest issued in years and will attract attention in any collection.

2c orange & black	46c rose & black
3c blue & black	50c olive & black
4c green & black	64c green & black
5c brown & black	75c red brown & black
6c ochre & black	96c vermilion & black
15c green & black	$1.00 purple & black
16c blue & black	$1.60 slate & black
20c purple & black	$3.00 mauve & black
25c vermilion & black	$4.50 olive & black
32c green & black	$10.00 rose & black
40c brown & black	

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 20, 25, 32, 40, 46, 50, 64, 75, 96c ..... .50
$1, $1.60, $3, $4.50, $10 ..... 1.90
The complete set of 21 stamps for 2.40

Azores

Same set and designs as above but not so many values surcharged "Acores."

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 20, 25, 32, 40, 50, 75c, $1, $4.50. Entire set of 14 stamps for.. .90

Congo Pictorials

Special offer of the 1923 set, nearly half the stamps in the set being obsolete now and others no doubt will soon be. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c, 1, 3, 5, 10frs, Nos. 88 to 99* complete and unused. Cat. $5.01. Special net 1.75

Congo Red Cross

A special purchase makes these prices possible on these handsome stamps. The 10fr is a very rare stamp.

1918, 5c to 1fr, Nos. 201 to 207*, cat. $2.51, for .... .75
5frs on 5frs, No. 208*, cat. $4.00, for 1.25
10frs on 10frs green and blue, No. 209, rare and cheap at 4.75

Beautiful Congo Air Post

One of the handsomest sets ever issued.

	Cat.
50c orange and black, No. 301*	.25
1fr violet and black, No. 302*	.35
2fr blue and black, No. 303*	.60
5fr green and black, No. 304*	1.50
Special price only **88c**	2.70

Fiume

The last set issued by this country before annexation to Ita

1924, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 60c, 1, 2, 3, 5L, Nos. 196 to 207, Express 60c, 2L, Nos. 567, 568*. Catalog value $6.15, for 1

Malta "Postage"

Here is a special offer in the lower values of this set which has been in the limelight for several months.

½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3p, mint, surcharged "Postage." Cat. $1.37 by Scott 1927 Cat., for only ..... .48

Rhodesia Special

Nice cancelled copies at a cheap price.

1906, 2sh6p bluish gray, No. 79, cat. $1.25. Price .....
3sh purple, No. 80, cat. $1.50. Price .....

This is less than some are asking wholesale.

Trans-Jordania Snaps

Special offers of these odd stamps. 1923, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m, 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 20pi, Nos. 53 to 63*.

Cat. value of set $91.50. Price 23.50
1924, ½, 1, 1½, 2pi, Nos. 105 to 108*, cat. $8.00. Price .. 1.75
½, 1, 1½, 2pi, Nos. 109 to 112*, cat. $8.00. Price .. 1.75

A chance to save money on these.

W. C. PHILLIPS & CO.

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These "SPECIALS" Are On Sale at Our Booths

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A few special offers in these odd stamps for this time only.

1922, ¼pi green, No. 16*, cat. $3.00. Price ..... .85
1p blue, No. 18*, cat. $3.00. Price ..... .85
1pa, ¼, ½, 1, 2pi, Nos. 22, 23, 25, 26, 27*, cat. 3.85. Price ..... .98
1pa brown, No. 22*, cat. $1.25. Price ..... .35
1924, Nos. 39 to 45*, cat. $7.25. Price 1.75
1922, 1pi blue, No. 18b*, cat. $20.00. Price 5.50
All the above guaranteed absolutely genuine.

San Marino Offers

Garibaldi Commemorative Issue

10c dark violet, No. 72*; 60c dull red, No. 74*; 50c olive brown, No. 73*; 1L deep blue, No. 75*; 2L gray green, No. 76*.
Complete set, cat. $1.60. Price ..... .68
1924 Dues, 5c to 5L, Nos. 210 to 217*, cat. $10.90. Price... 3.95

Chili 1924 Dues

2c blue and red
4c blue and red
8c blue and red
10c blue and red
20c blue and red
40c blue and red
60c blue and red
80c blue and red
1p blue and red
2p blue and red
5p blue and red
Complete set, cat. $28.75. Price 12.50
Short set, 2, 4, 8, 10, 20, 40, 60c, cat. $3.75. Price 1.45
Complete sheet, showing all varieties in one sheet. Quite an oddity. Cat. $178.00. Price 65.00

Belgium Packet Special

200 all different stamps of Belgium.

This lot will catalog over $7.00 and would cost twice as much if bought singly. Splendid value and cost less than 1c per stamp.

Special Price Only $1.50

Luxemburg Packet Special

100 all different stamps of Luxemburg

A fine lot that would cost double our price ordinarily. Splendid value and the average collection is seldom strong in this country.

Special Price Only $1.85

Egypt Geographical Congress

One of the oddest and most popular sets ever issued. New cat. price is now $2.00 and going up. Scott Nos. 105 to 107. Selling as high as $2.00 a set.
5M brown, 10M rose, 15M blue* 1.50

Egypt Agricultural Congress

One of the popular ones. We do not expect to be able to offer at this price after our stock is gone.

5m brown — 50m green
10m rose — 100m lilac
15m blue — 200m violet
Complete set, Nos. 108 to 113*. Price 6.00

Belgium 5frs Exposition

1922, 5frs brown, No. 163*. Usually missing from collections and a big seller with us. Fine copies. Fine singles, cat. $2.50 ..... .95
Entire sheet of 4 stamps, with margins and Exposition postmark on margins* (catalog value $10 a sheet) 3.50
1921, 5frs violet, No. 160. Postally used, rare 1.45
1924, 2fr to 5frs, Nos. 654 to 658* (cat. $3.55) 1.00
P. P., Nos. 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557*, cat. $148.00. Price 65.00

Sweden Charity Stamps

These are scarce sets and in the past we have paid as much as we are asking. A special purchase allows us to offer.

1916 Scott Nos. 411 to 420, used ($2.05)..... .75
1916 Scott Nos. 422 to 430, used ($4.50)..... 1.90
1918 Scott Nos. 432 to 443, used ($1.30)..... .55

Extra Special—Japan Coronation 10s

This stamp, 10s ultramarine and dark blue, Scott No. 146. cat. 3.00 each, is one of the scarcest $3.00 20th stamps. Scarcer than many which list $10.00 each. No dealer has any supply to speak of and most of the holdings in Japan were destroyed by the earthquake. An Asiatic speculator who has been buying every copy of this stamp he could find for years, decided he needed money and we secured the limited lot he was able to pick up. Regardless of catalog we advise our readers to get this item, as a few years will surely show it is cheap at our price. Nine collections out of ten miss it. These prices are special for a few weeks only.

Prices—superb unused $1.75, fine postally used (rare) 2.50
Block of four, mint, only a few 8.00

(A short time ago we had a few of these and offered them for $1.75. They went like "hot cakes" cleaning up the few our Japanese agent had or could get and we turned down many orders.)

Cook Islands

Two good stamps at special prices.

1916, 2p brown, No. 42*, cat. $1.50. Price ..... .55

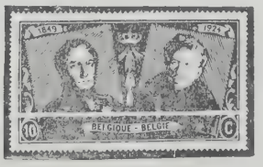
Rarotonga

1919, 3p brown, engraved, No. 54*, cat. $1.00. Price 1.18

New South Wales Specials

1886, 1p, 2p, Nos. 70, 71, cat. $ .75. Price ..... .20
1891. 3p green, No. 90*, cat. $ .60. Price ..... .22
12½p on 1sh, No. No. 94, cat. $ .75. Price ..... .22
1898, 6p green, No. 105, cat. $1.00. Price ..... .35
1903, 2sh6p green, No 107, cat. $1.00. Price ..... .45
1881, 5p, 6p, Nos. 366, 367*, cat. $1.00. Price ..... .30

Belgium Jubilee



Prices abroad on this set are steadily advancing and we doubt if we'll be able to offer again at this price when our stock is gone. This is a very rich looking and beautiful set.

1925, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 75c, 1, 2, 5, 10frs. Price 4.00

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Congo Free State

The stamps of this country make one of the handsomest lots of stamps one can get together and are not freely offered. Cost makes some cost catalog or near it, but they never will be cheaper than now. A splendid variety offered below.

	New.	Used
1886, 5c or 10c, each*	.10	..
25c blue*, No. 3	.80	..
50c reseda	.45	..
1888, 5c green, No. 8	.03	.03
10c red, No. 9	.05	.04
25c blue, No. 10	..	.08
50c gray, No. 11	.30	.30
1894, 5c blue and black, No. 14 (scarce)	.50	.50
10c brown and black, No. 15 (scarce)	.50	.50
25c orange and blk., No. 16	.25	.25
50c green and black, No. 17	.22	.22
1fr lilac and black (scarce)	.80	..
5frs red and black (cat. $1)	..	1.25
1895, 5c red brown and black	.17	.17
10c green and blue	.07	..
1896, 15c ochre and black	.18	.18
40c green and black	.60	.45
1898, 10frs green and black	..	1.20
1900, 5c green and black	.18	..
10c red and black	.18	..
25c blue and black	.35	.25
50c olive and black	.35	.20
1901, 1fr red and black	..	.25
1908, 5c green and black, No. 31.	.20	.20
10c red and black, No. 32..	.25	.25
15c ochre and black, No. 33	.18	.15
25c blue and black, No. 34.	.35	.30
40c green and black, No. 35	.30	.30
50c olive and black, No. 36	.35	.35
1fr red and black, No. 37..	1.00	.20
3f 50c red and black, No. 38	1.85	1.50
3f 50c red and blk., No. 38a	12.00	..
5fr carmine and blk., No. 39	..	1.20
10fr green and black	..	1.25
1909, 5c, 10c	.15	.15
15c ochre and black, No. 43	.60	.60
50c olive and black, No. 44.	.25	.22
1910, 5, 10, 15, 25c	..	.40
40c green and black, No. 49	.35	.30
1910, 50c olive and black, No. 50.	.35	.35
1fr red and black, No. 51..	.20	.10
5fr red and black	.90	.65
10fr green and black	1.25	.75
1915, 5, 10, 15, 25c	.12	.12
40c red brown and black	.30	.30
50c lake and black	.28	.25
1fr bistre and black	.13	.06
5fr ochre and black	.60	.25
1921, Nos. 64 to 69	.55	.55
1fr red and black, No. 70..	.18	.18
3frs red and black, No. 71.	.37	.40
5frs red and black, No. 72.	.60	.65
10frs green and blk., No. 73	.95	1.00
1922, Nos. 74 to 78	.60	.60
10 on 5c, No. 80	.12	.15
25 on 40c, No. 81	.25	.25
10 on 5c, No. 82 (only 50 issued)	95.00	95.00
10c on 1fr, No. 84	.35	.40
25c on 5frs, No. 85	.45	.50
25 on 30 on 10c, No. 86	1.00	1.00
25 on 30 on 10c, No. 87	1.00	1.00
1923, Nos. 88 to 93	.25	..
50c blue	.12	.12
75c orange	.15	.15
1fr brown	.15	..
3frs brown	.30	.35
5frs gray	.45	.50
10frs gray black	.95	1.00
1925, 30, 40, 50, 75c	.25	..
60c carmine	.06	..
1fr blue	.07	..
20c green	.03	..
1918, Nos. 201 to 206	.70	.70
1fr, No. 207	.45	.45
5frs, No. 208	1.85	1.85
10frs, No. 209, rare	6.50	6.50
1925, Nos. 210, 211, each	.06	..
1920, Aero, Nos. 301 to 304	1.25	1.35
Nos. 301-304 on flown cover	..	2.00
1923, Dues 5c to 1fr	.20	..

Belgium

This is one of the most popular of European countries and we quote a few off in the medium and better class items.

1849, 10c brown, No. 1, average	1.95
20c blue, No. 2, average	1.10
1861, 40c rose, No. 12	1.00
1900, 2fr lilac, No. 81	.07
1905, 1fr orange, No. 90, scarce*	.60
1fr orange, No. 90, used	.15
2frs violet	.08
1912, 40c green, No. 98*, scarce	.40
40c green, No. 98, scarce	.35
2fr violet, No. 101, used or*	.40
1fr orange	.05
5frs plum*	.75
1915, 2frs slate*	.22
5frs, No. 120*, very rare	5.00
5frs, No. 120, fine used	4.00
10fr brown, No. 121*	1.00
1919, 1c to 50c* Helmet, Nos. 123 to 132	.60
Helmet, 1fr orange*	1.75
Helmet, 2frs violet*, rare	15.75
Helmet, 5frs lake*, rare	4.50
10frs claret*, rare	4.00
1920, 5frs blue, No. 137, used	.18
1919, 25c deep blue, No. 122*	.03
1920, 5frs blue, No. 137*	.40
65c claret and black*	.06
1921, Nos. 140 to 142	.06
55c on 65c, No. 143*	.06
Pair No. 143a*	.13
1c to 1fr*, Nos. 145 to 158*	.65
2frs green*	.20
5frs brown violet*, No. 160	1.75
10frs magenta*	.95
10frs magenta	.30
5frs brown violet	1.50
75c blue, No. 162*	.10
1910, Nos. 241 to 260* Charity	2.00
1914, Nos. 261 to 263*	.65
Nos. 264 to 266*	.75
1918, Red Cross, Nos. 272 to 279*	1.50
Red Cross, Nos. 270 to 278*, rare	37.50
1925, Charity, Nos. 289 to 291*	.30
Charity, No. 292*	.05
1925, Charity, Nos. 293, 294*	
1900, Nos. 388 to 390*	
1922, 30c red, No. 405*, Y. T. 10frs	
50c blue, No. 407*	
1fr lilac, No. 408*	
1882, 15c gray, No. 508*	
50c rose, No. 511*	
2frs buff, No. 515*	1
1915, 5c green, No. 549*, rare	6
10c red, No. 550*, rare	6
20c olive green, No. 551*	6
25c blue, No. 552*	6
35c brown, No. 553*	9
40c green, No. 554*	6
50c gray, No. 555*	5
1fr orange, No. 556*	5
2frs violet, No. 557*	15
5frs plum, No. 558*, rare	22
The above are very scarce stamps a seldom offered. Guaranteed genuine.	
1916, Nos. 559 to 578*	4
1920, 90c lemon, No. 612	
10frs lemon, No. 622	
1921, 10frs brown, No. 627*	1
1922, 2frs black, No. 631*	
4frs green, No. 633*	
5frs claret, No. 634*	
10frs brown, No. 635*	
15frs rose red, No. 636*	1
20frs blue, No. 637*	1
1923, Nos. 638 to 645*	
Nos. 647 to 651*	1
1924, 2.30 on 2.40fr, No. 652*	
Nos. 653 to 656*	1
4frs rose*	
5frs violet, No. 658*	
1914, Nos. 701 to 710	
1fr 25c on 1M, No. 711	1
2fr 50c on 2M, No. 712	1
1916, 75c on 80pf, No. 721*	
Nos. 722, 723, each*	
2fr 50c on 2M, No. 724*	1
6f 25c on 5M, No. 725, scarce*	3

Luxemburg

The stamps of this country are not freely offered and we list below a very good line of them. We can also supply most of the others not quoted but do not have a sufficient stock to advertise.

	New.	Used
1852, 10c black, average copies	..	1.85
1sg rose, No. 3, av'ge copies	..	5.00
1859, 1c black, No. 5	1.50	1.75
12½c rose, No. 8, av'ge copies	..	2.40
30c rose lilac, av'ge copies.	..	2.75
37½c green, average copies	..	2.75
40c orange, average copies.	..	4.00
1874, 10c lilac, No. 33	..	.10
40c orange, No. 38	.25	..
1891, 30c olive*	.15	..
2½frs black, No. 68	.80	..
5frs lake, No. 69	1.25	..
Nos. 60-69 except No. 62a.	3.50	..
1895, 4c olive	.05	..
1906, 10c-1fr, Nos. 80-89, scarce	..	.80
87½c blue, No. 88	.25	.25
1fr violet, No. 89	.25	.12
5fr claret, No. 91, scarce	2.00	..
1912, 62½c on 87½c blue, No. 92.	.25	.25
1914, 10c-5frs, Nos. 93-106, scarce	2.75	2.00
10c to 50c, Nos. 93 to 102	.80	..
30c bistre, No. 98	.20	..
62½c blue green, No. 103	.45	.45
1fr brown, No. 104	.30	.30
2½fr red, No. 105	.45	.35
5frs dark violet, No. 106	.85	.55
1915, 62½c on 2½fr red, No. 107.	.45	.50
62½c on 5fr claret, No. 108	.40	.40
1916, 17½ on 30c, No. 109	.12	.12
87½ on 1fr, No. 110	.20	.20
1917, 17½ deep brown, No. 111	.10	.10
87½c orange, No. 112	.35	.40
1920, 15c rose, No. 117	.05	..
1921, 1fr red, No. 120	.10	..
2fr indigo, No. 121	.20	..
5fr violet, No. 122	.45	..
1923, 10fr deep green, No. 138	35.00	35.00
10fr black, No. 139	.95	..
3frs blue and blue, No. 142	.28	..
1924, 10c to 75c, Nos. 145 to 148.	.18	..
1926, 15c, 20c	.03	..
1fr deep blue	.08	..
CHARITY STAMPS		
1921, Nos. 301, 302, 303	.20	.20
Nos. 304, 305, each	.20	.20
No. 306	.22	.22
Nos. 307, 308	.18	.18
No. 309	.60	.60
No. 310	.90	.90
1926, Nos. 311 to 314	.28	..
OFFICIALS		
1875, Nos. 411, 412, each	.50	..
1915, Nos. 508 to 520*	4.50	..
1917, 17½c, No. 521*	.15	..
87½c, No. 522*	.35	..
1922, 2c to 75c, Nos. 524 to 534	.45	..
80c black, No. 535	.30	..
1fr carmine, No. 536	.10	..
2fr indigo, No. 537	.55	..
5fr violet, No. 538	1.00	..
1923, 80c black, No. 539	.08	..
2fr indigo, No. 540	.20	..
3fr deep blue & blue, No. 541	.28	..
5fr violet, No. 542	.50	..
10fr black, No. 543	.95	..
1924, 10c to 75c, Nos. 544 to 547.	.20	..
1926, 15, 20c	.03	..
1fr deep blue	.08	..
1907 Dues, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 50c, 1fr	.45	..
1920 Dues, 15 on 12½c, 30 on 20c	.18	..
1921 Dues, 5c to 1fr, Nos. 710-716	.25	..

Iceland

This Scandinavian country has always been one of the most popular European countries, and its stamps, especially the high values, not easy to get. We offer about everything in the 20th issues below, priced according to Scott's 1927 catalog, which has advanced the prices on most of the better stamps of this country. We offer both used and unused for those who prefer either way. First class copies.

	New.	Use
1897, 16a brown, No. 28a	1.20	
1901, 25a brown & blue, No. 32	.25	
1902, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 25, 40*, Nos. 34-42	1.00	
50a gray & blue black, No. 43	.35	
1k slate & yellow brown, No. 44	.58	
2k olive brown & blue, No. 44a	1.10	
5k orange brown & blue, No. 44b	2.60	2.
5a, 6a, Nos. 45, 46, each	.06	
20a blue, No. 47	.13	
25a brown & blue, No. 48	.20	
4a rose & gray, No. 51	..	
3a, 10a, Nos. 50, 54, each	07.	
40a red violet, No. 58	.35	
50a blue & red, No. 59	.40	
50a blue & red, No. 67	.50	
40a violet, No. 66	.45	
1907, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 20, 25, 40a, Nos. 71-81	1.20	
50a gray & violet, No. 82	.35	
1k blue & brown, No. 83	.65	
2k brown & green, No. 84	1.20	
5k brown & slate, No. 85	2.95	2.
1911, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25a, Nos. 86-94	.75	
50a claret, No. 95	.35	
1k yellow, No. 96	.65	
2k rose, No. 97	1.20	
5k brown, No. 98	2.95	2.
1915, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20a, Nos. 99 to 107	.35	
1920, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30a, Nos. 108-118	.70	
40a claret, No. 119	.25	
50a gray & claret, No. 120	.20	
1k blue & brown, No. 121	..	
2k brown & green, No. 122	..	
5k brown & indigo, No. 123	..	1.

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Greece

Most of the harder stamps of this country are listed below and few dealers anywhere make you such an offering. A chance to fill spaces in items that are missing from any of the largest collections.

	Unused.	Used
0, 5L green, No. 46	.95	..
10L orange, No. 47	.75	..
2, 20L rose, No. 51	.85	..
1, 5L green, No. 57	2.25	..
10L orange, No. 58*	1.50	..
20L red, No. 58a	1.90	..
9, 5L green, No. 75	2.25	..
1dr gray, No. 80a	..	2.75
1, 2L bistre, No. 82	1.40	..
5L green, No. 83	1.85	..
1L brown, No. 100	1.00	..
5L green, No. 102	2.50	2.50
10L orange, No. 103	2.25	..
0, 3dr on 10L No. 137	.70	..
3dr on 10L, No. 147	.70	1.00
2dr on 40L, No. 150	1.00	..
2dr on 5L, No. 154	.60	..
2dr on 5L, No. 158	.85	.90
5L on 1dr, No. 159	.13	..
2dr on 10dr, No. 163	1.10	..
1, 1, 2, 3, 5dr	..	1.25
1, 10dr blue, No. 212	1.50	..
25dr blue, No. 213*	2.75	..
2, Nos. 214 to 223	.35	..
3, 25L blue & black, No. 224*	.10	..
8, 30L, No. 234d	.25	..
3dr red, No. 237	..	.25
10dr blue, No. 239	1.00	1.00
7, 2dr light red, No. 247	.22	..
3dr claret, No. 248*	.50	..
5dr blue, No. 250	.50	.35
10dr blue, No. 251*	1.00	..
25dr slate, No. 252*	5.00	..
8, Nos. 253 to 255	.30	..
3dr rose, No. 256	.13	.07
5dr blue, No. 257	.25	.12
10dr blue, No. 258	.40	.25
25dr indigo, No. 259	.50	.50
3, Nos. 260 to 265*	1.00	..
No. 266*	1.75	..
Nos. 267 to 272*	.35	..
2dr. No. 273	..	2.00
Nos. 274, 275, each*	.60	..
10dr on 1d, No. 276	.75	..
Nos. 277 to 280*	.85	..
10L on 20L, No. 281*	5.00	5.00
Nos. 283, 284*	.37	..
No. 285*	1.00	..
5dr on 5dr, No. 286	2.00	2.25
3dr on 3dr, No. 289	1.75	2.00
50L on 50L, No. 295	.25	..
3dr on 3dr, No. 297	1.00	..
5d, No. 298	8.00	..
50L on 1d, No. 305	.75	..
2d on 2d, No. 306	.18	..
2L on 5L, No. 507	.70	..
5L on 10L, No. 308	.45	..
10L on 20L, No. 309	1.25	..
Nos. 310, 311, each*	.13	..
2d on 2d, No. 315	.60	..
4, Byron, 2dr	.08	.05
7, 514, 515, 516, 517, 521, 522	.85	..
Nos. 526 to 528*	.25	..
3, Dues. Nos. 672 to 675*	1.00	..
2, Nos. 801 to 808*	22.00	..
Nos. 516, 517, 518, 522, 524	..	1.00
Nos. 529, 532	.45	.45
6, 1L green, No. 810	4.50	1.95
1913, 2L red, No. 811	4.75	1.95
3L vermilion, No. 812	5.00	2.00
1L green, No. 815	..	2.50
3L vermilion, No. 816	3.50	2.00
5L green, No. 817	3.50	2.00
10L red, No. 818	3.50	2.75
2dr red, No. 833	.65	..
3dr red, No. 834	1.00	..
5dr blue, No. 835	1.70	..
10dr deep blue, No. 836	5.00	..
25dr indigo, No. 837	7.00	..
2dr red, No. 853	2.95	..
3dr red, No. 854	1.00	..
5dr blue, No. 855	2.90	..
10dr blue, No. 856	5.00	..
25dr indigo, No. 857	10.00	..
2pa olive, No. 881	..	.50
20pa red, No. 884	.50	.25
1pi blue, No. 885	..	1.00
2pi blue black, No. 886	23.00	..
5pi dark violet, No. 888	16.75	15.00
10pi red, No. 889	37.00	..
10pa green, No. 890	2.75	2.40
1pi blue, No. 892	2.50	2.00
20pa rose, No. 895	1.50	1.50
2dr on 1dr, No. 897	2.00	2.00
Nos. 921 to 923	3.00	..
Nos. 924 to 928	.35	..
Nos. 924a to 928 imperf.	1.10	..
1dr brown, No. 936	.50	..
2dr blue, No. 937	.80	..
5dr green, No. 938	1.25	..
10dr green, No. 939	2.40	..
25dr red, No. 940*	4.75	..
Nos. 953 to 955*	2.00	..
10dr green, No. 956*	2.50	..
25dr red, No. 957*	4.75	..
1912, Nos. 979 to 988	..	.60
3dr red, No. 992	.65	.63
5dr blue, No. 993	1.25	1.20
10dr deep blue, No. 994	5.00	4.35
25dr indigo, No. 995	5.75	..
5dr blue, No. 1013	3.75	..
10dr deep blue, No. 1014	4.75	..
25dr indigo, No. 1015	6.50	7.00
1L green, No. 1019a	.25	..
1913, 1dr brown, No. 1030	..	.30
2dr brown, No. 1031	..	.50
3dr blue, No. 1032	..	.80
5dr gray, No. 1033	..	1.75
Nos. 1051, 1054, each	..	11.00
Nos. 1055, 1056, each	..	13.75
No. 1058	..	10.00
No. 1059	..	28.00
No. 1060	50.00	..
No. 1061	..	95.00
No. 1062	..	6.00
Nos. 1101 to 1103	2.60	..
5L on 1s, No. 1104	6.75	6.75
1d on 25L, No. 1105	8.75	7.00
10L on 10s, No. 1106	1.50	1.00
25L on 5s, No. 1107	1.95	1.25
50L on 2s, No. 1109	9.00	7.00
1912, Dues. 2d bronze, No. 1162	2.75	3.00
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French Colonial Pictorials

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1916, same set but used, scarce	3.00
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Chad 1922, 1c to 5frs* comp., Nos. 1 to 18* obsolete, scarce	4.75
Dahomey 1906, 1, 2, 5, 20, 25, 30, 45, 50, 75c, 1, 2, 5frs*	7.75
1913, 5c to 2frs*	1.75
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French Colonies 1924, 25c on 2fr and 5frs—30 var. comp.	3.00
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French Equatorial Africa on Middle Congo, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 1 to 17*	1.75
French Equatorial Africa on Tchad, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 20 to 37*	1.75
French Equatorial Africa on Ubangi, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 38 to 55*	1.75
French Equatorial Africa on Gabon, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 59 to 75*	1.75
French Guiana 1905, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35c, 1fr, 2fr*	.80
French Guinea 1913, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45c*	1.00
1913, 1fr, 2fr, 5fr*	1.65
1922, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50c, 5fr*	.95
French India 1914, 1c to 5frs* complete, scarce	4.50
1922, 2, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50c, 5frs*, scarce	1.90
1923, 1c to 2r, Nos. 54 to 70*	3.75
French Oceanica 1913, 1, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 75c, 1, 2frs*	1.50
1921, Nos. 40 to 42 on pictorials*	2.20
French Soudan 1921, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 75c, 1, 2, 5frs*	1.50
Gabon 1911, 1c to 5frs complete, Nos. 49 to 64*, scarce	3.25
1922, 5, 10, 25, 30, 45, 50c*, Nos. 79 to 84	.50
Guadeloupe 1905, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c, 1f, 2f*	.75
French China—Kouang-Tcheou 1923, 1/10c to 20c	1.00
Indo China 1922, 1/10c to 20c*	1.00
1918, Nos. 309 to 314*	3.75
1904, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40c*	.75
1922, 1c to 12c, Nos. 88 to 93*, scarce	2.00
Ivory Coast 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35, 40, 50, 75c, 1, 2fr*	1.25
1906 Dues, 5c to 1fr, Nos. 201 to 208*	1.25
Lebanon, Olympian Games, Nos. 18 to 21*	1.25
Olympian Games, Nos. 37 to 40*	1.50
Madagascar 1908, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20c, 35, 40, 45, 75c, 1, 2fr*	.75
1921, Nos. 111 to 115*, good set	1.90
Martinique 1908, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50c, 1f, 2f*	1.10
Mauritania 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35, 40, 45, 75c, 1, 2, 5frs*	1.20
Morocco 1917, 1c to 50c*, including rare 45c	1.50
New Caledonia 1905, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45c, 1f, 2f*	1.00
Niger Territory 1921, 1c to 25c, 35c to 45c, 75c, 1f, 2f, 5f*	1.25
St. Pierre & Miq. 1909, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35, 40, 45, 75c, 1f, 2f*	.75
Senegal 1914, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40c, 1f, 2f, 5f*	1.50
1922, 25, 30, 45, 50c, 2frs*	.45
Somali Coast 1903, 75c, 1f, 2f, 5frs*, scarce	1.90
1915, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45c, 1f, 2f, 5f*	1.75
Togo 1916, 1c to 5frs, Nos. 176 to 192* comp.	1.90
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1925 Dues, 1c to 1fr, Nos. 409 to 419*	.32
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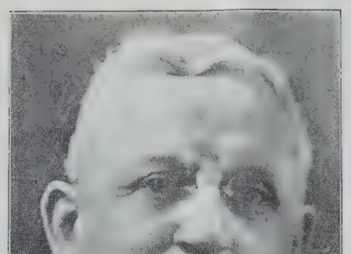

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PHILATELIC ADVERTISING

By Harry M. Konwiser.

PHILATELIC advertising should increase sales and so reduce costs. Philatelic advertising increases knowledge and elevates the standard of collecting stamps, without adding any costs to the collector.

These therefore appear to be the major principles of advertising and they are legitimately recognized, along with service.

Advertising is a time-saver. Collectors can save time in not writing for the so-called "classics"—for instance—when advertisers stress the point they are specialists in stamps of modern appearance. And *vice versa*.

Philatelic advertising, if properly done, should increase the philatelic knowledge of the readers. There is said to be no power like desire to increase one's stamp collection and surely some advertising copy does set up the images of a better collection.

Advertising appeal is usually based upon the simple human fundamentals; it is not a cleverly conceived scheme to befuddle anyone; at least it should not be so. Think how we feel about things, how the other fellow feels about the same thing and if you write it from his point of view, he will read it and talk about it. Then you are advertising.

Advertising, of course, must compete in reader interest with the reading matter in the stamp paper, and that is no easy job. However, if you can liven up your copy you are likely to win, as a rule. People just will not read the dull words, or if they do, remember it is seldom with favor. The live stuff does stay in the mind.

Courage in philatelic advertising should not stamp the advertiser as youthful. It really indicates experience and mastery.

As you plan your advertising, figure it out upon the total annual business you expect to do. Certainly ten *per cent* is not too much to invest in advertising. And remember that word—invest. You are doing that when you advertise.

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What is more beautiful than the 18 1902 battleship set, and the higher valu also, but my goodness, what a fall fr beauty the lower denominations of 1914 and the present set, altho the $1 and up denominations of the 1914 a 1917 sets are quite presentable. To mind the 1914 black Prop. set and blue 1918 Prop. set, which were reti January 1, 1922, are not what would called works of art. By the way, I h to obtain unused copies of the 20 a 40c of this set at the Chicago po office, after signing up a death warr and certificate required by the Int. R Dept. I venture to say that few deal have this entire blue set for sale, and Government has probably destroyed th all by this time, and they are not lis in the stamps for sale by the Gove ment Stamp Agency.

For real works of art, the Civil W revenues 1862-1875 are hard to be The colors of these stamps for the m part hold well, but I can't see why catalogues describe the 5c, 20c, 25c a $5.00 first issue as "red"; they are mos brown. But I have several really "r first issue $1.00, altho some of the $1 have faded to a brown. The greens the first issue have held out against ti very well and seem to be the best of series for retaining color; this is es cially true of the 70c, $3.00 and $10. also 3c, but the $50.00 Mortgage I h has faded some. Some of the seco and third issue 1871-4 look as tho prin yesterday instead of 50 years ago; this particularly true of my copies of $5.00 and $10.00 third issue. My co of the first issue $3.50 blue and $25 red are really perfect. They evider put time and expense into revenues those good old days.

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ORGANIZED PHILATELY

THIS review aims to present a bird's-eye view of existing philatelic organizations which are national in their scope. Much comment has appeared in the philatelic press during the past months arguing pro and con for one large organization. For purposes of future discussion we present the following data on organizations which aim to be national.

American Philatelic Society, Inc.
(Organized 1886.)

The leading stamp society in the United States is the American Philatelic Society. Its membership on May 1, 1926, totaled 3,359. The dues are $1.75, the subscription to *The American Philatelist* is $1.25, and one share of stock must be purchased at $1.00. The total cost the first year is $4.00; after that, $3.00 per year. *The American Philatelist* is a very high grade publication, especially valuable to the United States specialist. Mr. J. Eustace Guest of Dallas, Texas, is Sales Manager and maintains the greatest sales department that has ever been built. Dr. Holland A. Davis is Secretary, address 3421 Colfax "a," Denver, Colo. A handsome year book is a definite annual production. The 1926 convention will be held in New York during October at the time of the International Exhibition.

Collectors Club of New York, Inc.
(Organized 1897.)

Altho primarily started as a local club, the Collectors Club may justly be termed a national organization. Its membership is represented by a great number of out-of-town members. The Club maintains its own club building at 51 W. 48 St. *The Collectors Club Philatelist* is published quarterly and is without question the finest stamp magazine published in the world. Non-resident membership is $5.00 per year, which includes the quarterly. The Club's library is the finest and most complete in existence. Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, Secretary, is in charge of the library. The membership is 624 at present. No Sales Department is maintained.

Society of Philatelic Americans
(Inc. 1894.)

The Society of Philatelic Americans was at one time the largest society in the world. Some years ago it suffered from several serious losses which certain sly thiefs caused thru actual thefts of Sales Department circuits. The society was badly in debt but, thru the persistent efforts of Joseph Hoffman, N. R. Hoover, Guy W. A. Camp, M. Ohlman and others the S. P. A. came back, recovered its lost ground and is today an important factor in organized philately. A. E. Hussey of Cincinnati operates the Sales Department; W. Wyer of Denver, the Exchange. Wm. Lycett is Secretary, address 1221 Washington St., Cape May, N. J. *The stamp Collector's Magazine* serves the society well as official organ. The 1926 convention was in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 9-11th. Membership is 900. A very useful year book appears regularly.

International Philatelic Association
(Organized 1919.)

It has been said that a society for stamp collectors is as good as its Sales and Exchange departments. Using this as a criterion. the I. P. A. is a very, very good society. L. J. Flerlage of Norwood, Ohio, has built a Sales Department, and H. F. Christensen of Emerson, N. J., an Exchange Department that give service. The membership is not large but the society is in firm financial condition. It is conservatively managed. Harry E. Klotzbach is Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 862, Buffalo, N. Y. *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* is official organ.

United Stamp Societies
(Organized 1918.)

Several of the local city clubs in the East have banded together into a type of federation, called the United Stamp Societies. This federation has its own "National" officers and maintains a federation Sales Department which is very effective under J. Weer Chew of the Philadelphia Stamp Club. The following organizations are represented: The Androscoggin Stamp Club, Auburn, Me.; Boston Philatelic Society; Bridgeport (Conn.) Philatelic Club; Brooklyn (N. Y.) Stamp Club; Capital City (Pa.) Philatelic Society; Delaware Stamp Club; Hackensack (N. J.) Philatelic Society; Lynn (Mass.) Philatelic Society; Metropolitan (Boston & Suburbs) Philatelic Society; Montclair (N. J.) Philatelic Society; New York Philatelic Society, Inc.; Paterson (N. J.) Stamp Club; Harrisburg (Pa.) Stamp Club; New Haven Philatelic Society (Conn.); Philatelic Society of Pittsburg (Pa.); Suburban Stamp & Curio Club (Boston); Syracuse (N. Y.) Stamp Club; Philadelphia Stamp Club; Worcester (Mass.) Stamp Club; Utica (N. Y.) Stamp Club.

This is a very interesting and useful organization. The secretary is Elmer L. Clark, of Lynn, Masss. Other local clubs in the East who are interested will be given full information about the U. S. S. by Mr. Clark. The 1926 convention was held at Hackensack, N. J., May 31, 1926.

World Philatelic Society
(Organized 1925.)

The newest organization catering to national fields is the World Philatelic Society. John Pirhalla, Jr., 311 S. 4th Street, Duquesne, Pa., is Secretary. No Sales Manager has been appointed as yet. *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* in official organ and the society maintains a junior offcial organ called, *The Stamp Beacon.* Dues are $.200 per year.

Precancel Stamp Society
(Organized 1912.)

A good example of the need o specialty organizations is well illustrate by the success of the Precancel Stam Society. The organization is considering at present, publishing its own officia organ. Very efficient Sales and Ex change Departments are being operate by Burt C. Wear, Los Angeles, and A A. Johnson, Tacoma, Wash. John Spauld ing, New Berlin, N. Y., is Secretary Dues are $2.00 per year. The annua 1926 convention will be held in Ne York in October at the time of the Inter national Exhibit. No serious collecto of precancels should neglect joining th P. S. S. The membership is about 500 An annual is always issued.

Aero Philatelic Society of America
(Organized 1922.)

Another example of specialty union fo common interest is the Aero Society which is a group of serious collector particularly interested in aeroplane stamp and covers. George W. Angers, P. O Box 412, Springfield, Mass., is Secretary and Joseph Steinmetz is Sales Manager The Society operates its own officia organ, *The Aero Newsletter.* There are about 160 members. The 1926 convention is at New York during the Exhibition.

Philatelic Plate Number Association

Very little is known regarding this organization. Collectors who are interested may write the secretary, R. W Becker, Easton, Pa.

Postal Card Society of America.

This organization is of long standing It issues its own official organ, *Bulletin of the P. C. S. of A.* S. N. Edwards De Volne Hotel, Fargo, N. D., is Secretary. Dr. W. I. Mitchell is a prominent booster of the society. The club has been carefully and well managed. It is a good example of an efficient, long-lived side line club.—*Philatelic Gossip.*

THE PRECANCEL HOBBY

By FREDERICK WALLACE ALLEN

UNITED STATES precancelled postage stamps failed to cause any concern among the collecting fraternity before the opening of the present century. The varieties known prior to this time, composed an insignificant group. The first attempt at any listing of them was made in 1898 by Albert Lloyd Jones, of Wabash, Ind. It is rather curious to note that Mr. Jones, who was one of the precancel hobby's pioneers, lost interest in 1904 and this interest was not reawakened until 1924, when he returned to his early love, and began the formation of a specialized collection of precancelled coil stamps, upon which, it is generally recognized, he is the leading authority.

The late E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., was considered to be well posted on the early issues of precancels. In 1902 he presented to the public quite a comprehensive check list, and in the same year Walter L. Gates composed a similar list. Mr. Gates is one of the real "old timers" in the game today. His collection, the result of many years accumulating and study, has just been presented to the Smithsonian Institute, where it has been absorbed in the government stamp display. It is hoped that justice will be given to this interesting showing, by it being properly exhibited.

After the first decade of the twentieth century, the hobby began to exhibit signs of life. The old Precancelled Stamp Club, which had been born many years before, and had languished and died because of the indifferent interest toward the class of stamps it relied upon for its life as revived by some of the "old guard," and given the name "International Precancel Club." Important collections were formed by F. L. Smith, Chester Myers, S. M. Schoeman, E. A. Solomon, C. E. Stebbins, Frank McChesney, W. W. Norton, J. J. Cone, W. L. Gates, Dr. W. I. Mitchell, A. A. Johnson, J. D. Hubel, Dr. Geo. B. Newton, Joseph Demers, Gen. C. A. Coolidge, W. H. Field, W. C. Malone, Benj. Cadbury, Rev. Henry Wadtes, and these men took a prominent part in stimulating a steady growth of interest.

With the advent of B. Gordon Bushnell in the field, the whole aspect of the precancel hobby was metamorphosed. The even tenor of the hobby did not been conducive to a boom period, for there was no standard catalog or system of valuation. Bushnell remedied this by compiling a Standard Precancel Catalog, and evolving a method of description and listing that was quite satisfactory for the time being. In this work he received valuable assistance from two sterling collectors, Dr. Walton I. Mitchell, and Walter L. Gates, and co-operation from many others. From 1918 to 1922 the catalog appeared in four editions, the form varying from sectional to complete volumes. As a rule Bushnell's prices were low and the extreme undervaluation was galling to most serious followers of the hobby.

In the fall of 1924 Victor W. Rotnem purchased from Bushnell all copyrights and titles and continued the catalog work. By this time the growth in popularity in precancels had become tremendous and showed no signs of abating. It was possible to secure now expert assistance and unreserved co-operation and the Bushnell book was completely rewritten and revised. When the 1925 Standard Precancel Catalog made its appearance it found a receptive public, and produced a favorable impression. An analyzation of the book by an impartial and intelligent observer would contain the belief that commemorative issues were overpriced as a rule, and also the perforated 10 and 12 issues, where the type of cancellation and stamp, aside from the perforations, did not differ from the lower priced perforated 11 varieties. For collectors of precancels are interested in cancellations primarily. This has been borne out by the fact that the market is extremely weak at present on the aforesaid ma-

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Our Precancel Stamp Editor.

terial. The same comment is in order in reviewing the 1926 edition, just out, and in addition it must be stated that the pricing of the current issue does not reflect true or proportionate valuations. It is to be hoped that the 1927 edition will contain saner and more justifiable prices, for the main value of this book lies in the fact that it is a catalog and not simply a check list. The average collector buys the book to find out what his stamps are worth and not what precancel varieties exist. It is one of the hardest philatelic tasks to reflect prices, in a work of this sort, that the great majority will accept as correct and for that reason thoroughness is the essential factor for the ultimate success of a catalog. We are prone to believe it was forgotten in the rush to publish the 1926 edition.

Turning to another phase that was lightly touched upon in a previous paragraph, organization of precancel collectors, we find that the International Precancel Club lost its "zip" about 1915. This was caused, as is the case when most societies fail to carry on properly, by trouble in the Sales Department. Collectors turned to a new and energetic group called the "Precancel Club of America" which had become established through the efforts of Victor W. Rotnem. After the narrow field had been crowded for two years with two similar fraternities, popular opinion demanded a union. This union was consummated and a joint existence began under a new name, the "Precancel Stamp Society." It has progressed steadily and now boasts a membership of nearly five hundred precancel enthusiasts. Enthusiasts, in truth, are most precancel addicts, and a few of them are to be found in every established club in the country. Who will deny that they lend considerable "pep" to the meetings?

A third dimension of the hobby that may be timely commented upon is literature, aside from catalogues. Handbooks need not be considered for there

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*324	2c St. Louis	.08	..
*328	1c Jamestown	.05	.25
*329	2c Jamestown	.08	.40
*330	5c Jamestown	.25	..
*331	1c green, 1908 issue	.03	..
*333	3c deep violet	.18	..
*334	4c orange brown	.13	..
*343	1c green, Imperf.	.05	.22
*344	2c carmine, Imperf.	.09	.45
*345	3c violet, Imperf.	.20	.95
*346	4c brown, Imperforate	.30	..
*347	5c blue, Imperforate	.40	..
*348	1c green, Perf. 12 hor.	.07	..
*349	2c carmine, Perf. 12 hor.	.22	..
*350	4c brown, Perf. 12 hor.	.70	..
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*372	2c Hudson, Fulton	.05	.25
*373	2c Hudson, Imperforate	.13	.55
*376	3c violet, 1910 issue	.12	.50
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*384	2c carmine, Imperforate	.09	.45
*385	1c green, Perf. 12 hor.	.15	..
*386	2c carmine, Perf. 12 hor.	.35	..
*390	1c green, Perf. 8½ hor.	.11	..
*391	2c carmine, Perf. 8½ hor.	.18	..
*392	1c Green, Perf. 8½ vert.	.11	..
*393	2c carmine, Perf. 8½ vert.	.15	..
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*396	5c blue, Perf. 8½ vert.	.27	..
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*416	10c orange yellow	.23	..
*417	12c claret brown	.40	..
*419	20c ultramarine	.75	..
*420	30c orange red	.80	..
*425	2c carmine, 1914 issue	.05	..
*426	3c violet	.08	.40
*427	4c brown	..	.55
*436	12c copper red	.42	..
*441	1c green, Perf. 10 hor.	.22	..
*442	2c carmine, Perf. 10 hor.	.15	..
*443	1c green, Perf. 10 vert.	.12	..
*444	2c carmine, Perf. 10 vert.	.14	..
*445	3c violet, Perf. 10 vert.	1.35	..
*446	4c brown, Perf. 10 vert.	.60	..
*448	1c green, Perf. 10, hor.	.08	..
*452	1c green, Perf. 10 vert. R.P.	.07	..
*457	4c brown, Perf. 10, Vert.	.40	..
*473	11c dark green	.32	2.25
*479	2.00 blue, 1916 Unwmk.	3.25	13.00
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*482	2c carmine, Imperforate	.04	.16
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*486	1c R. P. Coil, Hor. Perf. 10	.02	..
*487	2c R. P. Coil, Hor. Perf. 10	.04	..
*489	3c vio., Perf. 10, Hor. R. P.	.10	..
*490	1c R. P. Coil, Vert. Perf. 10	.02	..
*491	2c R. P. Coil, Vert. Perf .10	.03	..
*493	3c R. P. Coil, Vert. Perf. 10	.06	..
*495	4c R. P. Coil, Vert. Perf. 10	.07	..
*496	5c R. P. Coil, Vert. Perf. 10	.08	..
*497	10c R. P. Coil, Vert. Perf. 10	.15	..
*498	1c green, 1917, Perf. 11	.02	.10
*499	2c rose, 1917, Perf. 11	.03	.15
*501	3c violet, 1917, Perf. 11	.04	.20
*503	4c brown, 1917, Perf. 11	.05	.25
*504	5c blue, 1917, Perf. 11	.07	.32
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*507	7c black, 1917, Perf. 11	.09	.40
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*509	9c salmon red, 1917, Perf. 11	.13	.52
*510	10c yel. or'ge, 1917, Perf. 11	.14	.56
*511	11c dk. green, 1917, Perf. 11	.16	.65
*512	12c br. carm., 1917, Perf. 11	.17	.70
*513	13c apple grn., 1917, Perf. 11	.20	.85
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*526	2c 1918-20 Offset	.04	.16
*529	3c 1918-20 Offset	.05	.22
*535	3c Imperf. Offset	.07	..
*537	3c 1919 Victory	.05	.20
*538	1c green, Perf. 11x10	.04	..
*544	1c Perf. 10 R. P.	.03	.14
*547	2.00 carmine, Perf. 11	2.75	11.00
*548	1c Pilgrim Issue	.03	.12
*549	2c Pilgrim Issue	.04	.16
*550	5c Pilgrim Issue	.13	.55
*551	½c 1922-25, Nathan Hale	.02	.06
*552	1c Franklin	.02	.08
*553	1½c Harding	.03	.11
*554	2c Washington	.03	.12
*555	3c Lincoln	.04	.16
*556	4c Martha Washington	.06	.22
*557	5c Roosevelt	.07	.27
*558	6c Garfield	.08	.12
*559	7c McKinley	.09	.36
*560	8c Grant	.10	.40
*561	9c Jefferson	.12	.48
*562	10c Munroe	.13	.50
*563	11c Hayes	.14	.56
*564	12c Cleveland	.15	.60
*565	14c Indian	.18	.70
*566	15c Statue Liberty	.19	.75
*567	20c Golden Gate	.25	1.00
*568	25c Niagara Falls	.30	1.25
*569	30c Bison	.36	1.40
*570	50c Amphitheatre	.60	2.50
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*573	5.00 America	5.85	23.00
*575	1c green Imperf.	.03	.12
*576	1½c Harding, Imperforate	.04	.15
*577	2c carmine, Imperf.	.04	.16
*579	2c carmine, Perf. 11x10	.06	.30
*581	1c 1923-24 R. P.	.02	..
*582	1½c Perf. 10, R. P.	.03	..
*583	2c 1923-24 R. P.	.05	..
*585	4c Perf. 10, R. P.	.06	.24
*586	5c blue, Perf. 10, R. P.	.08	.30
*587	6c orange, Perf. 10, R. P.	.09	.33
*591	10c orange, R. P.	.15	..
*597	1c Perf. 10, Vert. R. P.	.02	..
*598	1½c Coil, Perf. 10, Vert.	.04	..
*599	2c Perf. 10, Vert. R. P.	.04	..
*600	3c Coil, Perf. 10, Vert.	.05	..
*601	4c Perf. 10, Vert. R. P.	.06	..
*602	5c Coil, Perf. 10, Vert.	.08	..
*603	10c Coil, Perf. 10, Vert.	.14	..
*604	1c Coil, Perf. 10, Hor.	.03	..
*605	1½c Coil, Perf. 10, Hor.	.04	..
*606	2c Coil, Perf. 10, Hor.	.04	..
*608	1923, 8c Aeroplane	.12	.48
*609	1923, 16c Aeroplane	.24	1.00
*610	1923, 24c Aeroplane	.36	1.50
*611	2c Harding	.03	.12
*612	2c Harding, Imperf.	.05	.20
*613	2c Harding, R. P.	.04	.16
*614	1924, 1c Huguenot	.03	.12
*615	1924, 2c Huguenot	.04	.16
*616	1924, 5c Huguenot	.10	.40
*617	1c Lexington-Concord	.03	.12

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are none, but the future will see their evolution. The first precancel periodical was the *Precancel Monthly,* published by John M. Stuart of Paris, Ky. This ran through eleven issues. Bushnell's *Stamp Herald* was originally a precancel organ, but after its disposition to its present owners it changed its character completely. Bushnell later began the organ known as *Bushnell's Magazine,* with the intention of devoting it exclusively to precancels, but it fell away sadly and degenerated into a sheet occupied with the mail order trade. Next we have to consider the *Precancel Gazette,* established by V. W. Rotnem, which ran through 55 whole numbers. While it lived it exerted a widespread and beneficial influence. It is now merged with the *Precancelist,* which is a continuation of the *Windy City Precancel News.* The latter monthly had its birth in January, 1926. A Chicago dealer, Adolph Gunesch, was its founder and editor. The Precancel Stamp Society now publishes it under the new name, as its official organ. It still lacks complete support, but shows every indication of gaining it. As it fills a long felt want, it shall be continued even at a loss, for that loss, when borne, by an organization such as the Precancel Stamp Society, is unworthy of denunciation, when the welfare of the hobby is at stake. All collectors interested in precancels should accord it their support, and particulars may be obtained from Mr. John Spaulding, New Berlin, N. Y.

Upon the future of precancels we scarce need comment. They have definitely established themselves with philatelists in this country, and many collectors abroad are now turning to them with awakened interest. A strong and stable catalog will assure a rosy future. If this falls, so will the foundation crumble. The catalog makers hold the forthcoming results in the hollow of their hands.

HOW TO BUY STAMPS

By L. H. Brigham.

IT is really not so much a matter of knowing how to buy stamps as it is a case of knowing *how to buy right.* When we start buying stamps, we find that they can be purchased in a number of different ways:

1. There is the unsorted mixture sold by the pound, consisting of stamps with the paper still on them, just as they were torn off of the corner of the envelope. In these stamps we find very few varieties.

2. Next come packets containing several hundreds or thousands of different varieties, depending on the size of the packet. Each one of these packets is a small collection in itself. If we are just beginning collecting, a packet such as one of these would give us an excellent start, but if we already have a considerable number of stamps, here again we are going to obtain a lot of duplicates on account of finding many stamps we already have, in almost any one of these packets.

3. Entire, complete sets are now called to our attention. Here we see large sets of stamps of both early and recent issue which would fill an entire page, or sets containing a smaller number of stamps which would fill out a line or so on some page. We are greatly surprised to find that we can obtain some of these sets, consisting of the most beautiful stamps, for only a few cents per set. Stamps to be really appreciated must be seen in entire sets, where one has the opportunity to note the great contrast in the colors, shapes, and designs of these beautiful pieces of paper. Even the most disinterested of individuals are moved to expressions of delight and enthusiasm when viewing some such stamps as these.

4. Next, and most popular of all, come the "approval selections." In these we have small books, sheets, and cards filled with both sets and single stamps, priced singly, from every country in the world. The chief advantages of buying from "approval selections" are as follows:

(1) One has a wide range of choice, as general selections submitted on approval are usually fairly large and contain stamps from everywhere.

(2) Stamps can be obtained which are all within a certain price, such as those selling from half a cent to five cents each, net.

(3) You purchase only the exact stamps you desire.

(4) You are enabled to select the best specimen from among several of one kind.

(5) Sets can be completed where only one or two single stamps are missing.

(6) Better copies of low-priced stamps which you already have can be purchased to replace the poor-conditioned ones which you have.

(7) Opportunity is presented for specializing on the stamps of certain countries or groups of countries, if a collector's tastes run to this manner of collecting.

(8) The latest and newest of issues can be found rubbing edges along with their brother and sister stamps of another century; therefore, if a collector desires only recent issues of stamps for his collection, he can find them here, and vice versa.

The size and type of one's collection should determine entirely the manner in which one elects to buy his stamps. The amount of money a collector has to invest in this manner is also another determining factor. The cheapest stamps are not always the best. From an investment point of view, it pays to collect only the very best of specimens, even though the prices on these may be slightly higher than an inferior copy of the same stamp.

A little experimenting on a collector's part with several dealers can soon determine in his mind just where he is able to obtain the greatest value for his money. Always treat a dealer's selection with the greatest of care and make prompt return of the stamps not purchased. This is only fair and right. The dealer will appreciate it and show his appreciaton in various ways, all of which will be to your advantage.

ENJOYING ONE'S VACATION

I'M THE LITTLE RED STAMP

By Sam Walter Foss.

I'm the little red stamp with George Washington's picture;
And I go wherever I may,
To any spot in George Washington's land;
And I go by the shortest way.

And the guns of wrath would clear my path—
A thousand guns at need—
Of the hands that should dare to block my course
Or slacken my onward speed.

Stand back! Hands off of Uncle Sam's Mail!
Stand back there! back! I say,
For the little red stamp with George Washington's picture
Must have the right of way.

COLLECTING OF STATE POSTMARKS

By Delf Norona

THE general interest in United States stamps has about reached the point where almost four out of five collectors will answer in the affirmative when questioned as to whether they specialize in United States stamps.

Every specialist is presumed to take cognizance of the postmarks used during the period of issue of the stamps he specializes in, and the collector of U. S. is certainly no exception. However, the extent and method in which our postmarks are collected varies greatly, from a mere accumulating or gathering together of anything odd or interesting which just "happens along," to the scientific assembling and studying of the various types or groups of postmarks on the part of the true philatelist. The latter will not be satisfied with merely a single specimen of a postmark used by some particular post office, but he will find out just when that post office was opened, and obtain a postmark used as close to the first day of opening as possible. In the case where a change was made in the style of postmark he will hunt up the latest dated copy of the old postmark as well as the earliest dated specimen possible of the new. Suppose that a temporary change was made in the color of the cancelling ink, that too will be duly noted and illustrated by means of appropriate specimens. Finally, the post office may have been discontinued or the name changed. That will also be shown by the postmarks.

With the stamps of some small countries having but a limited number of post offices, the specialism in *all* the postmarks used either to the present time or for whatever period fancy dictates, is indeed a fascinating task, as any collector who has done any work along these lines will testify. However, owing to their great number, such an undertaking when applied to our post offices, even when applied to those used during a short period of time, is obviously impossible, and limitation of some kind is necessary.

A popular form of specializing in postmarks is to take up certain types of postmarks or cancellations. Railroad, steamship and steamboat cancellations have been given a great deal of attention in the past, while more recently town and county cancellations have come into the philatelic limelight.

An important field for U. S. postmark collecting which seems to have been absolutely neglected, is that of collecting postmarks by States. For the collector who is unable to indulge in the pastime of plating Ten Cent Forty Sevens, for instance (and, alas, their name is legion), this branch of our hobby furnishes an opportunity to do a lot of honest-to-goodness research work with but a minimum outlay of cash. Brain work and perseverance in hunting for that elusive postmark in the place of money work are the requisites in forming an interesting postmark collection.

As a concrete illustration of the possibilities attendant this collecting of postmarks by States is preferable to dealing in generalities, I shall continue in the first person and give some examples as to what can be done with the 19th Century postmarks of West Virginia. Every State, of course, will have points of interest peculiar to itself, and many of the high spots in the history of the State can be illustrated by means of its postmarks.

West Virginia Postmarks

A collection of the postmarks of West Virgina properly begins with the period prior to June 19, 1863, the date of the formation of a new State out of that was then northwestern Virginia. Postmarks of that period will, of course, be found "Wheeling, Va.", "Lewisburg, Va.", etc.

Parkersburg was an important old Dominion town, and I have a typical cancellation in red, on a cover used in 1850, "Parkersburg, Va." in a single circle, 30mm. in diameter. Later, at least some time as early as 1853, the cancelling ink employed was changed to black as evidenced by a 3c 1853 cover, without any year date showing. Some time later, in 1859 or earlier, the spelling was changed to "Parkersburgh" as illustrated by another cancellation 32½ mm. in diameter with the year date 1859 and "Parkersburgh, Va."

Soon after the formation of the new State, the postmarks were duly changed from "Va." to "W. V." or "W. Va." "W. V." seems to have been the abbreviation most generally employed for the first few years and was used until at least after 1870, when "W. Va." was generally adopted.

The collector with an inquiring mind will promptly ask: Just when were these changes made? How soon after the formation of a separate State did the adoption of new cancellers with "W. V." take place? When and why was the name changed from Parkersburg to "Parkersburgh" and then back to its present spelling, "Parkersburg"? Will postmarks be found used just after June 19, 1863, and before new cancelling stamps were supplied, in which a provisional "W." was inserted before the "Va." by some precise post-mistress? These and similar questions can be answered in part by searching official records, and partly by getting together and comparing the various postmarks used as the changes in question were made.

Some of the smaller post offices, "Peytona", for instance, in Boone county, and off from the beaten highways, are really rare. This little town with less than a hundred inhabitants at the time, I find in the '70's used a neat little block lettered cancellation 21½ mm. in diameter and without the usual outer circle. Inasmuch as the law of supply and demand enters into such things, any number of these small town postmarks can be picked up on covers with common postage stamps at next to nothing, whereas some railroad or oddly designed postmark for which there is a popular demand but of which there may be hundreds of examples in existence will command a premium of several dollars.

Although the name had been changed to Charleston many years previously. I find a cover cancelled "Kanawha C. H." used in 1875. Why was this cancellation still being used at such a late date? This suggests another field for specialism, that of collecting Court House postmarks. We have railroad, steamboat, and steamship, town and county, and university postmark enthusiasts, so why not court house postmarks. West Virginia has several: Beckley was formerly "Raleigh C. H.", and there are "Cabell C. H.", "Wayne C. H.", "Clay C. H.", as well as many others.

I have seen only one green West Virginia cancellation, that of a star in green as a cancellation used in combination with a black town postmark, December, 1861, but as the green star doesn't look just right, the name of the town will be withheld for the present.

Once in looking over a fine collection I noticed a beautiful 10c 1869 on cover apparently duly tied with the usual cork cancellation of that period. The postmark on the face of the cover, however, "Wheeling, Va.", gave the thing away—the faker not being up on his history or he never would have applied an 1869 stamp to a stampless cover postmarked "Wheeling, Va."

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ich collectors of other State post-
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ich they would be only too glad to
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of all this? Isn't it too much like
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ich we may reply: It is the inter-
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suit,
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from this,
ow fairer seems the blossom than
the fruit,—
am perplext."

RE OF YOUR STAMP COLLEC-TION

By Edgar Ashman, Jr.

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member in making up a collection of
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ays increased by the amount of care
l neatness used in arranging them.
e neater a stamp collection, the more
de an owner will take in it, and the
ter the mounting, the easier it will be
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ne necessary.
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dily ruined by a lack of care in
ndling and mounting them, and a
all, inexpensive collection looks like
million dollars if time and thought
been spent in its formation.
n purchasing materials and accesso-
s, such as albums, hinges, envelopes,
ezers, etc., always buy the best you
afford, regarding each expenditure
an investment for the protection and
welfare of your stamps, and certainly
result will justify the means.
The less you handle stamps with your
nds, the better condition they will be
A pair of tweezers, made especially
the purpose, is a necessity in handling
od stamps, particularly mint specimens.
tle smudges of dirt, a tiny finger
nt, accidental tears in the perforations,
help to reduce the appearance and
ue of a stamp and consequently de-
ct from the collection. Therefore,
ays pick them up and examine them
h tweezers, and with a little practice
twill be found that every operation
essary in handling a stamp can be
ne with the tongs, thus saving it from
possible injury.
Clean hands are absolutely essential in
rking with a collection. There is
hing which detracts from the looks
an album so much as smears and
udges on the pages. Even if you do
tweezers, you should always wash
ur hands thoroughly to prevent any
ding of stamps or album.
Never under any circumstance use a
ol hinge in your collection. By that I
ean a hinge that does not peel, and it
hese that should never be allowed in
good collector's equipment. Buy the
st hinge on the market, then test it to
if it is quite peelable, or can be re-

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He says as we go marching down
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Much of his youth with him on
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By Thatcher R. Kimball.

AERO-PHILATELY has passed the experimental stage and it is now well established as a hobby all over the world. In 1790, one of our early poets, Freneau, wrote these words:

"Come grant me a patent for making balloons—
For I find that the time is approaching—the day
When horses shall fail and horsemen decay,
Post-riders, at present (called Centaurs of old),
Who brave all the seasons, hot weather and cold,
In future shall leave their dull ponies behind,
And travel, like ghosts, on the wings of the wind."

Surely his prophecy is being fulfilled if we substitute "airplanes" for "balloons." In England, Germany, France, Switzerland, India and the United States there are organized clubs of air mail collectors; all the leading stamp papers give much space to its news; many dealers devote their attention entirely to air mail stamps and flown covers and already three exhaustive catalogues in French, English and German have been published.

It is not surprising that this recent hobby has grown so in popularity and is winning new adherents in rapidly increasing numbers. The conquest of the air in recent years has been a matter of keen interest to most people. This has been the result of human intelligence, skill and courage, and in these envelopes carried on adventurous flights, over wide seas, tractless jungles and cloud-capped mountains, we have souvenirs of these splendid feats having a human appeal that a mere printed stamp, however rare, can never have.

There is, however, a great deal of misunderstanding regarding just what the limits of aero-philately are and it may be well to go into that matter. To begin with, the name aero-philately is misleading and only describes one side of it, e.g., the collecting of the special air stamps issued officially by various countries and unofficially or semi-officially by aero organizations and promoters of flights. The collection of such stamps, which are being issued in increasing numbers (86 new ones issued in 1925 by 17 different countries) affords scope for interesting collection. But the unique charm of this hobby can only be realized by those who are collecting the covers carried on the epoch-making flights and opening days of new postal routes, many of which had no distinctive air stamps and some had even no stamps at all, merely the postal cancellations, special cachets or signatures of the aviator. Hence, there is a strong feeling among intelligent collectors that a more fitting name should be adopted that better describes this hobby. Such a name has been coined by one of the pioneer collectors, the Hon. G. G. Duffy, of Dublin. The name he suggests is aero-philosemy, which means, love of the seals of the air. Because it is not the stamp that matters so much as the cancellations or cachets placed on the envelope to mark the time and place of the beginning and end of the flight and its nature. For these are the important and vital markings and guarantee that the cover has been really carried by aeroplane and dirigible. For example, if a cover from New York is cancelled July 1 at its departure from the post office and has a receiving cancellation July 3 marked San Francisco, it must obviously have been carried by aeroplane, as by the regular mail route or by no other way could it have traversed that distance in such a short time. Therefore, since so much depends on these cancellations and cachets or seals, the name aero-philosemy seems much more fitting than aero-philately.

It follows also that to the true collector of air covers it does not matter what stamp is affixed so long as it was accepted in payment by the postal authorities. This is mentioned as today so many dealers are selling flown covers franked with various interesting stamps, such as the Lexington or the Ericsson, etc., which may be attractive to the normal stamp collector, but such stamps add nothing to the value of a flown cover from the aerial point of view, as we must always remember that it is the record of the flight that matters and not the stamp; it is the fact that each cover of a new aerial postal route marks a step forward in the progress of air mail transport and is a documentary record of that step.

A striking fact regarding air cover collecting is the speedy way in which the value of many of the earliest items has increased. In the last two years many pieces have doubled and quadrupled in value, but this is natural when we consider the rapid increase in the number of collectors in that period as compared with the few covers carried on the earliest and most important flights. The demand far exceeds the supply, and so the prices are only limited by what a collector is willing to pay for a piece he wants. Because of the high prices quoted for many covers, some people when thinking of collecting are held back by the thought that it is not worth while to start on a hobby which demands so much expenditure. It certainly is true that every collector cannot possess a Hawker or Alcock or a Ross-Smith, but there are many other covers to be obtained at reasonable prices. A man of moderate means wishing to collect stamps is not deterred by the fact that he cannot buy the rare British Guiana or many of the other philatelic gems, as he knows there is a large field open to him within his reach. The same thing precisely is true of aero-philosemy. Almost every week new stamps are being issued, new flights attempted and new postal routes opened up. Of course, because of the increasing interest in aero-philosemy, many more covers are being carried on such flights than in the early days and their value is not great now, but in a few years even two thousand covers carried on a certain flight will not be enough to go around when four thousand or more collectors want them, and hence they will increase rapidly in value. Aero-philosemy is still in its infancy and the sooner one begins collecting the covers easily obtained today the more valuable will his collection become in the future.

In collecting, however, one must be cautious. First, buy a good catalogue and get familiar with the field. Then subscribe to the *Aero News* or some of the leading stamp papers that report all the new flights. Finally and always, scrutinize carefully every cover offered, studying the cancellations and cachets, for since air mail collecting has become so popular and prices have mounted fabulously, numerous forgeries have been perpetrated and many envelopes that were never flown have been stamped by complaisant postmasters.

Besides the charm of collecting these interesting souvenirs of the conquest of the air, the development of the air mail is of real value in the aid it is giving to national defense in case of war. The aeroplane will play a still more important part in a future war than it has done, and the country best equipped with planes and skilled aviators will have a distinct advantage. Therefore, the more planes used in our air mail service the more skilled aviators we shall have to protect us if the need arises.

But enough has been said to show what a real human interest may be found in collecting air mail covers and what a good investment such a collection may prove to be, and it certainly is a proof of the interest aroused that such a hobby has become so firmly established in so short a time and has been taken up by so many thoughtful and experienced collectors. Those stamp collectors and dealers who at first scoffed at it as a passing fad now must realize that is has come to stay and that although allied to aero-philately it covers a distinct field that in no ways interferes with it.

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Any letter requiring a reply must have a addressed stamped envelope. No attention be given matters that do not belong to the s indicated. What can you contribute of rest?)

HE first four of these illustrations are from stamped envelopes sent by Mr. R. J. Tarpy and described detail below. No. 5 came from same lot but was on a cut square green. No. 6 is on a 1c blue Ameri- printing sent by Mr. L. S. Fair- ks. Who can tell what it is? No. as sent by Mr. C. W. Haynes. It magenta, on a 2c 1883, and another he same design and color is on a 1890. Nos. 8 and 9 were also sent Mr. Haynes. Both are in black; 8 is on a 2c 1890 and the oddly ped grid on a 2c 1883. No. 10 is a 3c green sent by Mr. K. N. odward.

Mr. R. J. Tarpy has sent some more his stamped envelopes and there are ny interesting items among them. There are several Chicago cancella- ns, all in blue. Three of these are metrical figures, and another is a ge B in a rectangular frame. Chi- o seemed to be partial to blue for celling purposes.

A 2c Post Office Dept. envelope is ed Nov. 27, 1878, which Mr. Tarpy s is his earliest date for this. Any got an earlier date?

A 3c green postmarked Burlington, ., has the stamp obliterated by the celler shown above as No. 1, which he first of its kind to be presented my view. Most of the P. Ms. who ired to proclaim to the world that y held that proud position con- ted themselves with doing so via postmark. Not so this one.

A 3c green was mailed at Chapel ll, N. C., June 1, 1876. This will into the next list of dated post- rks between 1870 and 1877.

Then there is a cover from England ring a red "Chicago—A Pkt. Paid" rk, in a circle. This must be un- al. One letter is blurred so that it not be deciphered. Who can give the complete mark?

A 2c vermilion 1883 with St. Louis, ., postmark, has the monogram C or D C shown above, No. 2.

careful observation. None of the stuff from the far West has come to my notice, so that I'm unable to judge as to its execution, but counterfeits have floated into my presence. Some of them stayed, too. They aren't bad to have around for comparison, and as a reminder that there are a few folks in existence who need to be watched.

Here's a 3c green mailed at Blairs- town, N. J., 16 Apr., 1877. The stamp is cancelled by that fancy monogram of the Postmaster's initials shown by Mr. Atherton in the issue of May 3. The postmark and cancellation are in magenta.

Two envelopes, 2c red 1883 from Middletown, O., are cancelled by a large solid five-pointed star, having

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between the points a solid triangle, the outer side of which is curved.

Cawker City, Kans., and St. Ansgar, Iowa, both used as a canceller that finely lined, intricately webbed little design used by a number of other towns which have been mentioned, and doubtless by some others that have not been named yet. The stamp in one instance is 2c brown and in the other 2c red.

A 2c brown 1884 envelope mailed at Bud, Mo., has a star and crescent can- cellation. You see it above, No. 3. It

A 3c red centennial envelope from tsburg has a large solid star in a le circle. I never saw another cle made by such a wide line.

A 3c green from Pittsburg, Pa., has cross illustrated in the issue of ly 19 as No. 6, and locates the town ich used that design, as well as re- ving if from the suspicion of being unterfeited, by the brother referred in the issue of Aug. 9, who says that thing is proved unless they are on cover, which may be true, but will ke those who adopt it as a motto e a lot of fun.

There are many, many cancellations ich, as yet, have not been seen on vers, and probably never will be and is true that there are counterfeits, t most of them can be nailed by seems as if Mr. Atherton has had it in some of his groups, but I can't locate it so take a chance on its being a "re- peater."

Plattsmouth, Nebr., is represented by a 2c red cancelled by a large P, col- orless in a black block.

A 3c green, with a Wells Fargo & Co. frank, bears the mark of the "Cent. Pac. R. R. Mar. 11," and a mss. notation by the receiver indicates that it reached him on Mar. 16, 1872. It traveled from Walnut Creek, Colo., to Lovington, Mo., in *five* days. 'Twould go sooner now—maybe.

Two wrappers, (1) Albany, N. Y., in a large oval block, cut out around the letters so that they also are black. Quite striking. (2) A larger oval block. Across the center a black band. Above this a colorless wide band with the word "Skowhegan" in large black letters across its center. Above this a black band in the center of which is a colorless P. Below the central band is a colorless band the same width as that in which the town name appears, and below it a black band with a col- orless O in its center. A very odd cancellation, and probably never used on letters.

A 2c brown 1884 from Sumter, Ill., is cancelled by the clawlike hand shown above as No. 4.

A 2c Columbian is postmarked "Os- coda Mich, Dec 6 4 P M" in one hori- zontal line 94 mm. long, in purple. Very odd and unusual.

There are two postal cards with the postmark in the form of a shield. One of these is larger than the other and has the outline of the shield a double line. The town is Maynard, Iowa.

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Worn out, neglected, deprived of the light,
Like the old postage stamp we are lost in the night.
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Our treasure is turned into cash on the morn.
Our one hope: some angel collector of such,
"Faithful in small things, deserving of much,"
May land us at last in a glorified camp,
Off on the trail of a postage stamp.

—Philatelic Gazette.

ROYALTY AND PHILATELY

By G. L. TINKER

FOREMOST among Royal philatelists is H. M. King George V, who is one of the leading collectors in the world. "It's one of the greatest pleasure of my life," he once wrote to a friend.

His collection was begun when his Majesty was a midshipman in H. M. S. Bacchante, and he probably owes much of his early enthusiasm to his uncle, the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

The Royal collection is confined to the postal issues of Great Britain and the British Empire. Many of the specimens are exceedingly rare.

There are few collectors who know more about their hobby than his Majesty. A paper he prepared and personally read before the Royal Philatelic Society, when Prince of Wales, on the early stamps of his father's reign was a masterpiece. On many occasions he has been instrumental in placing official information at the disposal of collectors.

It is not generally known that, in conjunction with another collector his Majesty once designed a postage stamp. This was early in his father's reign, and was the well-known portrait type of Canada, showing King Edward in robes of state. The master die was engraved in London, but on arrival in Canada was slightly altered and lost some of the delicacy of the original design.

In September, 1915, the King sent one of his choicest specimens to the National Philatelic War Fund, where it fetched a considerable sum at auction. The stamp was mounted on a card, which was inscribed with full particulars in the King's own handwriting.

In the making of the Queen's Dolls' House, now on show at Wembly, his Majesty's hobby has not been forgotten. Tiny replicas of the Royal albums have been made, each page being a photographic reproduction of an actual leaf from the King's collection.

The Prince of Wales has followed his Royal father in the choice of a hobby. He, however, does not restrict his collection to the Empire. As long ago as 1906, the Prince exhibited a practically complete collection of Liberia, and an unused collection of France and its Colonies, at the International Philatelic Exhibition held in that year.

In 1919 H. R. H. became the hon. president of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, of which the King is now honorary patron.

Like his father, the Prince has taken stamps from his collection to be sold by auction for various funds in which he is interested.

Philately is represented in the Italian, Royal house by Queen Elena and her son Humbert, Prince of Piedmont and Heir Apparent to the throne. They are both very keen collectors, and are chiefly interested in the stamps of their own country.

The Queen has many nice stamps besides those of Italy, and in 1922 received a beautiful album from the King and Queen of the Belgians, containing a complete collection of Belgian stamps.

Both the Queen and Prince Humbert have taken a great interest in Italian exhibitions and philatelic congresses.

The King and Queen of the Belgians are both interested in philately, as is their son, the Duke of Brabant. Some time ago Queen Elizabeth accepted a collection from the Canadian Government.

King Albert is honorary patron of the Stamp Exhibition held in Brussels.

The King of Spain, too, is a very keen collector. His chief interest is in the stamps of his own country and its colonies, France and Portugal.

The latter collection contains some stamps which are known as "the King of Spain reprints." A few specimens of certain issues were reprinted after they had gone out of use, by order of the King of Portugal, so as to complete his friend's collection.

Don Manoel, ex-King of Portugal, also has a very good collection of Portugue stamps, besides being interested in tho of Brazil.

The president of the Swedish Philate Society is H.R.H. Gustavus Adolph The Crown Prince prefers the gener interest which is derived from a we filled stamp album, to the rarity of h specimens. Nevertheless, he has so choice items, particularly of his ov country. He is very fond of the o issues of Europe—stamps which are nc regarded as classics— and British Col nials.

It is strange what a fascination t stamps of the British Empire have f foreigners of all classes. In Americ philatelic circles, particularly, they a regarded as gilt edge security.

It is believed that King Alexander Jugo-Slavia is also interested in t hobby.

Outside Europe, there are so far as known only two Royal philatelists—t King of Egypt and the Crown Prince Japan.

King Fuad has an exceptionally goo collection, and also makes a special stuc of Egypt, the Sudan, Hedjaz, Palestin Greece, Serbia, Roumania, Austria, a the Argentine. About five years ago acquired a very fine collection of his ow country. This is now amalgamated wi his own, and is probably the finest Egy tian collection in the world.

Prince Hiroyasu Fushimi is one of th many enthusiastic collectors in Japa He has a very good general collection over 12,000 varieties and a very fir specialised array of the interesting issu of the land of the Rising Sun. He als is now very keen about British Colonia stamps.

Stamp collectors are to be found i all parts of the world, and in every grad of society. Judging by the number o Royal enthusiasts and the universal pop ularity of the hobby, it may truly be sai of philately that it is "the hobby o kings, and the king of hobbies."—*Birm ingham Post.*

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES, FLOWN COVERS, AND DETAILS OF DISCOVERIES

Argentina.—We illustrate the cachet (No. 15), which was applied to covers carried on the airmail service from Dolores, in 1925. This route was afterwards extended from Cordoba to Rio Quarto in the same year. At Cordoba, an oval air cachet was employed, and letters from both Cordoba and Dolores have been seen with a one-line framed cachet, reading "Por Correo Aereo," the black impression being much scarcer than the violet.

Canada.—On July 7th, the Patricia Airways and Exploration, Ltd., issued and first brought into use a new semi-official stamp for the Red Lake airmail service, which they are operating in succession to the Elliot-Fairchild Company. This stamp, in red and dull green on yellow paper, depicts the Curtiss "Lark" biplane, surrounded by suitable inscriptions and an emblematic frame design. Cachet No. 12 was used with the stamp on the first day, when mails were carried between Red Lake and Sioux Lookout. Some of the covers were autographed by the pilot, Captain H. A. Oaks, and about 150 letters, carried from Sioux to Pine Ridge, the new administrative seat of the goldfields district, received a circular cancellation of the company, as there is no post office at the latter place. (This is not an official issue, but a private enterprise. Ed. M. W. S. N.)

China.—The Pekin postal department has issued an order forbidding the carrying of mail by any planes passing over Chinese territory.

In response to our paragraph on page 90, regarding the Pinedo covers inscribed "First Airmail China — Japan," Mr. Lloyd S. Ruland has been good enough to inform us that the aviator was due to arrive on September 12, 1925, but was delayed by typhoons in the Philippines. The arrangement for the special mail was made in conjunction with the Deputy Postal Commissioner at Shanghai. The mail was lost for about three months and only after considerable activity by an American consul in Japan were a few of the letters eventually traced through various post offices to the Aviation Bureau at Osaka. Efforts to trace the remaining part of the mail have proved fruitless.

Great Britain.—The next printing of air mail labels, it is rumoured, will bear additional inscriptions, of which we hope to give full particulars shortly.

India.—We are informed that Alan Cobham carried a private mail in this country, by permission of the postal authorities. It included forty-three letters from Karachi, and a number from Calcutta to Rangoon, Singapore and Australia.

Mexico.—According to *L'Aviette Postal,* the Ministry for the Interior is proposing the inauguration of an air line between Mexico City and Merida (Yucatan).

WORLD'S FOREMOST COLLECT

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Mr. Hind is President of the Hin Harrison Plush Company, one of largest manufacturers of its kind in country. He started collecting sta in a modest way about thirty years but only recently has come into market as the purchaser of the best rarest that is offered. He collects postage stamps of the world.

Lithuania.—Besides the new air l inscribed "Oro Pastu, Par Avion" black on yellow paper, the post offic Kovno has just brought into use a cial "Oro Pastas" postmark, which is plied to all out-going mail.

Philippines.—The *Madrid Filitelic* ports that the following quantities of were carried by the Spanish Army fl Spain to Manilla, 16; letters; Calcut Manilla, 44 letters; Bangkok to Ma 15; Macao to Manilla, 59; Aparri to nilla, 2514; Campo Stotsenburg and panga to Manilla, 81 letters. A small mail reported by C. Lenze, was carried from Madrid to Cairo, Bagh Agra, Drigh Road, Calcutta, Rang Bangkok, Saigon and Hanoi. We trate the special large cachet (No. which was applied to the greater pa the mail received at Manilla.

Roumania.—We thank M. Plecho for calling attention to a date error crept into our paragraph on page The service to Galatz opened on 24th, not June 2nd. On the same the service to Chishuan and Jassy Bucharest and Galatz was also open

Russia.—Airmail arriving at Mo is now marked with cachet No. 16, ceived by air mail," in black. Th usually applied to the front of the and a large propaganda cachet is a on the reverse side.

United States.—Cachet No. 13 used on mail carried on the first da the contract route from Philadel The addition of the Liberty Bell, emb atic of the Sesqui-Centennial celebr at that city, is an attractive variant the usual first-day cachet type. A venir air mail flight, with a sp cachet for application to the letters been arranged for August 27th, by Postmaster at Springfield, in conne with the Illinois State Fair. An ex mental flight from Birmingham to C land took place on May 18th. Or small mail was carried to Cleveland no special postmark was used. A r flight for mails took place from the city on March 24th, according to *Aero News.*

Uruguay.—We are indebted to a respondent for pointing out that cachet (No. 7), illustrated in our number, was applied in *violet* to carried from Rocha to Montevide the first day, March 17th. It ap that it was used in red only for the ward flight from the capital.—*The Field.*

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large number of entries have been le for albums in flat cases, in addition the stamps in frames, and many al-ns have also been entered for com-ition, though not for display. Many es will be filled with exhibits of phil-lic literature and accessories.

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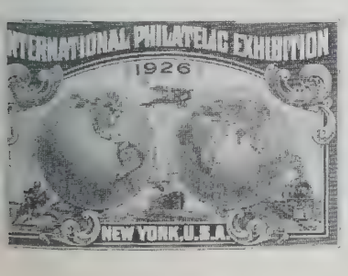

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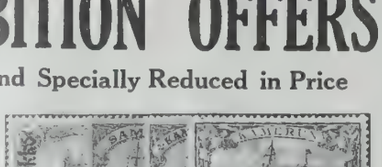

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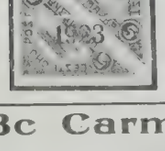

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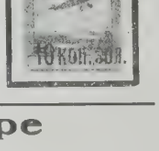

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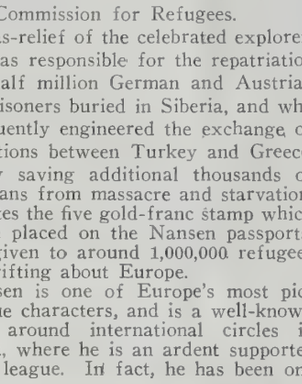
(This interesting article is taken from the Toronto "Star" and is sent in by William F. Fell. It is an interesting contribution to philatelic literature and is written by A. E. Johnson.—Ed.)

TO Dr. Fridjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer and hero of innumerable arctic adventures, and subsequently one of the world's greatest humanitarians, has gone the honor of having his face on the first "international stamp," which has just been issued by the League of Nations, International Labor Office and High Commission for Refugees.

A bas-relief of the celebrated explorer, who was responsible for the repatriation of a half million German and Austrian war prisoners buried in Siberia, and who subsequently engineered the exchange of populations between Turkey and Greece, thereby saving additional thousands of Christians from massacre and starvation, decorates the five gold-franc stamp which will be placed on the Nansen passports, to be given to around 1,000,000 refugees now drifting about Europe.

Nansen is one of Europe's most picturesque characters, and is a well-known figure around international circles in Geneva, where he is an ardent supporter of the league. In fact, he has been one



of the pillars of the organization since its founding, ranking with Woodrow Wilson, Leon Bourgeois, Hjalmar Branting and General Jan Smuts.

Tall, weather-beaten Viking that he is, Nansen resembles nothing so much as a lumbering polar bear, among which he spent so many years of his early life while seeking the North pole. His hair is snowy white and grizzled, with head partially bald, disclosing a massive dome. Beneath shaggy brows his eyes are piercing like an eagle's and his chin and jaws are like those of a prize-fighter. But despite his rugged and even bellicose appearance he is as gentle as a woman, and has a heart big enough to hold the entire world—at least big enough to have held him to his task of salvaging more human derelicts than any other five men in history.

Getting the half million German and Austrian prisoners out of Russia was no small task, especially in the days when the Bolsheviks looked upon all Europeans and Americans as blood enemies. But Nansen went unmolested into Moscow, talked face to face with Lenin and Trotzky and won them over so far as the humanitarian objectives of the league were concerned. He not only brought the ex-enemies of the Russians out of the trackless Siberian wastes, but he turned around and extended aid and comfort to a million arch-enemies of the Bolsheviks who were marooned in Europe without incurring the enmity of the rulers in the Kremlin.

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FAR AND NEAR:—

L. G. REEVES of Charlotte, N. C., advises us that his address has been changed to 518 Summit Ave. We recently called attention to the fact that he was a worthy shut-in. If any of our readers have any duplicates that they wish to send Mr. Reeves we can assure them that they will be well placed. He writes us saying:—"I have passed a miserable summer, sitting all day in a rolling chair." He is grateful for the courtesies shown him.

L. F. BEUCHEL has sent out an interesting souvenir of the 150th anniversary of the death of Nathan Hale. It consists of a cover suitably inscribed and bearing a block of four of the ½c Hale stamp. We thank Mr. Beuchel f the specimen sent this office

IN the Portland (Ore.) *Sunday O gonian* of Sept. 12, appeared a ve fine full page article dealing with t present-day airmail service. It is one the most attractive articles that we ha yet seen dealing with this subject. Sp cial reference was made to the servi between Seattle and Los Angeles a several halftones lend interest to t article. We thank Ben Delovage for t clipping.

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IN the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* of Sept. 14, is a long stamp story based upon an interview with Dr. Serge Avazon, who entertains the readers of that paper with a story of the Paris balloon stamps. Thanks to Benj. Cadbury for clipping.

THE Sacramento (Cal.) Stamp Society has been organized with Wm. Wyllie, Pres.; F. Ribzinski, Vice Pres. and Walter N. Baker, No. 1314 O St., Sec-Treas. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month in St. Francis School, 25th and K Sts. There are about thirty members, and local collectors will be welcomed.

WE have received a "Bargain List of U. S. Stamps" from J. O. Moore Inc., Hammondsport, N. Y. The stamps covered range from 1845 to 1851 and subsequent years are to be dealt with in further lists. The arrangement of the list is so excellent that we can heartily endorse the firm's description. We quote from their letter:—

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CARDS have been received announcing the marriage of our long-time advertiser, Max F. Bier to Miss Elizabeth E. Weatherdon, on Saturday, Sept 18. We are certain that Mr. Bier will be heartily congratulated by his wide circle of friends, and in these well wishes the WEEKLY joins.

THE firm of Arthur Barger & Co., formerly at Framingham, Mass., has secured a nice bright office at 839 Beacon St., Boston. Removal will be made October 1. This firm is headquarters for airmail stamps and covers and anyone visiting Boston should call upon Barger & Co. The changed address was not received in time to appear in the big advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

THE usual lineup, consisting of Messrs. Bickert, Dengler, Klein, McCollum and Wolsieffer, met at the St. James Hotel Restaurant, Philadelphia, at noon, Sept. 22. Maj. Steinmetz sent regrets. Letters of acceptance were read from several of the New York Exhibition judges, coming from abroad, including Dr. Emilio Diena of Rome, Dr. Herbert Munk of Berlin, Fred J. Melville of London and Mr. Nils Strandell of Stockholm. The directors of the Philadelphia Stamp Club have decided on an informal reception to be given in honor of these gentlemen and others who may come, at the ball room of the St. James Hotel, October 25, at 8 P. M. Collectors of Philadelphia and vicinity cordially invited.

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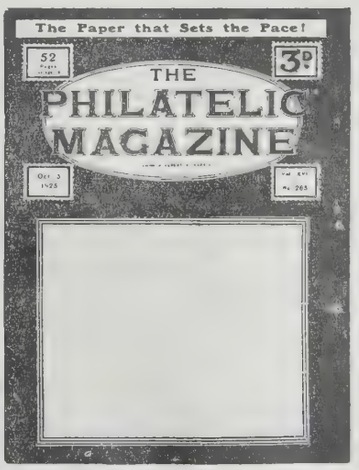

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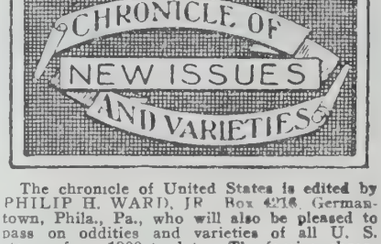

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address

United States

New 15c Air Mail Stamp

The new 15c sepia, air mail stamp, similar to the current 10c blue, described in detail in this column of last week, was issued at Washington on Saturday, September 18th, as scheduled. The variety differs in color from any of our other special service stamps and may readily be seen by the mail clerk at a glance. It is good not only for use in connection with postage on air mail communications, but is valid for all other postal purposes for which postage stamps are usable, including special delivery, registered letters and parcels. The Department informs us that these stamps may be had by postmasters throughout the country upon their requisition.

2c Rotary Stamp Booklets

In developing the plates for the new rotary booklet sheets, the Bureau of Printing & Engraving made two pairs of plates of the 2c denomination, experimenting with the spacing—No. 17450-51 and 18550-51.

About 32,000 sheets were printed from the first pair and 60,000 sheets from the second pair. I believe all were made up into booklets, 25c denomination, and turned into the regular stock. Thus, collectors should have little difficulty in locating some of the 910,000 booklets of the first type or 1,800,000 booklets of the second type.

The regular or final type of booklet pane went on sale August 27th, so we have three new booklets to get.

The experimental panes can be easily identified from the regular type as they were, I think, all made up into booklets with the old type of cover, while the regular panes come probably only in the new type cover. The new type cover has resurrected the "Model Address" which used to appear on the back of the booklet outside but they now put it on the inside of the front cover in place of the "Domestic Postage rates." The inside of the back cover has various exemplary admonitions superseding the old "Foreign Postage Rates." The outside front and back are unchanged. These new covers have been in circulation on the two cent 25 cent booklets for several months but with flat plate panes.

Thus anyone finding the old cover with rotary press stamps has the experimental rotary panes. The first type experimental panes, numbers 17450-51, were made with guide lines like the flat plates, while the second type experimental plates 18550-51 and all the regular rotary booklet plates subsequent have no guide lines.

There is thus a positive identification by the guide lines of the first type of experimental plates.

If examination of several cartons of booklets with rotary panes and old covers fails to show any guide lines, one can be fairly sure that the panes are the second type.

Examination of the proof sheets indicates a material difference in the binding margins at the top of the panes but when cut into booklet panes, this means of identification of the second type is destroyed. The spacing of the stamps vertically seems on the proofs to be slightly less in the second type than the first but a study of a number of panes is necessary to determine if this is a practical identification. The proofs are taken before the plate is bent and on a much thicker paper than that used in the finished product, so that the effect of bending the plate and the tension on the paper may destroy the comparatively slight difference in spacing.

As all these rotary booklet stamps are perf. 10, and possess the usual characteristics of increased length, flatter tone, ridged gum and curling of the pane that identify the rotary plate stamp, there should be little difficulty in picking the rotary booklets, which should making their appearance all over country by this time.

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Mail Notes

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hile I have not as yet received the n of all of the covers from the r route, one reaches me from Mr. Newcomer, posted at Seattle, and carries the standard first day con- air mail route cancellation in violet. from Mr. Frank L. Applegate, t at Medford, shows a similar vio- ostmark in addition to the normal ord cancellation in black, as well as y special marking in black consist- an aeroplane outlined, with "Seat- bs Angeles" above and "First gt" below.

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I have recently seen one of these covers autographed by Lieut. Com. Byrd. The covers carry the current 2c stamp of the 1922 issue which has received a postmark reading, "N. Y.—Alesund—9 V 26." In addition, there are two stamps of the polar bear type of Norway canceled, "Kings Bay 9 V 26." We are told that ninety-nine of these covers were carried to the Brooklyn Navy Yard on April 5th and put into the hands of the Captain of the "Chantier," who in turn delivered them to Com. Byrd, who carried them to the pole. The original intention was to fly over the pole to Alaska—hence, the 2c United States stamp upon the cover.

ANGOLA.—*Theodore Champion's Bulletin Mensuel* chronicles the appearance of the 60c in carmine, type of the 1913 issue, with the name of the colony and the value in black.

ARGENTINE.—There is an interesting variety in the 25c commemorative issued on July 1st; the ninety-first stamp of the sheet reads "Central de Correos 1326" instead of "1826." This error was discovered and corrected immediately, so that there cannot be many of the variety in existence. Our Buenos Aires correspondent, Mr. A. H. Davis, from whom we have this information, writes that they are selling locally for $10 (the equivalent of 17s6d in blocks of four.—*Stamp Collecting.*

AZORES.—Messrs. Yvert & Tellier draw attention to the fact that the letter "c" of the overprint on the Independence Commemoratives, chronicled in our issue for August 28th, has a circumflex accent over it as well as the customary cedilla under it. This is the first time the accent has been so used; we wonder whether it is intentional, and, if so, if its appearance on the stamps in question is but the prelude to another avalanche.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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use in this colony have been issued on the new block watermark paper.

JUGOSLAVIA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 3d has been issued in blue, type of the 1926 issue.

MONSERRAT.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 2½p has appeared in a pale ultramarine shade on script watermarked paper. This is a reversion of color but quite a distinct shade from the original issue.

MOZAMBIQUE. — *Theodore Champion's Bulletin Mensuel* reports the following new items that have recently been issued: 2c grey, 24c ultramarine, 25c brown, 50c violet, 60c carmine, 1e blue, 5e yellow brown, 10e lilac rose and 20e green. These are all of the 1913 type with name of the colony and the value in black.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle copies of the 2c red orange, 5c dull green and 10c red of the 1924-25 issue but with a new watermarked paper. Mr. Roberts describes it as follows:

These have been issued on watermarked paper, the wmk. consisting of rows of little rings or circles about 6½mm in diameter and 5½mm apart horizontally, each row being about 4mm apart vertically. This is on the 5c and 10c which are upright, of course the vertical becomes horizontal and vice versa on the 2c, which is of oblong shape.

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NORTHERN MONGOLIA.—Whitfield King & Co. send us information regarding an issue of stamps under the authority of the Russian Soviet Government. The name is "Tannou-Touva" and all are of the same design but the rouble values are larger. The values and colors are: 1kop red, 2kop blue, 5kop orange, 8kop green, 10kop violet, 30kop brown, 50kop slate, 1rouble blue green, 3 rouble claret and 5 roubles deep blue. It is strange to note that inscriptions and denominations on these stamps are entirely in the Mongolian language.

SYRIA.—During the course of last week the 75 cent, 1.25P and 2.50P stamps of Syria, Lebanon and Alaouites were withdrawn from the post office without any preliminary notice. It is understood that the remainders of these three values are to be overprinted to meet the urgent need for a 12P stamp, as the foreign postage is to be increased to 12P owing to the low rate of exchange.

There is no word of the Lebanon

PERCY C. SMITH
Editor "Foreign New Issues"

stamps being overprinted "Republic" I doubt if the present set will ever this overprint, as an entirely new s likely when the currency is change a gold basis on the 1st September.

Besides the error of X omitte "aux" of the 10P War Refugee stamp of both Lebanon and Syria values of the *Lebanon* Refugee st except the 25 cent, 3P and the Air M exist with Overprint Inverted. Th exists with double overprint. N. F Joly in *Philatelic Magazine.*

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We welcome Charles G. Herber N. Y. City as a member of the H He informs us that he has been a scriber for more than twenty-five y and we have no reason to doubt word. The Managing Editor recalls the Otis Stamp Co. with which he formerly connected numbered Mr. ert as one of its customers. We c from Mr. Herbert's letter the strong endorsement that he gives publication. Many kind words com us in the daily mail and we shal pardoned if we quote the following Mr. Herbert's letter:—

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Two other applications are also n his week, that of D. M. Merrin of H wood, Wash., and Nathan T. Be M. D., 97 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N Dr. Beers is A. P. S. member 8341.

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(*Continued from page 505*)

Springfield, of which Mr. Theodore Steinway and I had the privilege of being the guests of some months ago, has entered a most interesting exhibit as a club. This ought to awaken a lot of larger town stamp clubs and many a smaller society kindle their work for Philately.

I noted that the well-known slicker of Springfield, Mr. E. P. Radford, F. H.S.L., is exhibiting U. S. booklet panes. By giving this exhibit the once over you will learn how many different booklet panes there are.

The Patriotic Covers, this, one of the most fascinating side lines of Philately, will be well taken care of. Mr. William S. White, who has one of the most delightful collections, particularly with respect to rare covers with high values, will be one of the leading exhibitors. The Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman has been kind enough to enter his lovely collection as has Mr. Dana H. Stafford of Brattleboro, Vermont. The writer has also entered his collection, but is not as confident of getting a bronze medal today as he was sure of a gold medal two months ago.

The Historical and Educational class will be of most intense interest to the laymen and the press. The class appeals to everybody and some lovely collections are expected. Mr. John H. Hall is presenting the history of inland steam navigation. Mr. G. P. L. James of London will show his brief history of France, the history of Columbus, and other sections of his most interesting collection that was shown in London in 1923. Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia, will show his Presidential Postal Franks. The writer is also exhibiting in this class with his miscellany, all about postage stamps.

For years we have been hearing a lot about the juniors and what ought to be done for them. To the everlasting credit of the Committee they have a real and sensible competition for the juniors. There are four sections for collectors under twenty-one years of age and one competition for collectors under fifteen years of age. From a hasty glance from time to time at the entries I noted with much interest that the following junior collections are already assured to us: Wharton Sinkler, Jr., E. R. Thomas, Jr., C. Walter Fenton, Jr., Kenneth Duncan, Hiram E. Clements, John Donaldson.

And now that I have given you a fraction of what will be there to see, let me remind you that there are other treats in store for you. For the A. P. S. members there will be the annual get-together, with all sorts of attractive meetings and social gatherings, special entertainment for the ladies, and winding up in a big burst of glory will be the dinner at the Hotel Astor.

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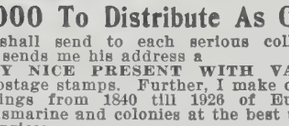

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A LARGE delegation of stamp collectors will attend the New York Exhibition and the A. P. S. Convention from Washington, D. C. William A. Johnson writes us that he will attend with Mrs. Johnson, and philatelists Caudell, Boatwright, Duhamel, Warren, Houston, Dunkhorst, Howard, Vaughan and Plant will be accompanied by their wives. There will also be in the party Hungerford, Weiergang, Gorham, McKelvey, Walter I. Plant, Colman, Robinette and Schaffer.

N. C. HUNT, Box 23, Wakaya Island, via Levuka, Fiji, is secretary of the South Sea Philatelic Exchange and would be glad to hear from any collectors who are interested in the islands of the Pacific and the Australian Commonwealth. Full particulars may be obtained at the address given above, and a copy of the *South Sea Philatelist* will no doubt be forwarded upon application.

WE have received from G. F. Rapkin, 151 Goswell Road, London, Eng., a specimen copy of a very handsome pricelist of stamp albums and stamp accessories. It is printed in two colors and is a book of some forty pages, very freely illustrated. It will no doubt be sent to any dealer on request.

PITTSBURG, Pa., will send a goodly delegation to New York. Among the number will be Kenneth M. Day, M. D., Justus M. Stahn and Willard J. Reed. Mr. Reed will have with him his artistically mounted U. S. collection and will be pleased to show it to those who will meet him at the Prince George Hotel, where he will be registered. Mr. Reed is an illustrator and designer and his collection has received much favorable comment.

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ll stamps I have on sale are priced at lowest net prices. se prices will, as a rule, be found to be from 25 to % under Standard Catalogue prices. I can sell at these es as my "overhead expenses" are low, and thus little to be added to cost price, before I have a fair margin profit.

FOR THE ADVANCED COLLECTOR

have a series of small books of **RARITIES** value **over uarter of a million dollars.** Among these I mention a rare items.

NITED STATES **Baltimore,** 5c and 10c. "James M. Buchanan". **Millbury,** 5c superb. **St. Louis,** A page of 5c and 10c including two 5c on pelure paper. **Brattleboro,** 5c buff. **General Issue,** 1847, 5c brown, two unused blocks of four with gum.
1867, Grill all over, 3c block of 4, unused and unique strip of four used on a cover to London, England.
1869, 24c and 30c. Inverted Centers.
Carrier Stamps. A fine lot both on and off covers.

ONFEDERATE STATES I have a fine stock of the rare Provisional Issues made during the Civil War, 1861-62, including following, many on covers:
Goliad, 5c on grey, 10c on deep blue.
Uniontown, 5c green and 5c on blue.
Victoria, 5c and 10c.
Tellico Plains, 5c and 10c. **Macon,** 5c yellow.
Emory, 5c. **Marion,** 10c.
Greenwood, 10c. **Rheatown,** 5c.

EWFOUNDLAND The rare scarlet-vermilion, and orange, sets of unused and used and rare bisections.

EW BRUNSWICK 1sh. Three unused and 7 used.

OVA SCOTIA 1sh. Four unused and eight used.

APE OF GOOD HOPE 1d red, Woodblocks. Four unused, pair and several singles used.
4d blue. Four unused, several used, including on cover.
4d dark blue. Pair and two singles used.
1d blue. Error of color, unused & believed to be unique.

EYLON Imperf. 4d, 8d, and 9d unused.
Imperf. 4d, 8d, 9d, 1s 9d and 2sh used, several fine copies of each.
Perf. Wmk. Star, unused and used of almost all the varieties.

NDIA ½ anna, red. Block of four and pair.
4a red and blue, with blue frame lines. Block of four unused. 4a inverted Head. Two fine used.

EST INDIES Most of the rarities unused and used, among them Trinidad, blue lithograph, 4 unused and 32 used; Barbados 1d on half 5sh, Pair unused, three pairs and seven singles used.

REAT BRITAIN 1d black "V. R." with trial cancellation.
1d black, blocks of 4 and 8 unused.
2d blue (1840), block of 12 unused.
1sh Oct., unused, 4 singles, 2 pairs, strip of 3.
10d, Oct., unused, 4 singles, 3 pairs.
6d Oct., unused, 3 singles.
4d small garter, 3 superb shades unused.
10d Plate 1. Wmk. Four flowers, superb used, at Constantinople, one of the rarest British stamps.
10d Plate 2, used. 2sh Plate 3, used.

AWAIIAN ISLANDS Superb lot of "Large figure" types, many uncut sheets of the 10 types, unused and used.

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EW SOUTH WALES **Sydney Views.** Finest stock in America of these valuable stamps. I have about 25 unused and over 200 used in stock. Other early issues of this popular country in finest condition, unused and used.

RUGUAY "Diligencia", about 60 copies in stock. Superb lot of all early issues, unused, used and on covers in finest condition.

HILIPPINES 1854, 5c orange, 6 unused.
1854, 10c carmine, 4 unused.
1854, 10c pale rose, 4 unused.
1854, 1rl slate blue, block of 6, pair and 4 used.
1854, 2rls green, pair and 4 unused.
1855, 5c vermillion, 5 unused.

D GERMAN STATES Truly superb lot of unused in finest condition, including Saxony, three of the 3pf red and pair of the ½gr blue, error.
Brunswick, seven of the rare first issue unused.
Grand lot of unused and used Oldenburg, Bremen, Hanover, Wurtemberg, Bergedorf, etc., etc.

RITISH GUIANA 1850, Circular, 4c yellow on cover. 1850, Circular, 8c green and 12c blue, several fine copies.
1852, 1c magenta unused and strip of 4 used.
1852, 4c blue unused and several used.
1856, Large oblong, 4c blue on sugar pp.
1856, Large oblong, 4c blue on surfaced pp.
1862, Prov'ls, 1c, 2c and 4c, a grand lot of all values.

AURITIUS Post Paid. 1d red on thick yellow pp. unused.
Post Paid. 2d blue, early prints, 2 unused.
Later printings, a number unused and used.

ESTERN AUSTRALIA Superb stock of the rare early issues, specially strong in unused and used of the 2d black on brown and 6d bronze.
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The 1857-1861 issue is strongly represented in all values and later issues, choice selections of cancellations and fine picked copies.
The Carrier stamps are a very fine lot, with a number of copies and many shades, the U. S. City Dispatch Post being represented by about twenty superb specimens.
There are about 30 pages of U. S. Proofs and Essays coming from a collection I recently bought in Chili and including a number of rarities, very reasonably priced.

CONFEDERATE STATES

A remarkably fine lot of the general issues, finest selected copies only.
5c green, a page of picked specimens, including many scarce shades.
5c blue, a large number of blocks and singles in all shades of unused and a selection of used.
10c rose, a good series unused and used of this scarce stamp.
The small stamps are especially strong in all varieties of color, paper and gum, mostly shown unused in blocks of four, pairs and singles, and used in numberless cancellations.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC Several extra pages of the "shield" issues of 1862-64 and a magnificent lot of the Rivadavia, perf. and imperf.

BUENOS AIRES A fine lot of the "ship" type with a number of shades and a number of choice copies of the Head of Liberty.

CORRIENTES A number of uncut sheets showing the 8 types, reconstructed sheet of the first issue and a number of very fine copies with postmarks of different types, undoubtedly scarce in this condition.

BARBADOS A very choice lot of these popular stamps in singles, pairs, strips and blocks, used and unused, especially strong in the imperf. stamps.

BELGIUM A number of extra pages of the early types 1849 to 1863 inclusive, many of these issues being shown in pairs, strips and blocks and many interesting cancellations.

BRAZIL A remarkably fine lot of the famous "Bull's Eyes". Several pages of the first issue of the 30r, 60r and 90r in singles and pairs.
The 1844 to 1861 issues occupy several pages and include a large number of strips and blocks and scarce cancellations.

CANADA This country is remarkably strong in the finest selected copies that have passed through my hands in the last three years. It includes a large number of the "Pence" issue, especially strong in the 6d, 7½d and 10d on all papers.
The 1859 to 1868 issues are specially strong in pages of unused immaculate copies with full gum and pages of the finest possible cancelled copies.
After this I have a series of the small "Cents" in singles and blocks and, finally, a magnificent lot of all issues with the "numeral" cancellations, arranged in order and properly classified.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE A fine lot of the triangular stamps, including a number of woodblocks.

CEYLON A fair lot of the "Pence" issue, both imperf. and perf., in all varieties.

CHILI A large number of supplementary pages of the popular first type stamps, all varieties being shown in singles, pairs and strips, and a large number unused in perfect condition.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC A magnificent lot of the early issues, with a large number of duplicates and shades.

DANISH WEST INDIES Some nice pages of unused and used pairs and singles of the early issues, with a number of different varieties and various printings classified.

DENMARK A considerable number of extra pages of early issues of Denmark, including singles, pairs and strips in the finest condition and a large number of scarce cancellations in the early issues, only.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC A fine lot of the early issues, mostly coming from the Ferrary collection, including a considerable number of errors, also blocks and panes of the 1879 and 1880 issues, with a number of interesting varieties and a considerable number of color trials and essays on various papers.

FRANCE A number of extra pages of early issues with scarce cancellations and some fine strips and shades. Also a small collection of essays and trials.

HAMBURG A fine lot of picked specimens of the imperf., both used and unused.

HANOVER Several extra pages of used early issues in singles, pairs and strips, also some interesting unused blocks showing different dates in the lower margins.

INDIA A magnificent lot of the early issues unused and used in singles, pairs and blocks, with many interesting and rare varieties, also blocks of four unused, of middle issues.

JAPAN A good lot of the early issues of this popular country, both unused and used, with a number of the rare plate numbers.

MEXICO A fine lot of extra choice copies of the early issues selected for large margins and unusually fine condition.

NEW BRUNSWICK A beautiful lot of the "pence" issue, including rare cancellations, many different numbers of the various towns, and a few unused.

NEWFOUNDLAND A very fine lot of the issues from 1857 to about 1880, unused and used, with a considerable number of pages of nice cancellations and varieties, such as pairs imperf., and imperf. between.

NEW SOUTH WALES A fine lot of Sydney Views, Laureated Issues and the large square stamps imperf. of 1854-1855, including a number of pairs and strips.

NEW ZEALAND A choice lot of the early "pence" issue, mostly used, in superb condition, with a few pairs and strips.

NORWAY A very fine lot of number one Norway in singles and pairs used, and some interesting varieties in the old issues.

NOVA SCOTIA A remarkably fine lot of the "pence" issues. Many picked shades in singles and pairs and scarce cancellations.

PERSIA A fine lot of the first type stamps and all issues generally, up to 1878 inclusive.

PORTUGAL Several good pages of the early issues, including a number of pairs and blocks of the imperf. stamps.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND A number of extra pages of unused in singles and blocks of four and used with many scarce cancellations of this interesting country.

SWEDEN A very fine lot of this popular country, remarkably strong in the first issue of 1855, both unused and used.

TASMANIA A very beautiful lot of the early issues in singles, pairs and strips.

URUGUAY A very choice lot of all the early issues, with a number of extra pages of the imperf. stamps.

VICTORIA A fine lot of early issues in singles, pairs and strips, with a number of plate varieties, errors and many scarce items.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA A very fine lot of the early issues of this popular country, with some remarkably fine copies of the older stamps.

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10d blue, 6 on covers
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NEW BRUNSWICK. Fine lot of "pence".
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NOVA SCOTIA. Superb lot of "pence".
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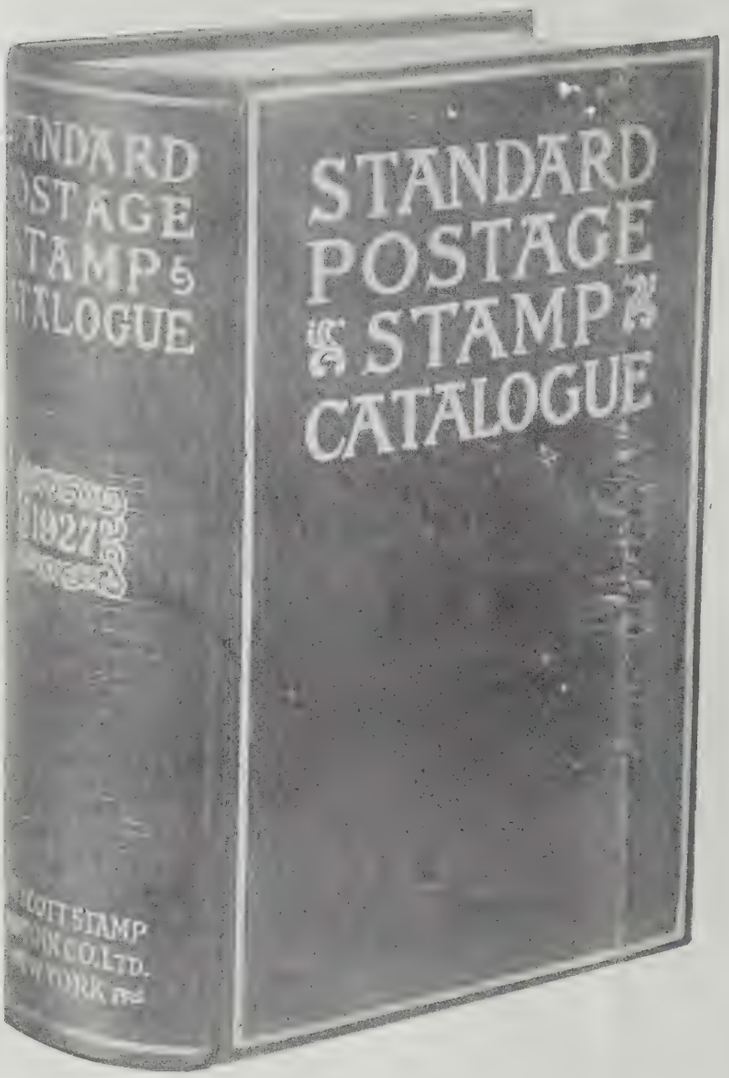

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FORTUNES IN FAMILY CHESTS

NEGLECTED IN SOME OLD ATTICS LIES WEALTH FOR THE FINDER OF OLD U. S. STAMPS

By GEORGE KNOX MCCAIN.

(The following clipping from the "Philadelphia Public Ledger" has been sent us by several subscribers. Concerning the article Jos. A. Steinmetz writes us as follows:—"There may be some minor errors in this article, but they are not significant as it is not a technical write-up. I hope the article may be productive of finds that will benefit American philately. Let us hope that someone will some day find a 30c black used on original cover. It would give a real thrill because there is no doubt but what the 30c black was authorized, though there is a question as to whether it was really issued to the public". We have previously published one of Mr. McCain's articles and the one following will doubtless be read with as great interest.—W. O. W.)

SOMEWHERE in these United States, lying neglected in an attic or hidden under the dust of decades in some old drawer or family chest, are anywhere from $25,000 to $200,000, perhaps, in the choicest of choice securities.

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More than this, they were issued and sold by the United States Government.

I AM indebted to Major Joseph Allison Steinmetz, of this city, for the facts in this fascinating old episode.

It was he who gathered the scattered threads of the narrative which are woven into this romance of philately.

For you have doubtless surmised by this time that it relates to postage stamps, of which Major Steinmetz is one of the most discriminating collectors.

As he talked to me he held in his hands a thin, black, cloth-bound book whose pages were 12 by 12 inches in size.

It is one of sixty volumes comprised in his library of stamp albums.

IT IS a curious phase of this hobby that rare stamps grow more valuable with the lapse of years.

The highest price paid thus far for a single stamp was $32,500 for a 1-cent British Guiana stamp of 1856.

It is the rarest in the world, only one of its kind being known.

The one about which I am writing is rarer than the South American specimen, because none of them has yet been found.

And the odd feature about it all is that stamp collectors themselves know little or nothing about it—thus far.

THE first postage stamps issued in the United States were those of 5 and 10 cent denomination.

That was in 1847.

They were the only ones put out for years, being finally withdrawn in 1857 and re-issued in new designs.

The latter were of the denomination of 1, 3 and 12 cents.

In England the first issue of engraved adhesive postage stamps was in 1840—a black, 1-penny stamp bearing the head of Queen Victoria.

It is still considered by connoisseurs as the most beautiful stamp in the world.

PHILADELPHIA steel engravers had a wide fame in the decades prior to the Civil War, and the leading firm was Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co.

Prior to 1860, Mr. Casilear retired and the firm became Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

It was they who engraved all the early stamps for the United States Government. They were the predecessors of the American Bank Note Company.

In 1860 these Philadelphia engravers were ordered by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, A. N. Zeveley, to engrave a new 30-cent postage stamp.

Then, as now, this official passed upon and ordered stamps issued for the Government.

IN THE COURSE of the correspondence, the engravers suggested that the head of Benjamin Franklin on the "Franklin Carrier" stamp of 1851 be used for the new stamp.

This "Carrier" stamp was one which in the early days was affixed to letters for mailing which were carried from a home or business house to the Postoffice by the postman. This was an extra service. There were no street boxes.

After considerable correspondence, this was agreed upon and the die prepared.

The Subcommittee on Postal Service of the House at Washington, which advised with the Postmaster General and his assistants, does not figure conspicuously in this transaction.

Finally, in the matter of color, it was, at the suggestion of the engravers, decided to print the new stamp in black ink.

It was pointed out that this color would enhance the beauty of the engraving.

WITH conditions all fulfilled, the new stamp was put on the presses. Thirty days later, on July 30, 1860, Toppan, Carpenter & Co. notified the Third Assistant Postmaster General that they had shipped thousands of the new stamps to Washington; something like 200,000 of them.

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They were printed in black, and the canceling stamps in the postoffices used black ink. As a result, a black ink was simply superimposed on a black ink and there was nothing to indicate that cancellation had taken place.

THERE was more correspondence between the engravers in Philadelphia and Washington.

Weeks went by, in which various colored inks were tried, samples printed and forwarded to Washington.

The upshot was the decision to print the stamp in orange-buff ink.

This eliminated the objection to the black stamp, for the cancellation mark showed up clear and distinct against the brighter background.

This ended the episode. The 30-cent stamp of 1860 was thereafter, or until it was altered in design, printed in orange-buff ink.

BUT what became of the thousands of stamps printed in black ink and shipped to Washington?

There were tens of thousands of them, according to Toppan, Carpenter & Co.

They dropped out of sight and knowledge.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of them must have been used to post heavy letters and documents.

The fact that they were not suited to the postal service because the cancellation marks were not visible on their dark surface indicated that some of them had been used.

Even though this was not the case, it is strange that no samples or specimens were preserved.

This, of course, was before stamp-collecting became an international pursuit.

ONE of these stamps used for postage and a cover (envelope) "tied" with a postmark and authenticated, would bring a big figure, Major Steinmetz says.

But none has ever turned up. Doubtless there are a score of them, possibly hundreds, in this country among bundles of old letters.

All of the details of this stamp issue have been worked out by systematic research by Major Steinmetz.

It involved a mass of correspondence with postal authorities and individuals, but so the facts were gathered.

The market price for stamps has virtually but one course for the scarce and rare varieties.

That course is always upward, because the stamps grow rarer and the number of collectors is constantly increasing, with fiercer rivalry for the gems of the trade.

TRAILERS

We learn from a recent issue of the San Francisco *Call and Post* that Mr. A. F. Merell's KFRC radio stamp club "now numbers nearly 1000 enthusiasts in the bay district." Recent talks over the radio at this station were on the forthcoming convention of the American Philatelic Society by Mr. Wilhelm, and the surcharged stamps of Hungary by Mr. A. L. Stern, with particular reference to the political history and changes in Hungary since the World War.

The following is a translation of a paragraph, in part, that appeared in the *Svensk Filatclistisk Tidskrift,* mentioning the WEEKLY: "This truly amiable colleague used to come regularly to our office in the days of L. Harald Kjellstedt, but after his death we have received a copy only now and then. In the issue of June 21st, it is said that the Crown Prince of Sweden received as a present a sheet of the Ericsson stamps. In that of June 28th is a large picture of and very kind words about Nils Strandell on his 50th birthday."

A registered letter from the Chicago office of the WEEKLY addressed to Mr. R. A. Johnson, 814—16th Avenue, Calgary, Alta, Canada, has been returned. Mr. Severn would like to know where Mr. Johnson may be reached.

Mr. Michael Miller, Baltimore, Md., writes: "I am listed somewhere in the Holy Land by reason of the fact that I have contributed to some of the institutions there. In this morning's mail, amongst other appeals, I received one that indeed was quaintly put and enclosed certain cards having pressed flowers from the Holy Land on them. I send you one with my compliments. At this time of the year, thousands upon thousands of circular letters usually go out asking for funds on account of the approaching Hebrew New Year. This, no doubt, made a great demand for postage stamps and I am enclosing an envelope that indicates that the three milliemes stamps must have been entirely used up, so as to require the cancellation as is shown thereon." The envelope is postmarked at Jerusalem and bears the imprint: "Postage Paid 3 mils."

Mr. W. R. Parker, Stockton, California, stopped off at Chicago on his way to the New York festivities and showed a few things to gladden philatelic eyes. Mr. Parker is in good company as he is taking his superb collection of western franks with him.

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No.	Design.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
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2.	3 Leaf Clover	Post Card	Waterbury, Ct.	"	H. P. A.
3.	Small Elm Leaf	10c 1861	?	"	Dr. Wm. Evans
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8.	Rose	3c 1861	?	"	H. V. Swallow
9.	3 Leaf Clover	3c 1861	Boston, Mass.	"	A. B. Sanborn
10.	Rose Ring	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. W. Payne

This lot will probably show you many that you haven't seen before. None are common, unless the Eastern collectors find No. 9 with frequency. They are self-explanatory. No. 8 did not show the bottom of the cancel, and is incomplete. No. 10 is quite odd and pretty when cleanly struck.

Mr. T. F. Keith has shown me a 3 leaf clover very similar to our No. 4 here, except that the veins of the leaf are shown, and the frame is some larger. He has also placed his collection at my disposal, and from it we shall annex a host of cancels, as that is all that he collects—just U. S. cancellations. He has a tremendous lot of them, thousands upon thousands. More about these later on.

Readers ask if there is any concentrated article on the cancellations on 3c 1861s? I do not know of anything that could be called concentrated. The articles with illustrations are scattered thro many stamp publications, the WEEKLY having the largest number by far.

I have been actually studying cancellations of late, and have found that when a cancel is newly made, the P. M. hit it more carefully than he did as time went on—"Familiarity breeds contempt," for after the novelty had worn off, it was just a cancel to him, and he banged it at random, I suppose.

In Dr. Chase's Canton Lyres, the covers with the earliest dates (most of these showed month and year) were the best prints, and they differed greatly from the last used. The detail was "lost," and in places the lines ran together, while some showed the top part of two of the three strings as very close together, being probably warped by use.

In reproducing these cancels very few liberties have been taken. If on a cancel it is quite certain that two lines have run together, they are separated, as the original presumably showed them, and if a bit of the design is missing, it is assumed that it has been worn or knocked off, and it is shown as complete in these illustrations.

I wish that you readers had a mint postcard addressed to the Forum alongside when you read the Forum, so that you could send in names of towns missing, or any interesting data, to help complete what has been put before you. Some letters come in starting like this:—"I intended to write you some months ago; but * * *." And there you are. I guess there are a lot of readers that have replies at hand; but never do any thing about them. Oh, never mind. When I first began the Forum, I was pretty much like the fellow who bellowed that song "I want what I want when I want it," but that is merely the title of a song, and doesn't mean anything, so have concluded not to sing it.

Here is something that you ought to "paste in your hat" if you collect 3c '57s and '61s. This is taken by permission from Dr. Chase's articles in the *American Philatelist*, he being interested in the lin-

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This brings us to the regular issue of C. S. of A. stamps, the first being the 5c green, lithographed, which was issued on Oct. 16, 1861 (Scott No. 200). This ends our brief list.

Many covers have been shown me which started with a C. S. of A. stamp going "Through the Lines," a 3c '61 U. S. being affixed later on to complete the trip. Very often the C. S. stamp was quite destroyed by tearing it off with a thumbnail apparently, or a penknife was used if it stuck too tight to get a corner started for ripping it off; they were practically all mutilated in one way or another. These are not handsome covers, but they are certainly *real*, and carried news, good or bad, as did a handsome cover. Some had the word "Dead" in red ink, some had "$1.00 in U. S. Currency, etc.," and some had "Exchanged," all these notes being in mss.

History and Philately are mysteriously interwoven in the '60s here in this Country.

TWO NEW STAMP CATALOGS

The Yvert & Tellier-Champion Catalog for 1927 is at hand, price $1.50. It may be obtained from the firm of Theodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris, France. The edition before us is the third English edition. The catalog in French text has now reached its thirty-first edition. The quotations in this catalog have been carefully revised and adjusted at the rate of a pound sterling to 160 French francs. The firm claims that their quotations are accurate and represent the prices at which they actually sell the stamps. This new edition has been brought up to August 1, 1926, and the work shows the marks of care and scrupulous exactness. It is a distinct tribute to English-speaking philatelists that a great French stamp firm should consider it profitable to publish a catalog of 1250 pages in English text. Our readers are so well acquainted with the book that we have only to mention its appearance to insure its cordial reception.

In almost the same mail the "Europa" Zumstein Catalog for 1927 reached us from its publishers, Zumstein & Co., Berne, Switzerland. The book before us bears upon its title page the words "Tenth Edition," which are self-explanatory. A very comprehensive table of cont makes it easy for one to find just w one is looking for. The book is pri in both French and German, and co the stamps of Europe, colonial po sions, and old German colonies, such were issued prior to Aug. 20, 1926. book is priced at $1 and is obtain from the firm at the address above gi

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There appeared in the WEEKLY week a quarter-page advertisement f the Martauco Stamp Co. of New Y City. Mr. Hancock has taken the p to write us at length in regard to plan of selling stamps through shops stores by means of packets. We t it best to quote from his letter, and terested parties can write the Mart Stamp Co., 51 W. 48 St., N. Y. (their suggestions:—

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THE OPENING OF MUSTIN FIELD

By Joseph A. Steinmetz
Secretary Committee on Aeronautics

It would be well worth while to give historic mention of the opening of the Mustin Field, which is the great Naval Air Field at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, and which was officially and formally opened September 17th.

This was a great big event and at 2.30 p. m. Mail Carrier Pigeons were released by the Mustin Boys, sons of Commander Mustin, Naval Aviator and in whose honor the field was named and dedicated. These little carrier pigeons carried messages to the Navy Department, War Department, Department of Commerce, Post Office Department, and other distinguished men of Navy activities, announcing the opening of the field. They had been trained at the home station at Anacostia. Seven of the Mail pigeons released at the Philadelphia Navy Yard arrived safely at Anacostia that evening and the other five came along later.

This is pretty good service and is a real Air Mail effort. As you know the Navy has its own Air Mail and Pigeon Mail Division, battleship and air mail and pigeon mail service. The message read:

"This is to announce to you and the world the opening of the Mustin Field, Philadelphia Navy Yard, September 17, 1926."

These are naturally quite rare and I had the honor to be presented with one of the copies due to the work I am doing in the Air Mails of the World.

DEATH OF LEWIS N. SKINNER

In the death of Lewis Newton Skinner, San Diego, Calif., Sept. 9, philately has lost one of its oldest enthusiasts, oldest in years and point of service as well. Mr. Skinner, who had lived in San Diego for about 40 years, began his collection some 60 years ago, when a mere boy, and kept it up until within a few weeks of his death. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Sept, 12, 1847, at about the time that the United States government began its first issue of postage stamps.

Mr. Skinner's collection was of the general variety and of monumental proportions, being mounted in many volumes, and overflowing from those, as such large collections usually do, into other receptacles, into which he was accustomed to dig, in his spare hours, for some unusual variety or odd cancellation. His collection of United States alone was of a kind and magnitude that brought him many visitors from all over the country. It is well known that it contains many real rarities, as the collection was complete as to several countries.

When the San Diego Stamp Club was organized the honor of possessing the first membership card was given, by common consent, to Mr. Skinner. He attended the meetings of the club with regularity until a few months ago, when his health began to fail. He has been in the furniture business in San Diego practically ever since he went to that city. He was a member of Kilbourne Lodge, A. F. & A. M., a member of Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, of San Diego, also of Lodge No. 168, B. P. O. Elks. A wife and two sons survive him, and a host of friends mourn the passing of a kindly old gentleman who was always glad to share with others the many pleasures he got from his great collection of stamps.

THE NEW MONGOLIA STAMPS

By Elliott M. Walton

The new stamps for Mongolia have appeared and are now at hand. I submit the following data in regard to the same:

Mongolia—Official nomenclature "Northern Mongolia" (Republic of Tannou-Touva).

Currency—Rubles and Kopecks.

Description—Stamps approximately 1 inch by 1⅛th and 1 x 1. Ruble values of the larger size.

Values—Printed in Moscow. 1k red; 2k light blue; 5k orange; 8k light green; 10k violet; 30k brown; 50k grey black; 1r blue green; 2r plum; 5r dark blue. 10 values complete set.

Design—The design is a wheel—"helm" the symbols of Happiness and Chance Bordered with inscription in Mongolian. No English appears on these stamps as was the case with the first issue of this the case with the first issue of this country.

Following is some information on the country supplied by my correspondent:—

Northern Mongolia (Republic of Tannou-Touva) is on the border of Russia and China. Before the War the country was known as Ourenkhay—in the language of the territory—Ourenkhay-Krai. The territory had been under dispute, Russia and China both claiming ownership. After the War it was annexed to China but with the proclamation of a Mongolian state the country was annexed to that country. Two years ago an autonomous republic was formed—Republic of Tannou-Touva. The country is south of Siberia and north of Mongolia. Ethnologically, the country is Mongolian, but politically and economically it is a satrap of Soviet Russia. The country is as large approximately as Latvia, Lithuania and Esthonia combined. Capital city is Krasny (meaning Red) on the banks of the river Enisey. The Government is represented by the Council of Ministers.

Since the inception of the Republic, no stamps have been used. Mail charges have been paid for in currency. The present issue as described above were printed in Moscow by the Soviet Printing Office. Issue is given as 50,000 each of the kopeck values and 10,000 each of the Ruble values.

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A collection of rare stamps which was valued at $200,000, the larger part of which was sold to Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of Plainfield, N. J., formed the basis of a suit in the Brooklyn Supreme Court yesterday by Elliott Perry of Westfield, N. J. The latter seeks to recover $30,000 from Henry C. Needham of 93 Nassau Street, for commission on the sale. Perry said he had a special agreement with Needham, the terms of which caused him at the time of the sale to waive his fees, and that when the agreement was not fulfilled by Needham no profit had resulted for him.

Prior to bringing the collection to the attention of Mr. Ackerman, Perry said in his complaint, that he had been assured by Needham that his private collection was genuine and that the stamps would bring $200,000 at retail.

Mr. Ackerman, it was said, did not care to take the entire collection, but only such part of it as he might desire, and his offer of $116,379 to exercise his choice of selection was accepted. Perry said, it was agreed that stamps not wanted by Ackerman were afterward to be disposed of, he acting as Ackerman's broker, some of which Needham was to repurchase, and assist in selling the remainder.

In his complaint Perry alleged that some of the stamps proved to be counterfeits. After Mr. Ackerman had completed his selection Needham had repurchased none that was left and had not aided in selling any, it is charged.

Needham requested Justice Charles J. Druhan to compel Perry to make his complaint more definite. Decision was reserved.—New York *Times*.

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EDITORIAL

With the issue of last week in mind, the ordinary number of the WEEKLY comes as a sort of anti-climax. Who knows but that in a decade or so, a sixty-page issue each week will be the customary thing. The Special was run off in a large number and it will be current for some time as the extra copies will be distributed from the WEEKLY's booth at the Exhibition. Our hope is that the person who has had only casual contact with collecting, if, indeed, he is not wholly a stranger to it, will be impressed by the Special sufficiently to lead him to inquire further into the workings of collecting.

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While realizing the possibilities of the growth of philately, we try not to exaggerate them. Philately has not yet achieved its place in the catalogue of accepted diversions for adults, although latterly it has been progressing rapidly towards that goal. Stamp collecting deserves a chance to present its case before the public and the Exhibition in New York is a happy means of giving notice of the fact that stamps have solid claims for recognition by others than adolescents.

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The International Philatelic Exhibition is almost an accomplished fact and while the public will not exactly crash the gates for admission, yet with a large philatelic attendance, there will be reason to congratulate ourselves. The work that has been so faithfully prosecuted for so many months will stand in its fruition as a monument to the enterprise of philatelists; and aside from considerations of the effect of the display on outsiders, an important end will be gained. Collectors will derive from an examination of the choicest stamps extant, an inspiration and an added interest in collecting. All collectors will have their knowledge broadened through a study of so many stamp treasures brought together to a common storehouse.

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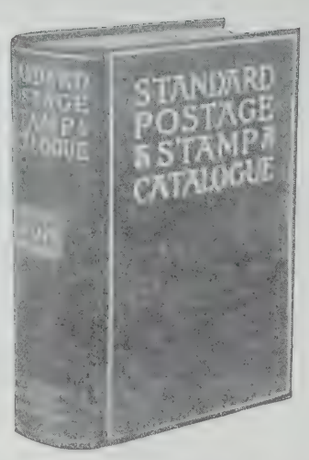
The last call for the Exhibition and the convention of the American Philatelic Society now goes forth. If one delays further a decision on attending, it is equivalent to saying that one is not going to take advantage of an opportunity that comes but few times in a philatelic lifetime. At times, we are so singularly remiss in appreciation of privileges that are extended to us that it is impossible to defend this indifference on any logical grounds; and we suppose that on this occasion there will be some who will neglect their best interests. Let us then be up and going.



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The Exhibition has been mentioned in a number of newspaper accounts and it is a source of pride to find references to the International Stamp Exhibition in some of the matter emanating from the post office department at Washington. To many newspapers throughout the country, the news was sent by the department that the White Plains stamp would be placed on sale ten days earlier than the date of the battle that it commemorates; and that on Oct. 18th this new two-cent stamp might be bought at the White Plains, New York, post office "and at a branch of the Post Office Department that will be temporarily established for the International Philatelic Exhibition at New York City." The general news value of the Exhibition in some respects must be admitted and the story of the intention of the government to print on a hand press sheets of twenty-five of the two-cent Sesquicentennial stamp, instead of the usual 50, at the Exhibition is a good one for public consumption. Too, the notice of the exhibits by some of the other governments is palatable stuff.

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On October 15th, the second Pan American Postal Congress will open in Mexico City, with several delegates from Washington in attendance. It will be remembered that the first congress of the kind was held in 1921, at Buenos Ayres, where important postal legislation was adopted, resulting in two cents postage with the countries entering into the pact. It is possible that the Mexican authorities will recognize the sessions of this congress by some special marking or issue.

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Acknowledgment, even though belated, is due to the Cook County Lions' Club for having donated several medals for competition at the Boys' Achievement Exposition, held last June during Boys' Week at the Chicago Municipal Pier. Recently, we had a call from August Kowalski, Chicago, the boy who won the first of two medals in the "Jr. Stamps" division, who proudly displays his trophy and who does not hesitate to admit his debt to philately; and the result is that he is no pussy-footing spokesman for stamp collecting. The Lions are to be credited with an act of kindness that may be emulated on proper occasion by other organizations whose purpose of service is so commendable. A tribute to collecting from a body having no connection with our pursuit is doubly gracious.

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Mr. Alvah G. Clark, Trenton, New Jersey, speaks of the Gardner Teall article in the September number of the *International Studio*, "Design in the Postage Stamp," which is illustrated with five exquisite half-tone plates, containing in all thirty-two representations of artistic merit in stamps of foreign countries. As Mr. Clark says, the article, to which we have referred previously, emphasizes the tendency of foreign governments to institute competitions sufficiently attractive to command the best efforts of their leading artists; and he adds: "As our own government through its Bureau of Engraving and Printing is placing before us many and varied new issues, I believe the best artistic talent of our country would be interested in similar competitions.

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From Mr. A. J. Algate, past president of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, Canada, comes a timely and interesting correction of a statement made in our issue of September 13th that was based on the remarks of a correspondent in England. Mr. Algate submits some data showing that the private airmail companies in Canada are permitted to run with the sanction of the Canadian post office departments; as well as advertising material indicating that the companies were established to supply real postal needs. Mr. Algate's presentation of the case in favor of these Canadian airmails will appear elsewhere in this or the subsequent issue.

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Reports from several cities say that the local societies in the respective localities have begun their seasons auspiciously. Milwaukee, for instance, the home of a real society, furnished food for famished philatelists at its meeting on September 21st, at the Public Museum, when Mr. W. O. Staab, vice-president of the American Philatelic Society, took Mr. MacGuffin's recent book as a text and expounded on "Stamps as an Investment," with findings favorable to the author's contentions. The printed program of the seasons's meeting bespeaks months of activity on the part of the Milwaukee members.

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Mr. Francis J. Field, London, informs us that additional values of stamps for use in the newly opened air routes between Vienna and Italy and Vienna and North and Central Europe were issued by Austria on September 8th. The novelties include the 10, 15, 30 and 50 groschen, Pilot's Head design and the 3 and 5 schillings, bird and aeroplane type, with the 10 sch. the same but measuring 29 by 36 millimeters.

Invitation To Everybody

On behalf of the American Philatelic Society, I invite you to make Booths 9 and 11 your headquarters while visiting the International Stamp Exhibition Oct. 16th to 23rd. You can have your mail addressed and make appointments for meeting friends at the Booths. Conveniences for writing letters with A.P.S. stationery will be provided free to all. As I am in charge of the Booths, I will be pleased to see to it that you are made to feel at home. Correspondence concerning my personal business will have to wait till after the Exhibition.

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SEVERAL subscribers have sent in clippings giving the particulars of Adolph Menjou's interest in stamp collecting. In the course of an interview with him he mentions one unique feature of our hobby. We quote as follows:—"Stamp collecting has still another appeal. The surest and politest way of disposing of an unwelcome guest is to produce one's album and start to go through it, carefully and lengthily explaining the history of every stamp it contains."

THE Lydia Stamp Co. sends us the previous item and also the following one which is of more than ordinary interest. The firm writes that E. B. Power is giving a series of four fifteen-minute stamp talks over WMAF, owned and operated by Col. Green, South Dartmouth, Mass. He began on Sunday, Sept. 26, and goes on at 9 P. M. for four consecutive weeks. As is well known, Col. Green has one of the most valuable collections in the country.

WE are informed by Elliott M. Walton that the surcharges for Lebanon, noted in our issue of Sept. 27, have also been applied to Alouites and Syria stamps of the same values and types.

A VERY interesting pricelist is at hand from R. Roberts, 430 Strand, London, England. It is more than a mere list, in that much reading matter is contained therein. We note that Mr. Roberts plans to be in Boston, October 12 and 13, and after the New York Exhibition will visit Philadelphia, Washington, Buffalo, Montreal and Toronto.

WE have been advised by Miss Mattie Wadsworth, Hallowell, Me., of the death by accident, Sept. 26, of Harold Sewall Packard, Jr. of Augusta, Me. He was an ardent stamp collector although only fourteen years of age. He was an only child, a member of the sophomore class in the Cony High School, a skilled performer on both piano and saxaphone, a prize winner in literary contests and possessed the prospects of a most brilliant career. Two years ago he became a collector and has been upon our subscription list for some time. Miss Wadsworth pays a tender tribute to Master Packard, with whom she was intimately associated.

WE have received a subscription to the WEEKLY from the Sioux City (Iowa) Philatelic Society. An organization meeting was held Friday, Sept. 24. Kenneth Grabin is president, and the secretary is Wm. Kiepura, 4510 Manor Circle, Sioux City, Ia. Interested parties should communicate with the secretary. Meetings are held the second and fourth Friday evenings of the month, in the lecture room of the Public Library.

FRED SLACK sends us an interesting clipping from the East St. Louis, Ill., *Daily Journal*. It deals with some of the local collectors and collections, and is just such an article as would tend to make stamp collectors. It is good publicity.

IN the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* of Sept. 26, appears an interesting story relating to the stamp collection of Charles W. Castor, former postmaster of the city. Mr. Castor has just passed his 86th birthday and holds his collection in high esteem. He declares that we would refuse an offer of $50,000 for it. We are indebted to Prof. Melville J. Boyer for the clipping.

CAN any reader send Frank B. Kirby, New Bedford, Mass., the present address of Wm. H. Bellows, formerly of 17 Taylor St., Boston, Mass. Letters mailed to that address remain unanswered. Interested parties should write Mr. Kirby.

ADVICES from England state that the Postmaster-General's scheme to combine commercial advertising with the cancellation of postage stamps has provoked at least one form of counter-attack in addition to the steadily growing storm of protest all over the country. The counter-attack takes the form of a black envelope, with two white spaces, to take the postage stamp and the address. The envelope, a specimen of which has been received by the "Sunday Express," should certainly prevent any one from using any part of its surface as advertising space. "Self-defence" is the plea of the devisers of the envelope, who write that they are compelled to protect, in this way, "strictly private property" against the Post Office authorities.

THE Vermont-Bennington commemorative half dollar authorized by Congress, largely as a result of the activities of the Vermont State Sesqui-Centennial Commission, has been minted, and the coins will be actually issued on January 1, 1927—the first date upon which they may be legally released. The plan of this Commission to have a special postage stamp commemorative of our Vermont Sesqui-Centennial anniversaries is being carefully pressed.—ARTHUR F. STONE.

HUBERT LYMAN CLARK, well known to many of our readers for his blocks of four advertising sends us a letter from which we are quoting two or three sentences. We do this in the belief that Dr. Clark will not be offended:—

"My small boy, who some 20 years ago introduced me to the joys of stamp collecting, has now broken loose and established a home of his own. He was married in June and is now living in Amherst, where he is instructor in English—the *third* generation of Clark to graduate from, and then teach in, Amherst College. As part of his proper equipment he needs the WEEKLY, so I enclose a check for a dollar to cover his first year's subscription.

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United States

Washington Notes

I am informed by Washington that the proof for the new 2c red, issued to commemorate the battle of White Plains will be approved on September 29th, and that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will immediately arrange to lay down the necessary plates to be used in connection with the issuing of this stamp. It was hoped that the stamps would be ready on Oct. 16th, the opening day of the International Philatelic Exhibition but due to shortness of time, it is found that they will not be available until October 18th, when they will be placed on sale for the first time. On Sept. 25th, the Secretary of Treasury granted permission to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to send a press from Washington to New York so that some of these stamps will actually be engraved at the exhibition and many visitors will see a United States Postage stamp produced for the first time.

The Department announces that a contract has been awarded to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Air Service, Inc., for a contract airmail service from Philadelphia, Pa., via Washington, D. C., to Norfolk, Va., a distance of 278 miles. The service will begin on October 10th, and will be known as route C. A. M. 15, superseding the service now operated on route C. A. M. 13 by the same company between Philadelphia and Washington. The schedule for this route will be announced later.

Effective Oct. 1st, registered and unregistered letters, post-cards, printed matter, commercial papers and samples addressed for delivery in Belgium, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, will be given the benefit of special delivery service when prepaid 20c in addition to the regular postage by means of United States special delivery or other stamps affixed to each article.

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A similar service is now in effect with Canada and some few other places. This service makes possible the legitimate postal use of a pair of 10c special delivery stamps.

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Mr. H. Clay Reed reports three new provisional envelopes surcharged double line 1½c on 1c.

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Special Cancellation

Mr. E. F. Bodurtha kindly sends a communication from Springfield, Mass., bearing a very unusual cancellation, the black postmark being in two concentric circles reading, "R. P. O. Exhibit Car Spg. Mass., dated Sept. 21, 1926."

Canal Zone

Mr. R. S. Carter sends a circular communication dated Sept. 9th, from the Director of Posts in which attention is called to the fact that the 2c Sesqui-Centennial stamp with Canal Zone overprint was officially placed on sale July 6th. We are told that the stamps were distributed to all postmasters on July 3rd, with instructions that they would not be placed on sale until the 6th, due to the fact that July 4th and 5th was a double holiday. As none of the post offices were open for business on these two days, any letters with Sesqui-Centennial stamps affixed and postmarked as of July 4th were not authorized by the Director of Posts.

Nevertheless, some of the stamps no doubt were distributed on July 3rd and placed in the mail July 4th, for attention was called in this chronicle recently that letters had been received bearing the earlier cancellation, although July 6th was the official date of issue.

Mr. Carter also calls attention to the fact that the final ratification of the treaty between the United States and Panama is quite apt to result in a complete change in Canal Zone postage stamps. The use of the old Panama stamps surcharged, "Canal Zone" which were available previous to the present issue and of which there is a very large stock of the higher values still on hand, may be reissued under the new arrangements or possibly an entire new issue may be available. Panama is calling a special session of their Congress to consider the treaty and the American Congress, which meets after January 1st next, will no doubt take action.

AUSTRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us copies of new colors in the Air Post stamps. They are 10g orange, 15g claret, 30g olive, 50g greenish blue, all in the design of Scott's AP3, and 3s brown red, type of AP4.

BARBADOS.—Mr. G. V. Stewart submits for our information, a copy of a letter he has received from the Postmaster of this colony in which designs are invited for a stamp to commemorate the Tercentenary of the settlement of the Colony of Barbados in February, 1927. Mr. Stewart also notes that the current 1p stamp has recently been issued in a softer deeper scarlet.

EGYPT.—In commenting upon the surcharged Agricultural Exhibition stamps Mr. Roberts notes that the overprinted stamps vary somewhat in shade from those originally issued. It would appear that special remainders were printed for the purpose of surcharging or possibly there were two printings of these values.

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In your issue of September 13th, which has been handed to me, you make a statement regarding Canadian Airmails, particularly to Red Lake, Woman Lake and Birch Lake areas, which in my opinion is erroneous and harmful to your airmail collectors.

I refer to the paragraph on page 470, in which you say, "A warning has reached us from R. Roberts, the British dealer, &c." Being only twenty-four hours from Ottawa, you might have verified this through the Canadian Postal Authorities before quoting a statement made by a third party.

Aerial mails in Canada to-day are carried by private Companies, but in every instance by sanction of the Postal Authorities. If you will take the trouble to write the Post Office Department at Ottawa, and ask for their Monthly Supplement, Canadian Official Postal Guide, April, 1926, which relates to the Elliot Airmail service to the Red Lake Goldfields; July, 1926, which relates to the Elliot-Fairchild service to the Rouyn District; and August, 1926, which relates to the Patricia Airways—(1) to Pine Ridge and Red Lake—(2) to Woman Lake and Birch Lake, you will get a different slant on this question.

I have permission from the Patricia Airways & Exploration Limited, now operating the Red Lake and Woman Lake air service, to send you herewith copies of the Official correspondence relating to this aerial service from which you will note—

(1) The stamp proposed to be issued for this service was submitted and approved by the Postal Authorities.

(2) Special request was made that the Patricia Airways honour mail offering which carried the earlier stamp issued by the Elliot Company.

(3) Instructions by *telegram* were received by Patricia Airways & Exploration Limited from the Postal Department at Ottawa to forward stamp supplies to Post Offices where these would assist in the carrying on of the fast-developing business in these famous goldfields.

I wish to further point out that covers carrying the airmail stamp are usually back-dated so as to show the date that this mail passes from the custody of the postmaster at the aerial base to the pilot, who is not only authorised to carry mail to the only existing Post Office in this new goldfield, namely, Red Lake, but is also authorised to accept mail to and from; (a) Pine Ridge, the new Government Administrative centre, (b) Woman Lake, (c) Birch Lake, where no Post Offices have yet been established.

It is only fair to state in this criticism of your paragraph that the Postal Authorities stipulate all mail conveyed by this service is carried "at owner's risk." Up to the present time the Government has not subsidized the aerial transport of mail, and therefore, the only revenue the Companies can receive for this incalculable service is by the issuance of their own stamps under the full knowledge, recognition and co-operation of the Postal Authorities. When I tell you that the difference between aerial mail to Red Lake and ordinary courier mail, is the difference between a few hours and several days, you will appreciate what this means to the big interests conducting extensive exploration and development in our last great frontier, the District of Patricialand. Letters leaving Toronto tonight via Sioux Lookout and Patricia Air Service will reach Red Lake within 36 to 40 hours.

These airmails are making history in Canada today. They are the pioneers leading up, we hope, to a time in the near future when the Government will see its way to carrying on such service themselves. In the meantime, the private Companies carrying express and passengers, must be depended upon to give this service, and we in Canada feel they are the pioneers.

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GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us for chronicle the 6p, unsurfaced paper, perf. 15 x 14, new watermark Crown and G V R multiple, printed at Somerset House. Also ½p, 1p, 1½p and 2p, watermarked as above (sideways). These are issued in rolls printed and prepared by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons.

HUNGARY.—*Pengo values.*—M. Champion announces the issue shortly of the 1p, 2p and 5p values in the new set commenced this year.

INDIA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following items from this country: 4a sage green, watermark multiple star. Nasik issue; 1½a rose and 2a 6p orange, both the last printings of De la Rue. Regarding the first mentioned item, Mr. Roberts informs us that this stamp was printed in sheets of 256 (4 panes 64, 16 x 4) from old De la Rue plates, which do not seem to have been interfered with at all. The printing itself is rather an improvement upon the lower values, although it leaves something to be desired in the way of bringing out the minute details in design. The paper, however, is of a thinner, more transparent description and more inclined to curl up, the watermark showing more clearly through it than on the previous values that have appeared. The other two values are watermarked single star with the inscription "Star Paper Star" in double line capitals across the three rows of pillared margin intersecting the panes. The last printings come up to the usual standard of excellence of this firm's production, and there would be nothing remarkable about them except for the comparison of the two printings which have come to hand together, and the expert eye cannot help noticing the remarkable difference.

ITALY.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that the 20c type of Scott's A49, has been issued in maroon color.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 1½p rose, on script watermarked paper.

MONTSERRAT.—Mr. G. V. Stewart informs us that the 1½p violet and 2½p orange are sold out at the colony and that new printings will be made in the revised colors for these values, viz., orange for the 1½p and blue for the 2½p.

NEW CALEDONIA.—Whitfild King & Co. send us five new items to chronicle for this colony: The 5fr olive has been surcharged "10f." in red; 1fr lilac postage due stamp has been overprinted "2F." in black; 5frs olive bears the overprint "50c" and "Colis Postaux" in black and the 1fr blue and 2fr red on blue bears the surcharged "Colis Postaux" also in black.

NORTHERN MONGOLIA *(Tannou-Touva).*—Whitfield King & Co. advise that this is a Republican State in the north of Mongolia, the capital being Krasny, formerly known as "Belotzarsk." Postage stamps have not hitherto been used in this Republic, the postage on letters being paid in cash. The new stamps have been issued under the authority of the Russian Soviet Government with inscriptions entirely in Mongolian.

PARAGUAY.—From Whitfield King & Co. comes a copy of the 1 peso green, design as Scott's A45.

PERSIA.—*"Regne de Pahlavi"*—Additional values are reported by M. Champion, which he states complete the series: 24c, green and lilac, and 1k, violet and brown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the 1c postage due stamp, in red lilac shade.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have received copies of the 5m grey, 5c blue and 36c rose red, in the re-engraved type of the 1923 bird design.

APPRAISED

Bruce Cartwright, with the assistance of F. W. Reid, local philatelist, has completed the appraisement of the W. H. F. Wolters collection of stamps, fixing the value at $245,871.82. The catalogue value of the collection, on the other hand, is approximately $440,000.

The inventory of the collection shows a total of 230,298 stamps. Four-fifths of these comprising the more valuable specimens valued at about $210,000 have arrived at New York City, where they are being held in safe deposit vaults. The remainder will go forward just as soon as Reid has completed their segregation in groups according to countries of origin.

The Wolters' collection of stamps is a famous one as it contains many unique specimens, unknown to any other collection. The stamps will be sold at public auction in October, during the time that the International Philatelists' Union is in convention in New York City.

Wolters had resided in Honolulu for about 25 years, until his death here during the war. He was a German citizen and bequeathed his collection to the city of Bremen, his birthplace. The Museum authorities there declined the bequest and therefore the probate court directed that the stamps be sold for the benefit of the estate.—Honolulu *Advertiser,* Sept. 6, 1926.

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Grand Central Palace, which has been the home for many years of such important events as the Flower Show, the Automobile Show, the National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering, the International Silk Show, the Chemical Industries Exposition, National Hotel Exposition and many others, is so located as to be reached easily by visitors from out of town as well as New Yorkers themselves. Beneficial results which have been obtained by the industries participating in these features are many and far-reaching, extending over a long term of years. Mindful of this, the management of the International Stamp Exhibition is making every effort to have this unique display an epoch in the history of Philately.

As a rule, the visitor attends a gigantic exhibition of this kind with an open mind. He is ready and willing to absorb the bewildering number of impressions that he receives at first sight. Somehow, as he goes from booth to booth, they simplify themselves into this, that, and the other fascinating thing until he is prepared to ask questions and willing to listen. In this congenial manner a contact is formed which often proves of great value to both exhibitor and visitor.

Among the enormous number of pilgrims to the expositions at the Palace are school children—thousands of them each year. Hardly a day goes by during the progress of various shows that does not find groups of them assembled under the leadership of teachers and instructors. Still another unit is made up of students from the various colleges and universities, in and around New York, some of them coming in class units from points as far distant as Yale University at New Haven and other seats of learning within a radius of 100 miles or more. A large number of these schools which have been represented in the past at the various industrial expositions, have stamp clubs which play an important part in the social side of educational activities. Most of these are looking forward to the Stamp Show as an opportunity to view for themselves the gems among famous collections of which they have often read, but never before seen.

Expositions, which are actually modernized versions of the ancient fair, must have proven profitable to persist through the ages. Several which have started on a very small scale have assumed gigantic proportions as the years progressed. The National Automobile Show each year has a long list of car and accessory dealers waiting, when the dates are announced, to reserve space in which to display their latest designs.

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Just how important the National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering has become since the first show five years ago, can be understood very simply by a consideration of the registration lists of the last exposition. They bear testimony to the fact that more than 85,000 engineers, operating men and industrial executives were in attendance; representatives in their various lines from forty-three separate states and from twenty-three foreign countries.

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By C. E. Roe.

SISTER and brother students, greetings!

The recent recrudescence of our new Brother, Julian West,* has greatly stimulated research into the by-ways of the life of that extremely interesting period of change and unrest which existed between the years 1880-1950. My talk today will be upon the almost forgotten subject of Philately.

To most of you, I venture to say, this word is utterly without meaning. It was added to our English language about the year 1860 and meant the study and collection of postage stamps, which were small squares of paper affixed by some sort of adhesive paste to the correspondence, or rather to the separate components of the correspondence of the people, and showed that the requisite tax had been paid to the Government for its services in transmitting such things. It is very difficult for us to realize their need, since the simple relations now existing between the State and the individual have rendered so much of what was then considered vitally necessary absolutely without reason for existence.

Philately, then, had to do with these stamps, their manufacture, use, and above all, their collecting. That curious manifestation of the acquisitive instinct, called the collecting mania—now, happily, extinct—which cursed the "civilized" world of that time occurred in a no more ridiculous way than in the amassing of these bits of colored paper. Many other articles were, of course, collected, but most of these had a certain value, cultural, esthetic or of every day usage. We may, if charitably inclined—and we should by all means be very charitable toward our grouping and ignorant ancestors—admit that there might be some reason for acquiring, for instance, furniture, which could be used in the home; objects of art, which could give pleasure from contemplation of their beauty; or the ancient musical devices from which our present instruments are descended. But it is extremely difficult to conceive of any valid reason for the existence of the enormous accumulations of these stamps, which were made by certain individuals at a terrific expense.

In the Public Library is one alcove given over to the literature of this mania, and I find therein a number of curious statements. Each collector, it seems, endeavored to get as many of these stamps as possible, but it was a rule that no two should be alike. The number of such "varieties" is astounding. According to my researches I find that from the beginning, 1840, to 1914 (the year in which the first World War, the one confined to the continent of Europe, began) the number of varieties was, roughly, 50,000.

Between 1914 and 1935, the date of the Great War, the various nations manufactured, or "issued," as the term was, over 120,000 varieties; while in the years between the Peace of 1937 and the Day of Birth in 1952, there were put out and collected no less than 226,000 kinds of stamps. Of course, with the beginning of our present economic and social system which dates from that eventful Seventh of September, all such things with the making of money and of arms and a thousand thousand other fantasies automatically ceased to exist.

Yet human nature, especially among the aged, is hard to change. The last of these collectors in this country died so recently as 1984, and his accumulation of what I have no hesitation in naming trash was turned over by his family to that depository of antiques, the Museum of Fine Arts. Just what its disposal will be is a problem to the curator, since according to the description accompanying it, it consists of some 385,000 different stamps mounted in 820 large books. These are at present resting in the Museum basement waiting for someone with unlimited time and a defective mentality to examine them. The members of the class will be good enough to wait until the close of the lecture before adjourning in a body to Copley Square. (Laughter.)

But where there was one such comprehensive collection which attempted completeness—an ideal never attained, I believe, because the ingenuity of these philatelists in discovering new varieties surpasses belief—there were millions of smaller ones. All degrees of the departed social scale were represented; school children, ordinary citizens, statesmen, kings and billionaires, as men who held vast possessions were called, collected these stamps whose values varied from almost nothing to huge sums of money. A certain stamp, which because of the accidental workings of time, became the sole representative of its class, might be bartered for an amount equal to the productive value of many men working for a long period of years. Only to serious students of history would the meaning of these enormous numbers of dollars paid for small squares of paper be clear, so I will not burden *your* memories with more figures. (More Laughter.)

It appears, however, that these collectors were comparatively few. Even at the height of the "craze," which was evidently about 1947, the number never exceeded one-half of one per cent of the population, showing that in this respect the majority was sane. Yet because of the character of its devotees, philately was capable of exerting an influence far out of proportion to its numerical strength. Truth compels me to state that this influence was never wielded in any way to further the economic degradation of the people, being used only to foster the curious pursuit. The influence of philately upon the economics of the period was remarkably small, since, owing to its nature, the trade was confined to a few dealers. So that to it we can ascribe only a few of those leeches on the body politic who existed by other means than of productive labor. Socially, philately seems to have greatly aided the trend toward brotherhood,

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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

Numbers 4 and 5 are tracings sent by Dr. J. P. Ball, from stamps in his collection. No. 8 belongs to the writer. No. 9, Skull and Bones on 3c Interior, sent by F. E. Wood. This has also been seen on 3c green and 2c 1883. The others were sent by K. N. Woodward and are on 3c green. No. 1 is the most elaborate one of O. K. that has come to my notice. Who can tell us anything about No. 6? Sigma Chi! Is there a Greek letter fraternity with those initials? Anyone know where it was used? No. 11, "Shield of David" with D in the center. What does the D stand for?

Town or Postmaster? Chicopee, Mass., used a very perfect "Shield" in the 50's you remember. Where was this used?

No. 12, the largest pumpkin head on record. So big that it laps over both sides of the stamps.

K. N. Woodward has sent another lot of 3c green with a number of interesting cancellations, some of which you see above. Some of the others I'll tell you about. A pair is cancelled with a large black star surrounded by a larger circle. This is quite the Jumbo of all the stars that have been sent. It measures 18mm. from tip to tip and the diameter of the circle is 24mm. RGH are the last three letters of the postmark so it's doubtless from some Burgh.

Then here is one with two quarters of a cut cork, and embossed in the stamp, as if it had been done by some bank, in a double circle made up of small blunt points, is SELMA, A with a small star before the S, and above the star are the letters MIT. Inside the inner circle are the letters FEBRUA and the date 1878. Of course this is only a small part of the design, a little more than a quarter of it, but enough to identify it if the rest ever comes to light. This stamp is on a very thin paper and there are about ten more copies on this thin paper all cancelled differently which indicates that it didn't all go to the same town. A few copies on very thin paper have been noted before but I do not remember having seen so many in one lot.

Then here is a star. A solid black centre of pentagonal shape with a colorless point based on each side of the pentagon surrounded by a heavy black block. It covers nearly the whole stamp, and if the cover were present would tie it on three sides. The stamp could certainly pass as being a heavily cancelled specimen, and but for the star would be classed as junk, but the cancellation saves it in this case, and looks almost like a little five-petaled flower.

Two varieties of O.K. One is simply the letters in black, and the other shows the letters colorless surrounded by a black circular block. Cut in cork or wood most likely. There is another quite elaborate one which is worthy of illustration, No. 1.

Here is a monogram U. S. A. with the A between the bars of the U.

Two forms of 76, one new, which has been reproduced for those who want to complete this group. No. 2 and 1876. That is incomplete (No. 3).

Next! A five in a circle and a 10 not in a circle. Throwbacks from the 40's, likely. Then here is a clover leaf.

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Chapter XXIX

The 2c Provisionals of 1919

While we are getting away from chronological sequence for the moment, the handstamp used for this provisional is so distinctive and unlike any of the others that we think it best, to avoid unnecessary confusion, to follow the order of the catalogues and give it a chapter to itself. The surcharge consists of a large numeral "2" within an oblong rectangular frame with the letters "S" and "D" placed diagonally in the upper left and right corners respectively. These letters are the initials of Sudre Dartiguenave, who was elected President of Hayti on August 12, 1915. This surcharge was applied in red to the 1 piastre stamp of the 1906 series. According to Mr. Colson it was first issued on Oct. 4, 1919, and the total issue consisted of 134,400 stamps.

Chapter XXX

The 1917-18 Provisionals With Frame.

Starting in 1917 and continuing through 1918 a number of different provisionals of the values of 1, 2 and 5 centimes de gourde for domestic postage were issued. New handstamps were made with the value in two lines within an oblong frame. The 1c and 5c surcharges are similar, consisting of large upright numerals and letters, but the 2c handstamp shows a sloping numeral "2" and "cts" in sloping or italic letters.

Stamps of various obsolete issues were used as the foundation for these surcharges and in giving the dates of issue and numbers overprinted we are following the sequence in which the original stamps appeared rather than the strictly chronological order of the issue of the provisionals themselves. The numbers issued and dates on which they first appeared are stated to be as follows by Mr. Colson:—

On Issue of 1906 with Oval Overprint

1c in red on 50c brown lake,	Sept. 20, 1918	1,000
1c in red on 1 pia. mauve,	Sept. 20, 1918	1,240

On Issue of 1906 for Foreign Postage

1c in brown on 4c carmine,	Sept. 20th and Oct. 30, 1918	130,000
1c in blue on 10c orange,	July 17, 1917	253,153
1c in black on 10c orange,	June 25, 1917	51,597
1c in red on 20c blue green,	Mar. 14, 1918	60,0
1c in black on 20c blue green,	Mar. 14 and Oct. 30, 1918	59,2
1c in red on 50c red,	Mar. 14, 1918	71,0
1c in black on 50c red,	Mar. 14, 1918	59,2
2c in red on 3c brown,	Sept. 28, 1918	51,0
2c in red on 8c carmine,	Mar. 8, 1918	135,0
2c in black on 8c carmine,	Mar. 8, 1918	106,8
2c in red on 15c slate green,	June 13, 1917	220,0
2c in red on 20c blue green,	Dec. 20, 1918	95,0

On Issue of 1910-11 for Foreign Postage

1c in black on 20c green and black,	Mar. 14, 1918	5,4
2c in red on 3c yellow,	Sept. 26, 1918	21,0

On Issue of 1913 for Foreign Postage

1c in red on 4c olive green,	Sept. 20, 1918	26,0
1c in brown on 7c orange red,	Oct. 30, 1918	23,0
1c in red on 15c yellow,	Oct. 30, 1918	20,0
1c in black on 50c yellow,	Mar. 14, 1918	8,9
1c in black on 1 pia. red,	Mar. 14, 1918	9,0
2c in red on 8c olive green,	Mar. 14, 1918	27,0
2c in brown on 10c red brown,	Dec. 20, 1918	50,0
2c in red on 15c yellow,	Nov. 18, 1918	19,0
5c in blue on 10c red brown, 5c in black on 10c red brown,	Nov. 18, 1918	16,0
5c in red on 15c yellow,	Nov. 18, 1918	4,0

The colors of some of these surcharg are rather difficult to determine and wi regard to this we cannot do better tha quote Mr. Everett's comments, viz.:—

"After commencing the surcharging the 1c on 10c red orange in black, t surcharging committee stopped operatio at the figure given, reporting in its mi utes published in the official journal (t *Moniteur*) that the bad quality of t ink rendered the work defective, that t oil in the ink spread over the stamps an the inscription became illegible, and tha they had decided to change to blue ink Thereafter black ink was not used, ex cept for the 5c on 10c red brown, thoug a number of the stamps are catalogue as surcharged in black. This so-calle black of the catalogue is a very dar brown and is reported by the surchargin committee as chocolate. The surcharg ing committee does not recognize the blu surcharge on the 5c on 10c red brown reporting it as black. The surcharge o this stamp sometimes appears to be combination of blue and black inks an sometimes a combination of blue an brown, but never a pure black. All o these indeterminate colors are probabl the result of a number of different ink used on the same stamp pad."

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have also a 3c envelope type E38 e overprinted for use by dead letter e, the Penalty Notice being sur- ged (black) across stamp, with the letter triangle beneath. The orig- return address is blocked out and official Post Office Department notice rinted beneath. In the lower left l corner is "Collect 3 cents on de- y" (printed). — A. T. WITBECK, veport, La.

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LONDON, Sept. 28. — King George has formed the habit of reserving Friday evening to poring over his stamp collection, according to those in the inner circles of British philately.

He now has, it is believed, one of the greatest stamp collections in the world. King George is a rich man and he could pay, if he liked, any sum in reason for some rare stamp which he really wanted, but his "outside limit," according to close observers of the stamp auctions, is around $7,500.

Anything more than that, it is said, draws a negative shake of the royal head. The King is known to have said that all he wanted was a gentleman's collection, not a "plutocrat's."

His own personal collection is confined solely to stamps of the British Empire. His ambition as a philatelist is to get the first complete collection in the world of all the stamps issued in Great Britain, each and all the Dominions, the various colonies, protectorates and since the Great War—the mandatories. These are the only stamps he will buy.

When he started out as a midshipman in the British Navy, he collected the usual miscellaneous assortment, but when, through the death of his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, he realized that he was destined to succeed to the British throne, he sold his job-lot of stamps and began almost immediately laying the foundation for the greatest collection in the world of stamps issued within the British Empire.

However, he has received from other monarch in other lands some very rare stamps. Several of them, in fact, far exceed in value anything in his own conscientiously gathered British collection. These "alien" stamps are separately catalogued in distinctive portfolios, but the King does not regard them as in any sense part of the remarkable collection which he intends to leave to the world.

Very few people have ever been privileged to glimpse the King's collection in its entirety.

Whenever there is an international stamp exhibition in England or abroad, the King always sends several portfolios which, he thinks, would be of special interest to lovers of stamps, but at no time has he ever placed his entire collection upon public display at one time.

It has been suggested that he plans to do this in 1940, which would be the centenary of the first postage stamp in the world, that of the famous "black penny stamp" in Great Britain put through by the great-grandfather of all philatelists, Rowland Hill, known to English history as the father of the "penny post."

He has a well-known dealer on the Strand who is commissioned to send up to Buckingham Palace any stamps which he thinks might fill a vacancy in the King's collection; he also has the assistance of an expert, officially designated as "curator" of the King's collection who consults with him on being "summoned" to Buckingham Palace.

However, neither the dealer on the Strand, nor the curator who lives at South Croydon, is permitted to divulge anything to the public regarding the vast extent and the very high character of the King's collection.

TID BITS:—

THE October number of the Stamp Hunter marks the beginning of Volume 3. W. W. MacLaren, Box 663, Cleveland, O., who publishes this interesting sheet and gives all the happenings of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, will doubtless be pleased to send a sample copy upon receipt of stamp.

EVIDENTLY a new airmail contract is in force between Minneapolis and Chicago. Two covers are at hand from Albert E. Gorham of Washington, D. C., one indicating the following information: —"Last Flight Present Contract Sept. 30, 1926", while the other cover has:—"New Contract First Flight October 1, 1926". There are no special airmail markings on either of these two covers.

AN interesting program of meetings of the Cincinnati Collectors Club has been sent us by Dr. Hussey. No doubt this enthusiastic advertiser will be glad to send a copy to any club secretary who would like to profit by the features introduced in this program.

WE have received from Frank Halloran, 18 Williams St., Marrickville, New South Wales, a check-list of the stamps of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is compiled by the sub-committee of the J. P. S. of Australia and may be obtained for 12c. Mr. Halloran is interested in the stamps of Guatemala and would like to correspond with collectors similarly interested.

A WHOLESALE pricelist of U. S. Postage Stamps has just been issued by Charles Johnson, Grantwood, N. J. A copy will be sent upon application.

A BUNCH of clippings is at hand from Frank Kline, Spring City, Pa. It includes the McCain article which is slated to appear in the WEEKLY. Another clipping is from the Philadelphia *Sunday Record* of October 3 entitled "Philadelphia Will Send its Rare Stamps to the International Exhibition". It is written by I. Anton Angelo. at least this is the name attached to the article. Mr. Kline's name figures quite prominently as the source of supply for much of the information given in this excellent publicity article.

W. T. McKAY, 23 Evergreen Pl., East Orange, N. J., is unable to secure any replies to letters addressed to W. Wesley Hibbard, 17399 Biltmore Av., Detroit, Mich. Mr. McKay will be glad to hear from any interested parties.

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The great International Philatelic Exhibition will be in full force by the time this issue of the WEEKLY has been circulated, and while predictions sometimes are treated ironically by circumstance, one does not have to qualify as a prophet to say that the Exhibition is a huge success. It could not be otherwise with the co-ordination of all the favorable influences that have been working to a happy end for so many months; and with the support that comes from abroad as a capstone, the occasion becomes glorious reality.

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Dozen of distinguished philatelists from foreign lands are to be present and not a few of them are exhibitors. It is reported that more than six hundred entries have been received, and so the basic requirement of stamps for exhibition is met; and this fact, topped off by a great attendance, may be translated into success.

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The originators of the plan f[illegible] are much concerned about the plaudits that they are receiving for faithful performance, but they know that they have done something for philately that will be of lasting benefit.

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The convention of the American Philatelic Society is an important factor in the jubilee week in New York; and it is not to be overlooked by the collector who sees so many things to interest him. With President Wilhelm in the chair and about a full quota of the other officers present, the opening session should be impressive as showing a large numerical representation of real philatelists. Of course it is expected that more will be done by the A. P. S. to justify its foremost position than the assembling of members in force. The time for legislation of philatelic benefit is always ripe at a convention, but it is not easy to place one's fingers on proper measures. Whatever is done should be prudent and practical and not in haste merely for the purpose of "doing something." Much of the time of the convention necessarily must be given over to the transaction of the business of the society, itself.

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The yearly meeting of the A. P. S. and of the other societies that will have their conventions during Exhibition week has been entering the thoughts of some of the members, judging from several letters that have come offering suggestions and criticisms. In fact, the tendency to revert somewhat sharply upon certain aspects of the A. P. S. by a few critics, is noticed and beyond saying that it is within the rights of any member to indulge in expression of the kind, remarks affecting the conduct of the society should be addresed to the officers, who, we are convinced, are doing their best to fill their positions. There are certain limitations on the work that may be undertaken by the society but, even so, constructive criticism will not be rejected by the officers who are running the organization.

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The new edition of the catalog of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, New York, sets a good example of promptness in appearing on the promised date. The early arrival of this indispensable volume has a stimulating influence on collecting, timed, as it is, with the opening of the new season. The new edition, the eighty-third, is a sturdy looking book, well over [illegible]en hundred pages in size, a number [illegible] is about sixty more than claimed by [illegible]redecessor; and it is a substantial [illegible]mony to the growth of our pursuit. [illegible]ning through the pages of the book, [illegible]onviction comes that more care than [illegible] before is bestowed on the contents. [illegible]tendency to multiply the explanatory [illegible] is one to be applauded, and it is [illegible]) be gainsaid that the fixing of prices [illegible]ne more closely than ever before. [illegible] changes are always a matter for [illegible] consideration and the basis for ad[illegible]s or declines must be studied be[illegible]action is taken. Indeed, as time [illegible]s, the question of individual price for each stamp becomes more inportant than ever before, as prices must be arrived at by analysis and comparison in order to be authoritative. It is inevitable that there will be criticism of some of the prices but, no doubt, the cataloguers can defend their position in this regard. New countries make their appearance in this edition and it is interesting to find that some of the comparatively recent issues are mounting in price, as many examples show. Consequently not only the old stamps are to be deemed "investment" possibilities, but many of the new ones as well. It looks as though the consistent buyer was bound to strike oil now and then; and here is one of the piquancies of collecting. We are glad to be able to say that the catalogue is of increased usefulness; and it is needless to add that the catalogue is a fine old institution of American philately. The two dollar price of the book has not been increased and its typographical dress is inviting. It is certain that more catalogues of the present edition will be sold than of any previous edition.

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In the Chicago "Daily News" of September 29, 1926, is an article on the editorial page styled, "Stamps Level All Ranks; Hobby of Prince, Peasant, Boss, Boy," by James A. Sanaker, whose name is not unfamiliar to readers of the great daily. The story is illustrated by a picture of a boy in the attic "cutting up the envelopes" for stamps. The article is well-conceived and is certainly readable, touching as it does, on a wide range of philatelic topics. The New York Exhibition is told of and among the general observations we read that "art students find the design on various postage stamps worth considerable study."

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One of the most striking "variants" in stamp printing that we have seen for some time has been shown us by Mr. E. O. Howle, in the shape of a sheet of rotary press 3c of the current issue, on which the fifty stamps at the right deviate from the normal. The label, "United Stated Postage," as well as some other details of designs shows twice in addition to the regular printing and these impressions are right side up and removed from the "off-set" category. There is no question as to the extra impressions, one of which is found on the white margin above the top stamps of the pane. Even with an understanding of the rotary press printing process, it is difficult to account for this startling combination as shown on the stamps and about the only theory that would hold water, in case it is impossible to entertain any idea of repeated type touches on the stamps, is that the inkings are due to the impressions of an off-set on another sheet of the 3c stamps! However, the stamps speak for themselves and are worthy of the attention of the specialists it need not be said. It is fair to say that the discovery is of importance; and the finder deserves the satisfaction that follows his stroke of enterprise.

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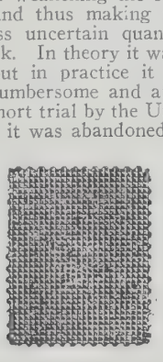
Frei Durch Ablosung Nr. 21

This inscription is shown on a set of postage stamps issued in Prussia in 1903. There are about thirty different states and administrations in Germany having the privilege of free postage, and in order to ascertain the approximate amount to be credited to the revenue of the Post Office for carrying Prussia's official correspondence these stamps were ordered to be used for twelve months. The three words mean "free through redemption," and the number "21" is the official number assigned to Prussia. A similarly inscribed set was used in Baden in 1904, and on these stamps the number is "16."

Grills

A pattern of small, square, embossed dots, usually arranged in the form of a small square or rectangle and occasionally covering the whole of the stamp. It is found upon some of the stamps of the United States and Peru. The object of this grill (or "grid" as it is sometimes called) was to act as a discouragement to the stamp cleaner. The embossing had the effect of weakening the substance of the paper and thus making it absorb a more or less uncertain quantity of the cancelling ink. In theory it was an excellent idea, but in practice it was found somewhat cumbersome and after a comparatively short trial by the United States Government it was abandoned.



Fuera De Hora"

These words, meaning "after the hour," are frequently found on the stamps of Uruguay and generally prove perplexing to the inexperienced collector. The words are not an overprint and the hand-stamp from which they were struck was intended to be placed on letters received after the closing of the mail boxes, but which were forwarded on payment of a special extra fee. It is possible that in some offices postmasters kept a supply of stamps already cancelled with this mark on hand for use on these letters, though such a proceeding appears to be entirely unauthorized. The varieties are analogous to the "Too late" varieties of Trinidad.

Two Types of Boys

There are two types of boy collectors, and a distinction must be made between them. One type is the boy who takes up stamp collecting only to throw it over in a few weeks or months; the other, who intends and proves himself to be a firm adherent of the hobby. It is true, the schoolboy does aim rather at quantity than at quality, but in this he is hardly to be censured. There must always be taken into account the very vital, though often overlooked, point—the question of pocket money. He can scarcely be blamed for not buying merely half-a-dozen rare stamps with the money he would otherwise spend on a large collection. There are few boys who are in a position to spend even so small a sum as two shillings on a single stamp.

Detail plays a far more important part in the junior's collection than the big men of the philatelic world would have us believe. Varieties of design different watermarks, perforation and shade are all studied with as much care and precision as is exercised by any member of the Philatelic Society. But here, again, money is necessary. Out-of-the-way varieties can rarely be obtained without having to buy them, and pay highly for them.

The suggestion that young stamp collectors be included amongst the members of philatelic clubs is an excellent one for sympathetic encouragement and recognition are at present greatly needed. A few words of depreciation, however, do not by any means discourage permanently a boy who is a true philatelist. Advanced collectors must at last be made to see that their juniors are as serious and as observant as they themselves.—A junior in *S. Coll. Fortnightly.*

The Meaning of "Y ¼"

The real meaning of this surcharge has caused a controversy extending over many years. One argument is that as "y¼" would mean "and ¼" in Spanish, the stamp is of a value of 2¼ reales. The other argument, and the one which is accepted by the best authorities, is that "Y" stands for "Ynterior" and the stamp is a ¼ real stamp for "interior" or local postage. That this is the fact is clearly enough shown by the decree of Nov. 15, 1855, which "ordered the establishment of an interior post (correo interior) for the City (Havana) and suburbs, beginning on the 19th instant" and also that mail matter "must not circulate without being prepaid by stamps of one-quarter of one real, silver, specially prepared for the purpose, and to be found on sale at all postal stations." Only one stamp was required on a missive, irrespective of weight, and the surcharged stamps were used until replaced by a definite type of this value in 1862. The use of the "Y" for "I" as an initial is an old Spanish custom, as witness, "Ysabel," and "Ygnacio," for Isabella and Ignatius, and the painter Yriarte.

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United States

2c White Plains Stamp

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has designed the plate of 2c White Plains stamps, to be used in connection with printing the little panes of twenty-five with margins all around, that are to be distributed through the branch Philatelic Agency at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York. The plate will print one hundred stamps at one time and these are arranged into panes of twenty-five with a large space between each pane. They are properly lettered "International Philatelic Exhibition," etc., with plate numbers on each pane, so that the different panes from the different corners of the sheet are supposed to be identical after they have been cut apart for distribution. At this time it is expected that these smaller sheets will be perforated 10 because it will be necessary to arrange a special perforation machine to perf. these unusual sized sheets. The normal stamps, of course, will be printed in sheets of four hundred, distributed in panes of one hundred and perforated 11.

I am informed by Washington that they are agreeably surprised by reason of the fact that the unusual white background of this stamp is something entirely new and distinctive. While I have not seen a copy, I believe that it is going to be one of the most pleasing varieties that has as yet appeared.

1845 5c "New York" Stitch Watermark

I have recently been shown a copy of the 5c black "New York," issue of 1845 with a very distinct stitch watermark. The famous Hart collection did not contain a copy of this stamp and the one which has recently been shown me is the first that I have seen or noted heretofore.

Air Mail Notes

Mr. T. J. Eppes sends a clipping from the Florida *Times* of Jacksonville, calling attention to the establishment of Macon, Ga., as the sixth air mail port between Atlanta and Miami.

A proclamation was issued setting aside September 27th as air mail day at Macon. At that time planes carrying air mail included Macon on their regular route. The first plane to carry mail from this port was christened "Miss Macon" with appropriate ceremonies. The first regular pilot to make the trip was Mr. C. B. Eielson, who will be remembered as the one who made the first United States air mail flight to Alaska.

Philippine 1925 Imperforates

The Philippine imperfs., issue of 1925, which recently came upon the market, have caused some discussion and one of our readers recently commented on the status of these varieties. Of course, they are speculative in every sense of the word and this chronicle has called our readers' attention to this fact whenever the stamps have been mentioned.

It, however, must be remembered that the stamps were printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on requisition of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, who have charge of Philippine matters and they in turn were honoring a requisition of the Director of Posts at Manila.

The Lambert Sales Company, one of the largest distributors of Philippine lace, used hundreds of the stamps in mailing out their parcel post packages. We further know that copies were sold at the Manila post office. Whether the quantity was large or small, I cannot say. I however, can say that the stamps were printed and issued in accordance with legal procedure and that they are not only good for postage but have been used for postal purposes. If this does not constitute a postage stamp, whether speculative or not, I do not know what does.

ALGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the several new values recently placed on sale. They are all the same design as the 1fr noted a few weeks ago and are of the following values and colorings: 1fr 25c deep blue and ultramarine, 2fr blue green and sepia, 3fr violet and orange and 5fr scarlet and violet. Whitfield, King & Co. also send the 2fr for our inspection.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—*Worn-out machines.*—Notes sent by Mr. S. E. Whellans of Melbourne.

It is probable that a Commonwealth officer may be sent to Europe shortly to investigate up-to-date methods of engraving and printing, particularly of bank notes and stamps.

In view of the Postmaster-General's statement that a complete new issue of postage stamps *may* follow the proposed 1½d Canberra commemorative stamp next year, the officer sent will be asked also to inquire into stamp production development, and particularly to report on the latest machinery.

For many months past officers of the stamp printing department have complained that the present plates used for the more common varieties have become so worn out that in touching them up errors have occurred. In one case the "f" of the word "half-penny" on the 1½d stamp became blurred. The ether, when re-engraving the letter, apparently allowed the tool to slip, making a lower line at the bottom of the "f" and the word ultimately read "hale", and the stamp was circulated with that mistake.

The perforation machines are also out-of-date. Nine months ago new machines were ordered from the Newport workshops, but they have not yet been delivered. *In the meantime, the machines are so broken down that perforations have occurred out of line, and, in some cases, have missed perforating the paper altogether.—Philatelic Magazine.*

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the following postage due stamps of Great Britain surcharged for use in this colony: ½p green, new watermark; 1p red, old watermark on chalky; 2p slate, new watermarked paper. The ½p is watermarked sideways top of Crown pointing to the right, the 1p, old watermark, top of Crown facing to the left while the 2p, watermarked sideways, has the top of Crown pointing to the left. The watermark in all instances being recorded from the front of the stamp. The ½p and 1p have the surcharge vertically "Bechuanaland" on the left reading up while "Protectorate" on the right reading down, whereas on the 2p the surcharge is in two horizontal parallel lines in the centre close together, the type being the same.

FIJI.—We are informed by Mr. L. Meister that the ¼p is obsolete for over a year already and will not be re-issued.

FRANCE.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 50c vermilion, Sower type.

HUNGARY.—Whitfield King & Co. report a 1 pengo, grey violet, stamp of new design. At the top within a frame is "Magyarorszag" with the usual female figure with a child in her arms in the centre. Below are the words "Patrona" and "Hungariae" and the figure of value in each lower corner with "Pengo" between. Our correspondent also informs us that they have also received 2p red and 5p blue of the same design.

JAPAN.—*New Pictorial Issue.*—We are indebted to Mr. Umejiro Kimura for copies of the new typographed pictorial stamps which were, according to our correspondent, "formally issued" on July 5th, but which will not be put on sale until the old stamps of the same value are sold out (probably in about 2 or 3 months). The stamps are expressly intended for foreign mails. The design were described in our last reference. The sheet consists of 100 (10x10) stamps and is perf. 13½x13. 2 sen. green; 6 sen, red 10 sen, blue.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

NEW ZEALAND.—We learn from Mr. L. Meister that No. 179, No. 180 and No. 181 were withdrawn in March.

PERU.—Mr. John M. Ehni calls our attention to a 2c stamp that he writes has evidently been issued as an addition to the Tacna Arica Plebiscite series. The stamp resembles Scott's No. 401. On the top border the coat of arms appears in the centre with flags draped on each side. The branches which were crossed beneath the coat of arms do not appear on the 2c stamp. The wording is also different, all that appears being "Pro Tacna y Arica."

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PAIN.—*Red Cross Issue.* Messrs. Vitfield King send us the following slation of a letter from their agent pain:

The quantities of these stamps which be sold at the Post Office during the e days of circulation will be very re- ted, and furthermore they will only essued on condition that the envelopes presented for the stamps to be affixed, sequently it will be difficult to obtain sed stamps in quantity. On the other d the Red Cross Committee has nom- ed a certain number of agents to sell sets remaining after the three days of culation; they will be sold at face value h 3 per cent. premium to cover the st office charges and agent's commis- .

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SURINAM.—The Economist Stamp Co. ise that they have received the 4c al ultramarine and 6c yellow in the p of the low values of the 1913-15 series and the 20c olive and 35c blue with the figure in orange type of Scott's A15.

Also the 15c, 30c, 50c, 75c, 1gld lilac, in the postage due stamps.

VENEZUELA.—Mr. C. H. Garnett, F.R.P.S.L., informs us that he has just received a letter from Venezuela franked with a pair of stamps as follows:—Fiscal stamp, 5 centimos brown (Waterlow print), surcharged in red. "CORREOS.—VALE—B.O.25.—* 1926 *" in four lines.

Similar news comes from M. Theodore Champion, who also reports the issue of a 5c on 1b, viz.:—Fiscal stamp surcharged for postal use: 0.05 on 1 bolivar olive-brown.—*Stamp Collecting.*

PHILATELY IN WALL STREET

Establishment in the National City Bank of a department through which employes interested may satisfy their desires in collection of stamps from all over the world emphasizes the worldwide activities of the bank and recognizes the steady expansion of the hobby of philately. Time was when stamp collecting was usually regarded as a boy's fancy; that's the way it generally starts and often ends. But a substantial part of stamp gathering youths continue to collect the elusive little engravings as mature men. That it is not to be regarded as only a boy's hobby is indicated by the fact that more than 18,000 varieties were issued throughout the world in the 19th century, more than 23,000 in the first twenty years of the 20th century and that one could hand out more than $100 a year currently in acquiring only the new issues. Except for the sons of wealthy families, few boys are situated to spend so much a year to keep abreast of the game without allowing for purchase of the 41,000 existing prior to 1921, many of which sell for thousands. For instance, a 1-cent British Guiana stamp, issued in 1856, sold in 1922 for $36,585. One New York banker, who has a valuable collection, has his eye on a collection made by a woman, now well along in years, who gathered them in her younger days when living in South America. He expects to obtain them on her demise through a mutual friend; when he meets the latter his first remark invariably is: "Isn't that old lady dead yet!"—*Wall St. Journal.* per E. R. Ackerman.

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB

Dr. Jason S. Parker, White Plains, N. Y.

We have one application for membership in our Honor Club this week, Dr. Jason S. Parker of White Plains, N. Y. We thank Dr. Parker for his faith in the WEEKLY and trust that our issue of October 4 will confirm his good opinion of our publication.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

THE SPANISH RED CROSS ISSUE

By HERMANN FOCKE.

(Mr. Focke supplements this article with an interesting cover from Palma de Mallorca upon which are the two values 25c carmine and 40c gray blue. These stamps will undoubtedly be scarce on the original cover.—Ed.)

It develops that with the above issue we are confronted with a repetition of the recent Malta "Postage" episode, only in a somewhat more pronounced degree, because very few of these stamps were sold to the public at large over the P. O. counters, and less were used for actual postage purposes.

I had written in good time to a friend residing in one of the provincial capitals, counting over 100,000 inhabitants, which should therefore be considered one of the 70 principal cities, where these stamps were supposed to be issued for regular postage during the days of September 15 to 17, but all that he could get on the first day were the 25 Ctos. rose-carmine and the 40 Ctos. grey-blue, in other words, the two most common values, and these were all sold out the next day, and my friend was informed by the postal authorities that these were the only two values which had been received from Madrid.

There remains no doubt but that the majority of this issue went into the hands of speculators, one of whom was offering the set two months before its actual issue at 50% over face, and there will be very few, if any, who bought the entire set at the counter at its actual face value.

How many copies did actual postal duty remains a question, no doubt by far the greater number, particularly of the higher denominations, must by necessity have been cancelled to order, if later on they are offered in used condition, and as far as the unused stamps of this issue are concerned, they are, in my opinion, not any better than semi-revenue or charity stamps, since they could not be used for postage after September 17th.

It is a pity that the Spanish Authorities should have lent themselves to this kind of business, which will only serve to discourage stamp collectors, and it would not be surprising if the self-same favoured speculators would in the end be "stung," by not being able to dispose of their stock to the collecting world, which has been itself stung too often in the past.

The stamps are without doubt beautiful, and if they had been at the disposal of everybody during the three days of issue, they would have had a very large sale, and still would have become semi-rarities, at least in used condition, in a very short time, because every collector would have been desirous of securing a complete set, if only on account of its beauty.

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To avoid confusion we have followed the catalogue descriptions and named these surcharges black in spite of the fact that they are really a very dark brown.

CHAPTER XXXI

The 1918-19 Provisionals Without Frame

In December, 1918, an entirely new type of handstamp was introduced. The surcharge is in two lines, the upper one showing three numerals of value so arranged that the centre one is upright and the others are horizontal pointing to the left and right sides respectively. The lower line of the surcharge shows a large numeral followed by "ct" or "cts" and "GOURDE" in large capitals. There is no frame line in this overprint. The stamps used for surcharging were remainders of the series of 1914, which had already been overprinted "Gl. O.Z.—7 FEV. 1914." As the original overprint was not a thing of beauty when the stamps were further disfigured with the gourde surcharges they became a particularly unsavory looking mess. The numbers overprinted and dates on which they first appeared were as follows:—

On "Gl. O. Z." Issue of 1914

1c in red on 15c slate green,	Mar. 13, 1919	27,000
1c in red on 20c blue green,	Apr. 7, 1919	100,000
1c in red on 20c green and black,	Mar. 1, 1919	37,000
1c in brown on 1 pia. claret,	Jan. 3, 1919	135,000
1c in red on 1 pia. claret,	Dec. 21, 1918	10,000
5c in brown on 1 pia. red,	Jan. 4, 1919	45,000

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THE TECHNIQUE OF PERFORATIONS

By Geo. E. Danielson.

I WONDER how most of you collectors go about it when you want to find out whether a stamp is perforated 10; 11 or 12. Do you glance at a stamp and immediately decide that it is perforated 10, or do you look all over the house for a gauge and then when you do find it, laboriously compare each stamp with the printed diagram? One collector told me that he did not collect perforations because they gave him a headache. That seems to be the point with many collectors. They take their detecting too seriously.

In the first place, what are perforations, and what is a perforation gauge? Perforations may be of many kinds, but we are interested in those of the later issues of U. S. Perforations in our case, then, are a series of holes punched between stamps to facilitate their separation. A perforation gauge is a gauge for use in measuring the holes on any one or more sides of a stamp. It has been universally adopted that the number of holes in 20 millimeters shall be a stamp's perforation.

(The metric system is used in stamp articles because it has been universally adopted. Roughly speaking, 20 millimeters equals ¾ of an inch.)

Therefore, if in 20 millimeters there are 12 holes, a stamp is perforated 12, if there are 11 holes it is perforated 11, and so on.

Here is one thing that you should familiarize yourself with as it has an important bearing on what will follow. The perforation holes in our later U. S. stamps are all the same size. We get the different perforation by spacing the holes, not by making them larger. If the holes are spaced closely, the stamps naturally all tear apart more easily than if they were spaced farther apart.

The important thing I am trying to bring out in this article is that it is foolish for a precancel collector to use a gauge if he can get along without it. He must necessarily examine many stamps, and it is necessary that he be able to classify them quickly. Lack of ability to detect perforations may mean the loss of scarce varieties for your collection.

To begin with, if you want to break away from the gauge, look at the back of the stamps, as the design has tendency to confuse the eye. Remember that the holes are all the same size. Look at the "teeth" made in tearing the stamps apart. On the perforation 12 the teeth are almost pointed and on some stamps are actually sharp. The perforation 11 are little more blunt, while the perforation 10 appear still more blunt, and the space between the holes is about the same as the holes themselves.

Look over your stamps carefully and decide which of the three perforations apply. Then compare with the gauge and see if you are right. Like anything else requiring special skill, it will be some time before you will always be sure of the perforations, but once you have the ability you have something worth while.

While on the subject of gauges, I might mention that it is easier to find the perforations if you match the "teeth" of the stamps with the top of the balls than trying to fit the perforations between. If you have a gauge with lines, it is best to match the teeth with the lines. A gauge printed on colored card has been found best.

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By "Marguette."

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Mr. Nyberg tells me that he belie only 30,000 each of the ½d and 2d N Zealand, Postage Due, with the lit graphed "Watermark" were printed. this is correct, these stamps should worth much more than the prices t have been fetching hitherto. Other N Zealand correspondents tell me that demand for all these litho. waterma is very keen, and stocks remaining in t Dominion are very small.

The Mauritius provisionals are also the up grade. I only know of one Lo don dealer who got any stock of the and his holding is practically exhaust I do not know if any local speculato got hold of stocks, but, if so, they keeping remarkably quiet about it. must be remembered that these stan were made to fill a legitimate shorta and most of the 3c value would, in ordinary course, be used for local c respondence.

Very little attention has been paid the official figures of the Rhodesia iss of 1910 and 1913, as given by Mr. Reed, F.R.P.S.L., in a recent paper bef the Royal Philatelic Society, but they certainly worthy of study. Of double-portrait type, there were o 42,050 of the 10d, 58,050 of the 96,050 of the 5d and 169,050 of the The 10s should also be good on an iss figure of 9,550. In the Admiral type 2½d provides the surprise, with a v low total of 147,000, and the 5d, 8d a 10d are again good.

When one remembers the numer shade and perf. varieties into which c lectors have divided these issues, scarcity of individual items is easily derstood. From the Admiral type figu there must also be deducted the numb in the remainders destroyed recently. all remainders of this issue have been burned.

The new Nejd series, issued in co memoration of the Grand Muslim C ference, held at Mecca this year, mi have been rare if the issue had b confined to the two sets presented to e of the delegates, of whom there w only 59. The issue appears to have b considerably larger, however, and s should be obtainable at £1 or und Nejd will be fully listed in the new e tion of Gibbons Catalogue, Part II *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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We present herewith our subscription record for the year ending Sept. 30. It is a splendid record of achievement and we are greatly pleased with the work that has been done. The record shows that we have many friends to whom we are indebted for their co-operation.

It is difficult to single out from this list those who are entitled to special credit, yet we feel that attention should be called to the three leaders, the Pacific Stamp Co. with 435, the Hawkeye Stamp Co. with 370 and the Payn Stamp Co with 369 subscriptions respectively.

While the metropolitan dealers have helped us out somewhat we feel that special mention should be made of the fact that the firm of Eugene Klein of Philadelphia has sent in a total of 109 new subscriptions. There are some dealers who feel that it is unwise to propagate philately by taking subscriptions to stamp papers, but this is not Mr. Klein's platform.

We shall also do well to call attention to the fine lot of names, 110, sent in by A. F. Merell of San Francisco. Mr. Merell is on the radio each week and has formed a stamp club numbering hundreds of collectors gained through his stamp talks.

Let us again assure those whose names have not been mentioned that even the smallest amount of assistance rendered in promoting our circulation is appreciated, and we hope that the coming year will witness a larger measure of co-operation than ever before. We shall continue our practise of placing on the Honor Roll each month those who send in ten or more new subscriptions during the month. It will be noticed that the Hawkeye Stamp Co. secured 45 for September, and the Ancher Stamp Co. follows with 31.

The dealer has a particularly good opportunity to secure new subscribers but we covet the aid of our subscribers who know stamp collectors or who come in contact with them at club meetings. The WEEKLY is well worth $1 per year to any collector who is purchasing stamps of any kind. We have subscription forms without imprint for those who desire a limited quantity, and will gladly print a special supply for the dealers who are advertising in other publications than our own. Subscriptions may be had for the asking. The record for September for those who have sent in ten or more subscriptions is as follows:

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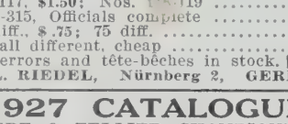

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Argentina.—We learn that a proposal was made by the "Spanish Commission of Hospitality to the Pilots" to the Director of Posts, that a special series of stamps should be issued to commemorate the flight and arrival of Commander Franco last February. The postal official is to be congratulated on his decision not to accede to the suggestion, for its value would only have been appreciated by the revenue authorities. Instead of the stamps, therefore, the Post Office paid homage by the use of a special postmark, which was inscribed, "Commandante Franco, Cubrio, Via Aerea. 10120 Kms. en 61 Horas 44 Minutos."

Austria.—A Junkers aeroplane opened the service between Vienna and Venice, on August 19th, writes Mr. Sobetzky. Thirty registered and 280 ordinary letters were carried to Venice that day, and of the latter, fifty were flown to Pavia. A red cachet was used at the Vienna airmail office, and all letters received the Italian air postmarks on their arrival at Venice and Pavia, the former being dated 19:8:26, and the latter 20.8.26. The service operates three alternate days per week in each direction. Direct airmail services between the capital and various European airports were brought into use on June 14th, particulars of which we shall give later.

Brazil.—An airline, for the transport of mail and passengers, was due to open on September 1st, between Barbacena and Juiz de Flora, advises our correspondent, Mr. A. H. Davis. It is to be run by a private company, which will benefit by a subsidy from the State of Minas Geraes.

Finland.—During March 2nd to 20th of this year, the usual boat connection between Abo and Stockholm was held up by ice, and an airmail service, three times weekly, was substituted. We have seen some flown covers bearing ordinary postmarks, but those dated the first day have a small cachet "Poste Aerienne" in violet.

Greece.—Covers flown from Athens on the new route between Italy and Turkey receive at this city a large violet cachet, which reads "Surtaxe Aerienne Percu En Numeraire."

Egypt.—It appears that as soon as the official airstamp was issued in March, the familiar blue and white air label was withdrawn from the post offices.

Italy.—Three hundred and thirty-one letters were borne on the first airmail flight from Venice to Vienna, the aeroplane leaving on August 18th, and returning from Vienna the following day.

Norway.—"L'Aviette" announces the proposed inauguration of an air service between Tronhjem and Tromso, with further extensions to the north and south. This service will reduce the time taken in the despatch of letters from the capital by half.

Spain.—We are going to press before the arrival of the anticipated new aero stamps from this country. Our correspondents tell us that—as with other types of a special "Red Cross" Charity issue—they will be on sale for three days only, September 14th to 16th. There will be five values in the set, each of which will be printed in two colours.

Sweden.—In connection with the temporary service mentioned under "Finland," we are informed that the post office applied the blue air labels for the last time to Swedish mail that was flown from Stockholm. In July, a large black aero cachet was applied at the Malmo post office to outgoing airmail; it reads "Services aeriennes Luftpost."

Turkey.—Airmail bearing special aero postmarks and labels was first carried from Constantinople on August 15th. So short was the official notice regarding this first mail—the plane left early in the morning, and the public were only informed at 6 p.m. the previous evening—that only sixty-one letters are said to have constituted the first day's mail.—*The Aero Field.*

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After six years of persistent, and rather successful stamp hunting, I believe my opinion on this subject may be a fairly accurate one, and of some value to my friends.

I speak entirely from my own observations and my readers can take these figures for what they are worth. During this period I have nearly spent $5,000.00 for advertising alone, and have received thousands of lots containing from one to over 4,000 covers used prior to 1870.

Less than a dozen lots have come from collectors or dealers, the others all from the holders of the correspondence, "original source" as we usually call it. With few exceptions it has been strictly family mail, only one being from a manufacturer, and two or three from lawyers' mail.

I have found only three New Yorks, and three 10c 1847. Less than 20 5c 1847, and only 5 semi-official carriers. Locals, with the exception of Blood's, have also been uncommon, not exceeding a score. Without question, the 3c 1861 is the commonest cover prior to 1870. The grilled 1867 comes next, being much more plentiful than the 3c 1857. Speaking of 3c 1857, it will surprise most of you to know that I have found fewer of these than of the 3c 1851.

Type I is scarce, and has not run over three per cent. The 3c 1869 is a much scarcer cover than generally supposed, and I have found 5 3c 1851 and 10 3c 1867 to every 3c 1869. Comparing stamped envelopes with 3c 1851 and 1857 adhesives I have found they run one in four, which ratio also holds during the 1860's.

Basing my estimate on an analysis of the total figures representing a number of my largest finds, each containing over 250 covers, I offer the following estimate of what constitutes one hundred covers as obtained in my manner of hunting.

1c 1851, 1; 3c '51, 9; 1c '57, 2; 3c '57, 6; 1c '61, 3; 2c '62, 3; 3c '61, 35; 3c '67, 20; 2c '69, 1; 3c '69, 5; stamped envelopes—15, total 100.

Stamps not mentioned have run less than one to the hundred.

Patriotic covers have arranged one to every 200 3c '57 and '61.—*The Stamp Hunter.*

FROM THE FINANCIAL PAGE

(Clipping from the Boston "American".)

One of the hobbies of Wall street men of which one hears but little is that of stamp collecting. Less is generally known of this fancy than of others, such as paintings and etchings, rare American and first editions. Issuance of postage stamps dates back to about 1840, since which time probably 50,000 different varieties of stamps have been brought forth throughout the world. Many of them sell for thousands of dollars; in one or two cases only two or three copies are known to be in existence. As is the case with other sought-after articles, stamps are frequently counterfeited, not for use in the mails, but for sale to collectors; postoffice cancellations also are imitated to add to the appearance of genuineness. As a consequence, the big collector has to have recourse to experts to pass upon the authenticity of various rarities. Two of the prominent collectors in New York's financial district are B. D. Forster, vice-president of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, and Arthur Lamborn, well-known authority on sugar and member of Lamborn, Hutchings & Co. Mr. Forster devotes his attention to stamps of the nineteenth century, while Mr. Lamborn specializes in twentieth century issues. Both have valuable collections in their particular fields, I understand, and are the recipients of offerings of special types from dealers all over the country.

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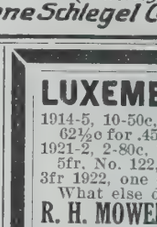

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Manchuria

The territory commonly referred to as "San Tung Shung" is marked on English maps, "Manchuria" from the name of the tribe which ruled the country up to the time of the Chinese revolution. It lies between the Russian Maritime Provinces and China proper, with about five hundred miles of coast line along a peninsula jutting into the Gulf of Laotung and Korea Bay. At the point of this peninsula lies the Japanese leasehold of Kuantung, with the important port of Dairen. The area and population have been given, but the average density means nothing; the southern province, Fengtien, being populated almost as thickly as parts of China proper while the two northern provinces are still sparsely settled, though rapidly filling up, with emigrants from other provinces, especially Shantung.

Manchuria became united with China in the seventeenth century, the Manchurian dynasty having seized control of the Peking government, and within a few years the entire country was subdued; the dynasty which thus ascended the dragon throne lasted until 1911. The three provinces are nominally governed by the same methods of those of China proper, but of recent years all this territory has become the private empire of Chang Tso Lin, and virtually independent of China. The only tie is a common postal system. Chang has ruled severely but reasonably well except in the frequent periods when he was trying to control more or less territory outside his legitimate domain; war with other Chinese militarists has been intermittent since 1920, and even as these notes are written a Mengtien air-man is trying to hit Peking with black powder bombs. Manchuria has no charactistic stamps, except the dollar values, which are occasionally seen with an overprinted control-mark.

Mongolia

Mongolia is the largest of the dependencies in area and probably the smallest in population, though no definite figures are available. It is a land of great deserts and of wandering nomads hunting pasturage for their herds. Mongolia became united to China in the same manner as Manchuria: Khublai Khan, the Mongol conqueror, founded the Yuan dynasty (1260-1368). After the fall of this dynasty Chinese control of Mongolia was more or less nominal, the Mongols having practically an autonomous government under their own princes. In the last two years, Russian influence has taken complete possession of the Mongols and their government, and a set of stamps for the "Mongolian Peoples" Republic" has recently appeared, the work of the Moscow mint. These have been noted by writers of new-issue chronicles, and accepted by Yvert and perhaps other catalogs. The stamps are good only for internal postage and postage into Russia; those coming into China have the covers liberally plastered with postage due stamps (eighteen cents for single weight letter, as the rate is nine cents). The design consists of what appears to be four crowns in a frame with appropriate wording; the "crowns" have led the chronicler astray. One fanciful writer described them as the four crowns or empires of the Khanate—north, south, east, and west! Aside from the fact that the use of crowns as symbols on the stamps of a "peoples' republic" is rather improbable, the thing shown is not a crown or group of crowns, but a pair of dumb-bell-like objects used in the Lama temple worship. An open work metal frame takes the place of the end-knob of the "dumb-bell"; no one knows a name for the thing (which symbolizes thunderbolts) but you can buy one for fifty cents in any Peking curio shop. The stamps (seen only cancelled to order) are held at monopoly prices; strangest of all the cancellations are mostly in English!

Tibet

Tibet has been called the "roof of the world." It is a great bare tableland, bounded on the north by the provinces of Yunnan, Szechuen and Sinkiang, also the Kuen Lun mountains, and rising in the south to the heights of the Himalyas. The area is about a million square miles, with a population of 3,000,000. The country was in the hands of various Himalyan tribes during the middle ages; in 1792 Chinese authority was established by the driving out of the Ghurkas. The government has always been practically autonomous and feudalistic, the Dalai Lama at Lasa (or L'hassa) exercises large power, both temporal and spiritual,

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while several minor chiefs combining similar functions divide the remainder of the land. The country has been the ground for much negotiation between China and Great Britain, but it is only worth the worry of either as a buffer state. Not more than a tenth of the area is habitable, and this is only fit for grazing. At the present time the Chinese allow the Tibetan pontiffs to run things as they please, providing them with some subsidy and considerable military equipment to keep them "loyal." The currency used up to recent years has been silver ingots, and also any kind of coin which passed at its bullion value only, but in recent years the people have discovered that the Indian rupee is a very convenient medium of exchange and its use has become general.

Several Chinese postoffices are maintained in Tibet, served by long and attenuated courier lines, but they serve no purpose except the forwarding of small amounts of official correspondence. Internal mails are handled by native posting agencies. So little business is done that the accounts of the Tibet offices are included in those districts from which the courier-routes start. In the effort to widen the scope of the Chinese postal service, eight offices in principal places in Tibet were supplied with stamps overprinted in Indian currency in 1911. In October of that year the republic was set up and the experiment never repeated. The overprinting was done by the Statistical Department of the Customs, at Shanghai. The set is a strange "mix-up" as the following tables show:

Original value Chinese money.	Chinese overpr't reads.	English overpr't reads.
1c	½c	Three Pies
2c	1c	Half Anna
4c	2c	One Anna
7c	4c	Two Annas
10c	5c	Two and Half Annas
16c	6c	Three Annas
20c	8c	Four Annas
30c	12c	Six Annas
50c	24c	Twelve Annas
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$2	$2	Two Rupees

The Tibetan characters read the same as the English except that the lowest value is "one fourth anna." All overprints are in black. One important minor variety is mentioned by the cataloguers: on some of the 16c-8c-3 anna stamp the "S" of annas is from a wrong font and inverted. It will be seen from the table that there is no consistent or even approximate value ratio: for some unfathomable reason the low value Chinese overprints correspond to the value in gold cents!

How much use there was for these stamps is a debatable question. That the Chinese government was perfectly willing to let collectors contribute to its revenue is well enough known, but that the stamps were purely speculative is disproved by the small numbers printed. Philatelic covers with a portion or all of the set are occasionally met with, and c.t.o. singles are to be had at a price, but the "real thing" in used stamps seems to be unknown. The standard and only proper cancellation is a double lined circle, the outer one 1.5" in diameter, the inner out 1", the space between containing the station name in English, Chinese and Thibetan, the date in English and Chinese occupying the inner circle with bars above and below.

Sinkiang and Its Stamps

From a philatelic standpoint at least, the most important of the dependencies is Sinkiang, or Chinese Turkestan as it is less correctly called abroad, Eastern or Chinese Turkestan makes up the larger part of the province, which also includes the districts of Ili and Dzungaria lying between the Tien Shanrange and the Mongolian border. The greater part of the province is a high plateau between the Tienshan and Kuen Lun ranges, the latter reaching a height of 26,000 feet in Mt. Tagorma. The plateau is largely desert, the Tarim river circling its edge close to the foot of the mountains, making possible some irrigation of grain and fruit crops. The arable land is confined to small oases near the river, and including that which is irrigated is less than one-twelfth of the area. The climate is that of maritime Alaskan winter and of the Sahara in summer: under these conditions and with the added joy of Chinese military rule live between two and three million people, mostly Khirghiz, of hopelessly mixed ancestry and polyglot speech, but both in appearance and language reminiscent of Turkish forbears. Chinese influence seems to date from the Second Century, but the territory was autonomous until 1750. A rebellion against an attempted extension of Chinese authority led to the sending of a considerable army from Kansu province, and the perpetration of probably the most extensive and thorough massacres in recorded history, in which the population of some entire districts was wiped out. Insurrections were recurrent: in 1825, 1830, 1847, there were periods of brief local sovereignty, and finally in 1864 the great Mohammedan Rebellion, destined to spread over all west China and cost the lives of from thirteen to fifteen million directly or indirectly, had its origin in a Sinkiang revolt. In 1874 a regular provincial government was set up at Tihuafu by the Chinese, hence the name usually rendered Sinkiang, better "Hsin-chang" (new border or boundary) or "Hsin-shung" (new province).

Surcharged stamps for this province are a real necessity, because of the fluctuation in exchange rates between the local brass cash and the silver currency of the Chinese government. Interprovincial speculation otherwise would be quite profitable: unused Sinkiang stamps can often be had at sixty percent of face value. The first stamps were overprinted by the Supply Department of the postal service, at Shanghai, shortly after the printing of stamps in Peking was begun.

The surcharge reads "Hsien Hsin Shung Tieh Yung"—"allotted to New Province use." (This is really a problem for a better sinalog than the writer: "tieh yung" means "for use by being *stuck on*"—a better literal translation will be gratefully received!) The then current junk-reaper-temple stamps received the overprint, all values from ½c to $2 being so treated. The minimum rate on any article being 1½c (local circulars), the two lowest values serve only to make up rates. The two-dollar value was not issued with the others but came later as will be shown. The cents values were

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A vanguard of across-the-ocean philatelists visited Boston on Wednesday, October 13. In the party was Fred J. Melville, Frank Godden and R. Roberts, all of London. The day was spent in a very pleasant trip along the shore north of Boston, including Swampscott, Marblehead, Nahant, Salem, Beverly, Manchester and Gloucester. Albert W. Batchelder, formerly of the New England Stamp Co., piloted the party and in this he was assisted by the Managing Editor of the WEEKLY. Luncheon was served at the Kernwood Inn in Beverly, and the golfing members of the party wielded their clubs over a small portion of the Wenham Course.

In the evening a special meeting of the A.P.S. was held at the clubrooms. It was preceded by dinner at Young's, where some thirty members of the society gathered. The program in the clubroom was informal and under the direction of F. L. Drew. Good fellowship reigned. Addresses of welcome were made by Messrs. Sawyer, Dunning, Batchelder, Hill, Howes and Wylie with appropriate responses by all three of the visitors. Mr. Melville had made two previous visits to Boston, and his return was hailed with much enthusiasm. Some sixty philatelists were present and each one formally introduced to the visitors. The evening's festivities closed with an inspection of some Godden rarities and with the adjournment it was felt that the function was one of the most successful ever staged by the local society.

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MASONIC CANCELLATIONS

No.	Stamp.	Town.	Color.	Reported by
1.	3c 1861	?	Black	H. V. Swallow
2.	3c 1861	Nashua, N. H.	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
3.	3c 1861	New York City	"	Dr. R. W. Payne
4.	3c 1861	Middleville, Mich.	"	H. Merlo
5.	3c 1857	Chicopee, Mass.	"	H. P. A.
6.	3c 1861	?	"	Dr. R. F. Chambers
7.	3c 1861	Brattleboro, Vt.	Blue	D. H. Stafford
8.	3c Nat'l	?	Black	H. V. Swallow
9.	3c 1861	?	"	H. V. Swallow
10.	3c 1857	Holderness, N. H.	"	J. W. Glaze

The drawing of these cancellations hardly does justice to No. 5, which I have found later on, and with a better shading where the compass meets at the top, tho this one shows the silhouette as perfect as any. This town used the double lined interlaced triangles which is one of the popular cancellations on the 3c 1851. No. 6 is a very handsomely made design. No. 7 is generally hit with an ink which does not give a clear impression, and No. 10 is as fine a cancellation as you would care to find among these Masonic cancellations.

Since drawing the above, many others have arrived. Some are very large, and on a 12c National I saw one which was not over 1½ mm. in height, probably not a cancel, however; it is as clear as tho printed.

Mr. S. W. Richey has kindly straightened us out by verifying our No. 6 in Forum of July 12th as coming from "WELLSBURG, WEST VA.", for his cover corresponds exactly with this, even to the 16 lumps around the outer perimeter. He also enclosed another cover very similar to our No. 8, same issue of Forum, tho with a different center, a trifling change in detail, and it may be that both were from the same town, Putnam, Ct.

Mr. G. C. Davis has sent in a cover without stamp pmkd, from Compston, C.E. (Canada East) on Mar. 10, 1856. It has a large "6" and a PAID on face of cover in addition to the pmk. But the interesting feature of this cover, addressed to East Boston, Mass., is the huge RR pmk. on reverse, a double ring one, showing "MON. & ISLD. PD. GRAND TR'K R. WAY No. 5" between the two rings, while the inner ring contains four horizontal lines of printing—large capital "C" at top, then "DOWN," and "MAR 10," while at bottom is "1856." An unusual and interesting Railway Mail mark. While this is very clearly hit, I am uncertain whether the first abbreviation is "MON" or "MUN," and the PD may be PO, tho it appears as a D, if an O, it is about the earliest of year dated PO cancels used with Railway mail cancellations.

Here is a really interesting item. The Official Stamped Envelope of the War Dept. on blue paper (Scott 3260) pmkd. "PORT TOWNSEND, WASH," in 1890. This was evidently used to carry some sort of report. There were two of these found, and in each case the mule was not attached to the pmk.; but struck separately, in one, the mule was in a vertical position as tho doing a high dive. They are the first that I have seen on Official envelopes, tho many are found on the War Dept. adhesives. Also the date of usage is late, and the mule is somewhat worn looking, as is the pmk. itself.

Mr. H. C. Woodruff writes that he has found a cover bearing a Black Jack plus

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The Black Jack market has been what might be termed sluggish of late. The only real beautiful cancellation that I have had come in for a long time is a peculiar device made up of an oddly shaped design which is cut from a square to begin with; a hole in the center, and then more cuts, the whole surrounded by a circle. As this is in a brilliant red, thought it worth describing, tho this description is not very illuminating, will draw it for you.

Trying to describe a cancellation without a cut of it, is about like the reading of an auction item. Then there was the man who described his horse to a prospective buyer, it was a beautiful creature, with the long stream line body of a Kentucky racer, a coat like a seal, and as intelligent as an English Setter. The p. b. did buy it, and he was not at all pleased on receiving it to find that the seller had forgotten to mention that the horse was blind. It is these little oversights in describing cancellations that make me write them as completely as I can, for I am trying to have you *see* them if possible. A cover can be described so that you may have a mental image of it; but a cancel—that's why you prefer to see the illustrations, and that goes for all of us.

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COLONIALS AS AN INVESTMENT

By DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG.

The subject of Philatelic Finance is of perennial interest to the average Stamp Collector, and it is upon this ever interesting topic that Mr. J. T. Molony has written one of the most practical and fascinating thesis that we have been privileged to peruse.

At the outset the writer declares boldly that "There is a great deal of hypocrisy today about the motives which induce people to collect stamps, and it has often been said that unless we can eliminate the question of stamp values and the love of gain implanted in the human breast our hobby will be ruined. Writers on Philately who condemn the money side of collecting and concentrate their attention exclusively upon the beauty of stamps and the interest which stamps inspire, may believe what they say, and if so, all honour to them, but alas! the average man of the world is firmly convinced that you cannot destroy human love of gain unless you first destroy Humanity itself!"

Personally, we believe that it is possible to combine the two. The philatelic investor need not remain blind to the artistic or romantic appeal of the objects of his investment, in fact, many of the most astute stamp market operators are keen philatelic students also. Philatelic knowledge is undoubtedly an asset to the would-be successful speculator in stamps.

A firm believer in British Colonials and the Modern issues at that, Mr. Molony bases his faith on the fact that "Colonial Governments, as a rule, are fairly honest in their dealings with philatelists, confining their attentions mostly to postal needs, and the small countries have issued such small numbers, especially of the higher values, that the supply is unable to keep pace with the demand." He proceeds to compare Cyprus with Nicaragua (whose postal needs are about equal) to the disadvantage of the latter country.

Points to Consider.—On the subject of the market value of a stamp the writer has some sound advice to offer. His warning against too ready acceptance of figures relating to "numbers printed" (other than official) is timely in view of recent notorious cases. The possibility of a second or third printing must also be reckoned with. Other points to be considered are—what proportion of the total supply was well-centered and up to the philatelic standard in every way; what proportion of the higher values was required for Revenue purposes; and how much of the available supply is held by speculators?

As An Investment.—Apart from the recreation and entertainment derived from its pursuit the author shows that stamp collecting is not after all the profitable investment that some enthusiasts would have us believe. Money doubles itself in fourteen or fifteen years at 5 per cent compound interest, yet the annual interest upon a stamp collection seldom exceeds 5 per cent. Nevertheless it is remarkable, in our opinion, that it is possible to make money out of a hobby at all—a clear case of eating one's cake and having it too!

Judging the Market.—To decide whether a stamp is likely to continue its upward course the would-be investor is advised to study the last half-dozen catalogues and compare any rises in value "If the yearly appreciation has been consistent a mild form of gambling may be justified even at several times face, but if the price has remained stationary for a great length of time care must be taken when purchasing."

Fallacy of One-Third Catalogue.—So consistently have we animadverted against the ridiculous theory that all stamps can be procured at a fraction of catalogue value, that we cannot refrain from quoting *in extenso* the following pertinent passage from Mr. Molony's absorbing treatise:—

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Guiding Principles.—We should like to enlarge still further upon this interesting theme, but space forbids. In conclusion we would commend to our readers some of the excellent precepts advanced by the writer in question. They are. (1) Collect well-centered stamps of the smaller countries; (2) When a stamp is reported obsolete, wait for official confirmation; (3) Aim at high and uncommon values; (4) Join a New Issue service; (5) Avoid speculative stamps; (6) Use your reasoning powers to decide what stamps are popular or likely to be so.

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A CORRESPONDENT, A. H. Albert, expresses the hope that in the future we can give advance notice of the issue of new U. S. stamps. He has in mind the 15c airmail stamp in sepia, which was announced Sept. 20 in advance of information from Mr. Ward. It is seldom that a thing like this occurs, as our department of New Issues has access to sources of information which have seldom failed us in the past. Lovers of first day cancellations will usually find that we measure up to their expectations as regards first day cancellations. Mr. Albert also favors us with several other things.

THE program of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society for the coming season has been sent us by R. L. Hustis. It is all gotten up and a copy of the program will no doubt be sent to any club official who is desirous of securing suggestions for local use. Mr. Hustis' address is 1707 Marshall St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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The stamp dies are circular (27½ mm. diameter), with a profile bust, facing left, of Franklin on the 1c, and of Washington on the 2c, within a circle, around which at the top and sides is "United States Postage." The numeral ("1" or "2") appears in a small circle at either side at the foot, with "Cent" (or "Cents") between. The bust, lettering and numerals are embossed in colorless on a solid ground of color (olive green or carmine).

The overprint "Canal Zone" is in two horizontal lines of serifed caps (spaced vertically 9 mm.), in the same flat "A" type as used for the postage and due stamps, and was presumably applied by the Government Printing Office, Washing, D. C.

The quantities dispatched were small, only 50,000 of the 1c and 100,000 of the 2c, and these shortly exhausted. In October, 1924, there appeared 1c and 2c stamped envelopes, in sizes No. 6 (6½" x 3¾"), and the 2c in size No. 9 (9½" x 4⅛") manufactured locally at the Canal Zone Printing Plant, Mount Hope, Canal Zone, with an upright rectangular stamp, measuring 20½ x 28 mm. (green for 1c and carmine for the 2c) in the upper right corner. The central feature of the stamp is the Seal of the Panama Canal, surrounded by a circular band, inscribed "Seal of the Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama" with three small stars at the bottom, which is enclosed in a single rule frame 15½ x 14½ mm. The Seal depicts on a shield a sailing vessel on a waterway between mountains, indicative of the cutting down of the barriers separating the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Underneath the shield on a ribbon, is the motto of the Canal Zone "The land divided, the world united." At the top of the stamp in two lines is "Canal Zone — Postage." Before and after "Postage" are four stars arranged in pyramid formation. At the foot is the value "1 Cent 1" (or "2 Cents 2"). The whole is enclosed in a frame of swastikas (10 horizontal by 13 vertical) and typographically printed (not embossed) on a faint conventional underprinting of pale green (1c) or pale pink (2c). The paper is cream, of poor quality, without watermark, and the flaps are not gummed.

The 2c envelope, No. 6, is also issued with an imprint in the upper left corner —"After . . . . days return to— (two lines of dashes)—Balboa Heights, Canal Zone." This is known as "No. 6 Official Request."

The quantities of envelopes manufactured locally up to the end of August, 1926, are as follows:—

	1c, No. 6.	2c, No. 6.	2c, No. 9.
October 1924,	25,000	100,000	25,000
January 1925,		75,000	
June 1925,	50,000	300,000	10,000
December 1925,			25,000
January 1926,		72,000	
July-August 1926.		203,000	25,000
	75,000	750,000	85,000

July 1, 1924. Contemporary stamped envelopes of U.S.A., overprinted by Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., "Canal Zone," 2 horizontal lines, in black. Watermarked "U.S. 1921."

1c olive green (Franklin), size No. 5.
2c carmine (Washington), size No. 5.

October, 1924. Seal of Canal Zone, manufactured at Canal Zone Printing Plant, Mt. Hope, C. Z. Unwatermarked.

1c green (pale green underprinting), size No. 6.

2c carmine (pale pink underprinting), sizes No. 6, No. 6 Official Request and No. 9.

Post Cards.

The 1c green, Jefferson, post card of the U.S.A. was also issued July 1, 1924, with "Canal Zone" overprint, in black.

The stamps contain a profile bust of Jefferson, facing the left, in an oval, around which is a band inscribed "U.S. Postal Card"—and at the foot "One Cent." Small ovals at the foot, at either side, contain the numeral "1" with "Jefferson" in small colored caps appearing between. The only other letter press is "This side of card is for address"—enclosed in a single line frame. The card measures 3¼" x 5½", and 50,000 received the overprint.

The overprint "Canal Zone" is in two horizontal lines, but in a type quite different from that used for the stamps and envelopes. The letters are sans serif, the words measuring 10 and 8½ mm. respectively, spaced vertically 9½ mm. The overprint was applied (presumably by the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.), to 50,000 cards.

In November, 1924, a 1c post card (25,000) was manufactured locally, with the Canal Zone Seal stamp duplicating that used for the 1c envelope, printed in green on a faint underprinting of pale green. There is on this card a single line of letter press "This side of card is for address."

Although manufactured in November, 1924, it was not issued until the stock of overprinted U.S. cards had lowered, and seems not to have been on sale until about May, 1925. The U.S. card was being sold at the Ancon Post Office when I was there in September, 1925, and this with the 1c and 2c overprinted U.S.A. envelopes are still to be had (October, 1926), from the Philatelic Agency, Balboa Heights, C. Z.

July 1, 1924. Contemporary post card of U.S.A., overprinted by the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. "Canal Zone" in two lines of sans serif caps, in black.

1c green, (Jefferson).

May, 1925. Seal of Canal Zone, manufactured at Canal Zone Printing Plant, Mt. Hope, C. Z.

1c green (pale green underprinting).

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The high-water mark has been reached in the volume of philatelic publicity in the outside press; and the indications are that the tide will become so swollen that it will never again recede to the old level. The new philately has emerged from the semi-obscurity that clouded it in the estimation of the onlooker and is now before the public in a proper guise that has nothing to do with mystery or hocus-pocus. Carlyle said that the clock welcomed the new hour with a chime but that the tones of no bell reverberated down the corridors of time when a new era arrived. The Exhibition has hastened the day of recognition for philately in the fullest sense and stamp collecting is to be known for what it really is.

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Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, the publisher of *Stamp Collecting*, our weekly contemporary of London, England, was in Chicago several days where a coterie of friends were proud to do him honor. Mr. Vallancey, accompanied by Mrs. Vallancey, was on the way to New York from Los Angeles and remained in Chicago for a time all too short for us. The guests were present at a luncheon and later, a dinner that was given for them was an enjoyable occasion. The editor of the WEEKLY was gratified to meet his enterprising confrere and to hear of publishing conditions from the London viewpoint. In his remarks at the dinner, Mr. Vallancey told of the necessity of maintaining a balance in the contents of the paper in order that all classes of readers would feel that the journal was a common meeting-ground. In endeavoring to equalize the reading matter, so to say, one sometimes found that problems were presented whose solution was almost impossible in the short time allowed for a decision. He mentioned, for instance, the difficulty in handling in an authoritative way, the question of market values of stamps and kindred subjects. Mr. Vallancey said that the growth of interest in philatelic literature in Great Britain, particularly books, was an encouraging sign; and we should say that the future has better things in store for literature in this country; we should add that Mr. Vallancey has done his share to bring the printed page to the fore. In the words of the ecstatic reportorial observer, Mr. Vallancey is *sui generis* and the acme of affability and acumen. He says that he was surprised to find how many friends he has in this country, but we are not now that we have met him face to face, and we predict that he will learn that he has not been forgotten in the United States as time rolls on. Business has no part in Mr. Vallancey's trip; and he says that the warmth of his welcome here almost overwhelmed him. He now can visualize the U. S. and it is needless to say that it fills the eye. It is not likely that he will forget his coast-to-coast trip. We are encouraged to know that a philatelic publisher can prosper to the extent that he is in a position to spend three or four months in travel in a country overseas; and so long as it is Mr. Vallancey who is in that happy condition we shall not be jealous of the favoring winds of fortune that mark him for their own. Mr. Vallancey has a huge collection of Great Britain and his lecture on the stamps is at the disposal of clubs and societies; and through his lantern displays and lectures he has done effective work in interesting the man on the street in stamp collecting.

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Another welcome visitor to Chicago at the time of Mr. Vallancey's stay was Mr. B. W. H. Poole of Los Angeles, who, with Mrs. Poole, was making New York the objective. Mr. Poole attended a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society and met many of his old acquaintances at the session. He says that the stamp business will respond to the stimulating influence of the Exhibition and that particularly the stamps of seasoned kind will continue to give a good report of themselves in an esthetic and material sense. It seems but a short time since Mr. Poole went from England to South Africa at the time of the Boer war and placed the V.R.I. and E.R.I. surcharges of Orange River and Transvaal on the philatelic map. However, the years do march on and in the meantime Mr. Poole has been full of good works, many of which are published by us at a price that is not conducive to royalties for the author! However, when that philatelic literature renaissance hits this country, things may look up for both of us.

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The Grand Rapids "Herald" has done something that compels our recommendation. In the issue of October 11, 1926, of the *Herald*, a newspaper ably conducted and with a solid following as a result, the longest editorial is headed, "Philatelists." Here we have an intelligent and sympathetic description of stamp collecting suggested by the news of the Exhibition in New York. Some time ago, the *Herald*, in speaking of a revival of stamp collecting, described the pursuit as one with an educational cast, and moreover, of a clean and entertaining nature. Its satisfaction in hearing of the "revival" was unqualified. Now the editor says that "the news from New York, where the philatelists are gathering, is even more welcome and encouraging." It is said that "between 50,000 and 60,000 persons are expected to attend the New York show." The editorial is readable in every word and the friendliness that is shown to collecting is marked. The last paragraph of the editorial has a practical application: "Stamp collecting is an amusement that should be encouraged. Because it must appeal in order to hold the youthful interest, it cannot be forced upon the boy or girl but when it does appeal, it most certainly should be encouraged." An article of the word would grace the pages of a stamp paper but when it appears in a stamp paper, its influence for good is pronounced. We thank Mr. Guy Johnson for the copy of the *Herald*.

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In the New York "Times" for October 10, 1926, Mr. Frank W. Crane has a feature article that is of most informing kind and shows a knowledge of philately and writing ability hand in hand. The article, which is illustrated with "some of the world's rarest postage stamps" and pictures of Thomas William Hall, president of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the International Philatelic Exhibition, tells of the magnitude of the Exhibition and the huge task of the judges to scrutinize the great number of entries, which will be composed of the best specimens that the philatelic world can produce. In many respects the article is timely; and one is that it prepares the stage in a public sense for the opening of the Exhibition.

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The Chicago "Journal" for October 9, 1926, contained an interview with the editor of the WEEKLY. Other newspapers throughout the country have been giving special attention to the Exhibition and too, the convention of the American Philatelic Society. While the convention of the leading national organization is always good for some space, the combined features seem to have made their impression on the editorial mind. There is little doubt but that with the co-operation of the managing editors of the newspapers, the future will find that philatelists do not remain articulate. Once accepted as a staple subject for consideration, it is safe to say that it will not easily be dispossessed of its position.

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BOOK REVIEW

The new Stanley Gibbons Catalog for 1927 is a very substantial volume of 1200 pages. It is published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, England, and is known as the "Whole World" volume. The price of the book is $4.00 plus 25c for postage.

In the British Empire section, most of the countries are so fully worked out that there is not very much scope for rewriting. This year, however, the list of Australian Commonwealth has been further extended, and considerable additions have been made to the Hejaz list. The lists of the modern issues of North Borneo have been elaborated to include all known perforation varieties, and it is likely that many of these will prove to be very scarce. This country has been in often demand of late years. The list of the rare provisionals of Niger Coast has been revised and extended, and advantage has been taken of the purchase by the Publishers of the wonderful "Daun" collection and of another important collection, to re-write the lists of the "T.R.I." and "E.R.I." issues of the Orange River Colony. The anomaly, by which errors occurring in sheets of the "thick V" setting, but not on stamps with the "thick V" variety, were listed in the "thick V" group, has now been removed. The lists of the Admiral type of Rhodesia have been slightly rearranged, in order that the stamps formerly described as Die II may now come in their proper order as Die I. and vice versa. An attempt has also been made to differentiate between the shades of the 1922 and 1923 printings of this issue, on white paper, though all values are not sufficiently distinct for separate listing. In Victoria the "earliest known dates" for stamps of the early issues have been considerably revised in the light of up-to-date knowledge.

Much new work has also been done on the Foreign section. Two new countries, Mongolia and Nejd, here make their bow to the philatelic public. A certain amount of revision has been done in the lists of the Greek islands, and in the modern issues of Roumania and Russia. The Italian States, Kingdom of Italy, and Italian Colonies, have been thoroughly revised, and these lists, always an outstanding feature of the Catalogue, are now better than ever. Perhaps the most important new work is an entirely fresh list of the interesting stamps of Denmark, based on the splendid handbook published not very long ago by the Copenhagen Philatelist Club. The "inverted frames" of the figure type of 1870 to 1896 are now listed for the first time, and we anticipate a keen hunt for these interesting varieties. The list of Danish West Indies has also been improved in some respects.

Very careful investigations have been made, in conjunction with the printers, in order to provide a thin paper which would enable certain difficulties met with by users of the last edition to be overcome. The result has been the choice of a paper which, while still thin, and suitable in all respects for the printing of the Catalogue and illustrations, is stouter, and has therefore better wearing qualities. This paper has been provided with a surface on which it is possible to write in ink—another improvement over that used for the 1926 edition.

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("I gathered me also—the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces—and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit." Ecclesiastes, 2: 8.)

By C. E. R.

Three thousand years or so ago there lived a Hebrew king,
The acme of all wisdom, as his minstrels used to sing:
Lord of the sea and the desert, Prince of the earth and the air,
King and Master-builder, his fame spread ev'rywhere.
Tales of his might and wisdom were told in hut and hall,
From the Lion Rock of the utmost South, to the North Sea's icy wall.
Never had such a king been seen, since the day of the planet's birth,
As Solomon, son of David, the envy of all the earth.

Now when his Temple was finished, his palace and harem too,
His authority fixed, his trade-lines set, he had nothing left to do.
At the peak of his pride and his glory, in the flush of his mellow years,
Solomon, son of David, was simply bored to tears.
"Vanity, all is vanity!" bewailed this monarch grand;
So he sent a proclamation forth to every foreign land
Offering gold and power to that individual who
Could give him that priceless blessing, an interest which was new.
Countless the schemes that followed, the plans and devices too,
But the weary king rejected them all, and greater his boredom grew.
Until a skin-clad pilgrim from the misty Isles of Tin
Remarked, "King, try collecting stamps," and Solomon said, "You win."
(There were no postage stamps those days, of course that's understood;
But royal, noble, and private seals were every bit as good.)

Then great was the joy of his people, when the news was spread around,
For a bored king is a dangerous thing, as many a man has found.
Letters they joyfully brought to him, and at his stern behest
A chamber deep in the rock they hewed, wherein his hoard might rest.
Missives came in a growing flood, papyri from ancient Nile,
Sheepskins from Punt and Tarshish, steles from each Grecian isle,
Bricks with arrow-head writing of the Mesopotamian clay,
Yellowish, odorous paper, from the fabled land of Cathay,
Letters woven of cotton from the Ganges' muddy banks,
Painted silk from Cipango, potsherds from Etna's flanks,
Zimbabwe, deep in Africa, sent sheets of the graven gold,
While letters written on permanent ice came from Cimmeria cold,
Plates of bronze from Etruria, leaves of Knossian brass,
Letters from Tyre and Sidon, on the royal purple glass,
Waxen tablets, sealed and stamped, from that mystery place, Gadyre,
Sheep-bone missives from desert lands, where the sun is hot as fire,
Skins of lions, tanned and enscribed, from Ethiopia's land,
And messages scratched on broad palm leaves, from Libya's burning sand.

So, when he showed his collection to Sheba's queen, Balkis,
He had ev'ry material possible, and every known device.
Yet for all of Solomon's wisdom, he missed his chief desire,
For there isn't much joy in collecting things, unless they are hard to acquire.
For whenever he heard of an item he didn't happen to own,
He called up one of his resident djinns before the royal throne,
And told him what was wanted, and rubbed a lamp or a ring,
And the djinn was back in an instant, with the thing he'd been sent to bring,
So it isn't much of a wonder that, when his collecting was done,
And he had a sample of everything from ev'rywhere under the sun,
King Solomon sealed that treasure-vault, and took to his bed, and sighed,
"Vanity, all is vanity!" and turned up his toes and died.

Oh, quickly his kingdom vanished, his Temple and palace too,
For the conquering Chaldean took the place of the royal crew.
Down went the walls of Jerusalem, in tumbled heaps of rock,
And the homes of the people were leveled, as if by an earthquake shock.
And in the centuries following the City arose and fell,
At the hands of the Greek and the Roman, Crusader and Turk as well.
Yet deep under masses of rock and brick, rubbish and kindred things,
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United States

2c White Plains

Mention was made in this column last week, that the small panes of twenty-five 2c White Plains stamps, which were prepared for the International Philatelic Exhibition would be perforated 10. It is now found that the machine designed to perforate these stamps will be the same as the normal—hence, perforated 11 Five plates have been prepared consisting of one hundred stamps in four panes of twenty-five. These are perforated straight through the margins and are then cut into post office panes of twenty-five with margins all around. Four of these plates were used in preparing stamps at Washington, which in turn were distributed at the Exhibiton. The fifth plate was used on the hand press at the Exhibition and the unperforated gummed sheets will be returned to Washington to be finished.

This will mean that we can tell by the plate number as to whether the stamp was printed on the power press at Washington or whether it was printed by hand at New York. At this writing I cannot give definite information as to the number of the plate which will be in operation at the International Philatelic Exhibition.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of October 8th, the First Assistant Postmaster General calls attention of postal employees to the fact that every piece of air mail must be handled with the greatest possible expedition and with absolutely no delay in post offices. Postmasters are instructed to so organize their offices that air mail will be immediately spotted, segregated and handled so as to make the very first dispatch or delivery as the case may be. It is desired to make the air mail service as nearly perfect as possible, so that it will have the full confidence of the public. To do this, it was mentioned that it is imperative that the closest possible connections be made from points where mail is dispatched by train to the air mail routes.

Dr. H. E. Radsch kindly submits a most interesting air mail cover used in the recent flight from Seattle to Los Angeles. This communication was posted at Sacramento with instructions to connect at San Francisco for Los Angeles on the first trip. In addition to the San Francisco contract air mail postmark, it bears a five line postmark reading, "Special flight Sacramento to San Francisco, September Fourteen, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Six, to Connect Seattle to Los Angeles Route."

Louisiana Tobacco Stamps

Through the courtesy of Rev. J. Dreyer, S. M., I am enabled to announce that the State of Louisiana has just placed on sale effective October 1st, a series of tobacco tax stamps to be used in connection with collecting a school tax. It is a straight 10% levy with fractional amounts rounded out into full cents. The act, which went into effect on October 1st, will run for four years. It is stated that many consider the tax unconstitutional and a test case is scheduled for early in October. So far two denominations have appeared, namely a 1c in green and a 2c in red. The stamps, which are lithographed, are rectangular in shape, perforated 12, on unwatermarked wove paper. The stamps have as a central design the Coat of Arms of the State of Louisiana with large figures of value enclosed within circles at the lower corners. Across the top we find within a semi-circle, "Tobacco Tax," and below the Coat of Arms, "For Schools." Immediately above the Coat of Arms, we find "State of Louisiana." More values will appear just as soon as the test case has been decided.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The *Philatelic Magazine* in the issue of October 2nd, announces that six hundred designs have been submitted for the Canberra commemorative stamp to be issued during the Duke of York's visit to Australia. Designs were sent from England, Scotland, Canada, the United States and New Zealand. The prize winners are two Australians.

BECHUANALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts shows us the 3p Great Britain stamp with the new watermark surcharged in the usual manner for use in this protectorate.

FRANCE.—*Philatelic Magazine* prints the following, "Further to the note in our last issue, we are now able to state that the 55c precancel was issued for the Louvre, who, when sending out their new catalogue found that the postage would be 55c. They therefore suggested to the Post Office Department that the quantity of stamps required should be surcharged 55c (as this would save using two stamps) and precancelled at the same operation. The P.O.D., seeing the point, issued 200,000 copies all of which were used by the Louvre.

FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. advise that they have received the following postage due stamps type D3 surcharged in black "50c" on 10c violet, "1fr" on 60c red and "2fr" on 60c red.

ITALY.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that the 60c has been issued in orange same design, perf. and watermark as before.

ORCHA.—*Philatelic Magazine* says that the 4a change of color is reported by Mr. Oswald Marsh. It is now appearing in brown-orange.

PARAGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have sent for chronicle, the 1 peso green, type A45, surcharged "C" in upper left corner in black; 5c light blue, type A38, and the same stamp in dark blue overprinted "Habilitado en 1 centavo" in three lines in black and 40c rose, type A40, surchared "Habilitado en 7 centavos" in like manner.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the $5 green and carmine, script watermark.

URUGUAY.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin* report that an official decree has been issued to the effect that all issues of postage stamps previous to and including of the "Mercury" design and all commemorative issues except that of the Legislative Palace have been demonetized. The design of the current stamps have been retouched and the inscription at the foot of each stamp is now "Imp Nacional," so far only the 5mils, 5 and 36 centesimos have appeared.

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Elsewhere in this issue will be found the announcement of the purchase by Charles J. Phillips of the famous George Walcott general collection. The advertisement referred to describes this collection, which is made up of selected stamps, in perfect condition. The names of the dealers from whom Mr. Walcott purchased the stamps are guarantees as to the quality of this great offering. We congratulate Mr. Phillips upon this addition to the long list of great collections that he has purchased and dispersed.

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GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS

By Rev. W. G. Iremonger

Of all the countries that I have had o deal with these islands have been the ıost difficult. To begin with, they are ıe most inaccessible possible; the group onsists of four groups of islands: the ilberts or Kingsmill, the Ellice or La-oon, the Tokelau or Union, and the 'hœnix, together with the island of)cean; all correspondence has to pass ırough Ocean Island on the outward ›urney, and either through that, or Apia, amoa, on the return; sometimes the re-ırn letters are sent direct to Sydney, ıt this is very seldom. In addition to ıis the smaller islands have only native ›stmasters, who are often but poorly lucated, and especially in English. To ıow this I append a letter that I re-ived from one of these natives after I ıd received the envelopes that I had ent. He was evidently a friendly per-n, and wanted to keep up a correspond-ıce with me.

"I am very sorry for the postmark amps not much received, but waiting t a little time as so be sending forward close postmark stamp if it's can so uch do best. Should have remember of ur asked for, and I am trying hold at stmark stamp from every mail. Please on't laugh this letter for the English-riter to hard to me, so be try to answer ur kind letter, and don't remember e in yours.

Hope on your kindness if answer with ve.

Give my love to thy wife and to all."

I addition he signs himself as "The Scribe and Postmaster"! Needless to sy that he did not even know a thing out my private life, and had only had plain business letter.

A further difficulty presented itself in t: Postmaster of Ocean Island; twice ıd I write and ask him for a list of IO's and got no reply. Then I sent ne envelopes to one or two islands that I new to possess postmarks, only to have to lots opened at the aforesaid P. O., ıd returned with the Ocean Island post-rk. Finally in despair I wrote to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, who ommended me to apply to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific a Suva, Fiji, which was going to the hest quarters with a vengeance. How-er I did so, and at the same time wrote the R. M. (Resident Magistrate) at Can Island, and also at another one as wl; from the former I received what I anted at last.

May I, in passing, pay a tribute to these RM's; not only is their work very hard —n a trying climate most likely, where there are probably but few chances of ever seeing a man of their own class or colour, and where they are the only representatives of order. In addition, they are always ready to give help to anyone who bothers them with such trifling questions as I did; and not only so, but with an unvarying courtesy that it is a treat to meet with. One of these men in this group wrote to me, and said that people seemed to be very interested in the stamps of the colony, and sometimes he wished that they were not. At the same time may I add that the "difficult" postmaster is an exception to the general rule, as in practically every instance I have found them the most obliging people possible.

The postal business of the group under consideration is managed from Ocean Island as the chief office, while each of the most important groups have G.P.O's of their own. Date stamps are in use at all these latter offices, and are of the same make-up as the Ocean Island cancellation—an outer circle of from 32 to 34 mm. in diameter, and an inner one of 22 to 23 mm.; in between these is the name of the Colony—"Gilbert and Ellice Islands"—at the top, and "Colony" at the bottom. In the centre is the name of the office, e.g., "G.P.O. Ocean Island," across the top, and the date across in two lines in the centre and bottom.

The names of these chief post offices and the groups they represent are as follows; Ocean Island, G.P.O.; Tarawa (G.P.O. for the Gilberts as a whole); Butaritari (Northern Gilberts); Abemama (Central Gilberts); Beru (Southern Gilberts); Funafuti (Ellice Islands).

There are also rubber stamp cancellations in use at a great number of the islands; these all take the same form—a double-lined circle of 32 mm. in diameter, with "Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony" round the circle, and a star at the bottom, while across the centre is, e.g., "P. O. Kuria Island" in three lines. These are generally impressed in purple, but in a few cases in either black (B), or red (R). The list is as follows:—

Northern Gilberts.
Abaiang.
Maiana.
Marakei.

Central Gilberts.
Aranuka.
Kuria.
Nonouti (B).
Tabiteua.

Southern Gilberts.
Arorae (R).
Nukunau.
Onotoa.
Tamana (B).

Union Islands.
Atafu.
Fakaafu.
Nukunonu.

Ellice Islands.
Nanumaga.
Nanomea (B).
Nuitau.
Nui.
Nukufetau.
Nukulaelae (B).
Vaitupu.

There is no date at all on any of these cancellations.

Another postal cancellation that is to be met with is the "Postal Department"

THE "George Walcott" Collection

I have great pleasure in announcing the purchase of this famous collection.

Mr. Walcott has decided to confine his attention to his magnificent specialized collections, such as the Confederate States and United States and therefore parts with his general collection which he has formed in the past twenty years.

This general collection consists of the postage stamps of the world, but **omitting** those groups of stamps which Mr. Walcott did not consider of sound commercial value. Therefore, in this fine collection we do not have any of the "Seebeck" issues, nor any Spanish Colonies, French Colonies, Portuguese Colonies, speculative issues made, mainly for sale to collectors, or any Officials, or Postal Fiscals, etc., etc.

The collection is mostly unused, consisting of picked specimens in superb condition. Where unused stamps could not be obtained, fine used copies are included.

Many countries are specialized and in these there are rows of unused and used stamps in the real classic and sound issues.

In forming this fine collection, Mr. Walcott purchased very largely from Stanley Gibbons, Inc. (New York) and from the New York auctions, also very many stamps were obtained from Mr. Warren Colson and Mr. B. W. H. Poole.

This collection contains, in general, postage stamps up to 1914. As these later issues are not in my line of general business, and not the class of stamps I prefer as an investment for my own funds, I have decided to price these **very low indeed** so as to clear them out quickly.

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1851. 6d on laid paper, 5 used.
1852-57. 6d on wove, unused and 7 used.
" 7½d, unused with gum.
" Perf. 6d, unused and used.
1859-64. 10c black brown, unused and strip of 3 used.
" Imperf. Pairs of 1c, 2c and 12½c (rare).
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1855-58. 6d gray, 6 unused, 2 pairs, 7 singles.
" 1sh yellow-green, 2 unused, and pair and several singles used.
" 1sh deep green, 3 pairs and 3 singles unused, number used.
1861. Woodblocks. 1d red, pair and 4 used.
" " 4d pale blue, pair used.
" " 4d dark blue, 3 used.
1863. 1sh emerald, 4 pairs and 5 singles unused and several used.
Later issues, all unused including 5sh CA.

NATAL

1857. Embossed, several fine copies.
1869. Grand lot of the different types of the "POSTAGE" overprint including several 1sh.
1870-73. 1sh curved black surcharge.
1902-3. Set to Pounds 5, all unused.
1904-8. Pounds 1/10/0, Multiple watermark.
1908-9. Set to Pound 1.

NEVIS

1861. Unused set on bluish paper.
1867. 1sh yellow-green, unused.
" 1sh yellow-green, on **laid** paper, used.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1851. 1sh unused and 2 used.
1860. 5c brown "Connell."

NEWFOUNDLAND

1857. Carmine-vermilion, 2d and 6d fine unused, 4d fine used.
1860. Orange, 4d and 6d unused, 1sh used.
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1850. Sydney Views. 1d red, 11 used.
" " 2d blue, 21 used.
" " 3d green, 6 used.
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" " 6d, 3 unused.
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one; there is one in use at Nukunonu—in fact, as far as I can gather, it is the only cancellation in use there at all. This is evidently an old one, as it is much worn, and also has the inscription "Protectorate" instead of "Colony"; it is a double-lined circle, 39 mm. in diameter, with "Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate" round the edge, and a star at the bottom; inside this is another circle of 25 mm., with "Postal Department" between two lines across the centre. A similar mark is in use at Tabiteua, in which the outer circle is 40 mm. and the inner circle is a wavy one of 27 mm.; also there are no lines across the centre. This is also an old Protectorate cancellation. There may be other types of this in use, but these are the only ones that I have seen.

Some of these postmasters have a curious way of doing things. I have more than once received the envelopes that I sent for return carefully stamped and enclosed in another cover for return to me; in the case of these islands, I received a very bulky cover from Funafuti, one day, that included all the covers sent to the Ellice Islands, with the exception of Nukulaelae. Of course, one sees that all these covers arrived at the same time to be sent on, and had to be registered at Funafuti; it was therefore much simpler to enclose them in an "On H.M.S." envelope and send them on than to register them separately. The same thing happened in the case of the Union, of which Atafu is the chief P. O. Of course, the envelopes have been genuinely through the post, but have lost some of their interest, which consists not only of the postmark on the face, but also of those on the back. In one case these latter show that the cover came through San Francisco and New York; another through Apia, and thence via Canada; another, again, through Sydney or Melbourne, and so home via Suez. What traveling these marks suggest, and how one wishes that one could travel as easily!

A word in conclusion as to the islands themselves. The Gilberts form the principal portion of the group, being among the most densely populated in the Pacific, with a population of 30,000 to 166 square miles; the Ellice Islands are small in area, only 14 square miles in extent, but have 2,400 people in that small space; in the Unions there are 500 only to 7 square miles; while in the Phœnix, with no post office (and they hardly need one!), there are sixty all told in 16 square miles. Ocean Island lies to the west of the Gilberts, and owes its relative importance to the fact that it is a port of call for the steamers from Australia to Japan, and also to its deposits of phosphates. The islands were made a Protectorate in 1892, and formed into a Colony, under the Administration of the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, in 1915. The principal products of the islands are coconuts.

I have simply dealt with the modern cancellations of these islands as with Fiji, and do not in any way pretend that my list is complete, though it is as near so as patience and persistence has been able to make it with regard to the current postmarks.

Note.—Since the above was written I have received information that Nukunonu in the Union Islands possesses only one cancellation stamp, and this is the "Postal Department" one referred to above.

In addition, the Union group has been lately transferred to the control of New Zealand, and its postal business will in future be controlled from Samoa: this means, I imagine, that the group will use Samoan stamps in future, and that new cancellation stamps will also be introduced. So closes one chapter in the postal history of this diminutive group of islands.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

LITERATURE'S ECLIPSE

By Edwin B. Hill, Ysleta, Tex.

The curtain has been rung down upon the Philatelic Literature Society of London. Its members have been notified that the Society has ceased to exist. In a circular letter, sent from the office of the provisional honorary secretary in London, the membership are further enlightened as follows:

"The activity of the Philatelic Literature Society ceased with the publication of the last number of the *Journal* in 1918. Between that time and the beginning of 1922, the Council met to consider the future of the Society, and a special general meeting was held on 12 May, 1922 (to which persons interested in philatelic literature other than members of the Society were invited), to see if it was possible to reconstitute the Society and to renew its work. The meeting expressed itself in favor of such a proposal and a provisional committee was formed. It was decided to carry out in the first instance the original intention of the Society to publish a Supplement to the Catalogue of the Crawford Library, issued by the Society, which Mr. Bacon had had in hand for some years, and for which certain of the Society's funds had long been earmarked. This has now been printed, in an edition of 200 copies."

This supplementary Catalogue, consisting of 136 pages of valuable material of incalculable value to the student of philatelic literature, has been received by all members who have been traced. The vicissitudes of Time and Space probably have caused certain copies to be returned to London. American claimants, who have not received their supplementary catalogue, should write at once to the honorary secretary.

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The Philatelic Literature Society, during its years of existence, served well the student of bookish trend. Its demise then leaves us bereft, with none to take its place. There are perhaps fewer philatelic papers and magazines printed today than at any period since the halcyon days when every boyish dealer flaunted his organ,—thumb-nail and valueless as literature perhaps, but of interest to the little circle of readers. Later philately became a serious study, and its literature improved greatly. Today we are perhaps at the pinnacle, with papers and magazines few but worthy of their kind. It is well to study these papers,—to preserve them,—to catalogue them and their contents. This can best be done through organized effort, along the pleasant by-ways of systematic and conscientious application.

The question to be decided then, is shall we have an American Philatelic Literature Society? Several attempts to form an organization of this sort have failed, principally for the reason that the English Society covered the field so adequately that it could have no rival. Now that the London Society has practically ceased to exist, the time seems propitious for a renewal of activities in this, our country. We have the material and the men; and it is to be hoped that upon a firm foundation may be builded a society which may do honor to philatelic literature.

WHERE IS FRANZ VAN DER BOM?

Can any of our subscribers inform us as to the present location of Franz van der Bom, who formerly advertised in the Weekly? When last reached he was at 132 W. 75 St., N. Y. City, but he is now in the class of having "moved and left no address."

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THE STAMPS OF THE CHINESE DEPENDENCIES

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overprinted in black, the dollars in red; the first of the latter were overprinted in a red so dark as to be almost maroon. In the first lot of dollar stamps the error of "first two characters reversed" occurred, but this was soon corrected. The red was afterwards lightened to carmine-vermilion, and the two-dollar stamp is seen only in this color, this and the lack of the "reversed character" error showing its later issue.

In 1918 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Peking took over the overprinting, and made a new overprint. The Peking overprint differs from the Shanghai overprint principally in the positions of the top characters of each: in the Shanghai print this character is displaced slightly to the left, an immeasurable amount, but very clearly seen; in the second overprint the line of characters is straight. The bottom character in the second overprint also furnishes a good test in that its two lower cross-strokes fall short of the right vertical stroke. In addition to this, the Shanghai overprint was always heavily impressed, while the Peking overprint is so light and thin in some cases as to have the appearance of a new setting, and Chinese collectors commonly accept it as such. The Peking overprint is found on all values from ½c to $20, including the 1½c and 13c added to the set in 1919. In this connection, it is of interest to note that there is no charge in the Chinese postal tariff which requires a $20 stamp, these having been issued for money order use for which they are now superseded by a pagoda design not receivable for postage. Local arrangements may have been in force in Sinkiang which brought charges up to $20, but these stamps like the regular "twenties" when used probably represent the fact that the user knew that the sale of his cancelled "twenty" would save him money on mailing even a ten-dollar package. The fifteen-cent brown was withdrawn from use shortly after the overprinting in Peking began, and is a scarce stamp, not many hundred existing.

In 1921 the three-portrait commemorative set was overprinted, and to fit the design the characters were arranged horizontally. In this case someone "on the inside" tried to corner the ten-cent value, *a la Japonaise*, and it still commands a price out of proportion to the numbers issued. In 1923 the Constitution set of four values was overprinted, the characters being impressed three over the right column and two over the left. An attempt was made to corner the one-cent of this series, one man having purchased 100,000 of them, to which the Bureau promptly replied by printing an equal number more.

In 1924 the "reengraved" set (miscalled, as this was in reality the original set of dies made in 1913) appeared with the Sinkiang overprint. Many of the values of the reengraved set were on sale at the head office in Peking before the corresponding stamps without overprint were issued. The characters remained the same but the electros were all renewed, and more evenly and heavily printed; the colors are as before, black on the cents and red on the dollar values. The red is obscure on the colored centers, and the color somewhat discharges in water. The three high values, $5, $10, and $20, were withdrawn after a short time and are not now being issued. The fact that the Sinkiang stamps may be purchased in Peking either unused or "c. t. o.," makes it difficult to tell which values are actually in use in the province —probably all have appeared there except the 7c, 8c and 10c. (April, 1926).

Sinkiang postmarks are identical with those used elsewhere in China, except that for most of the offices the Romanization of both the Chinese and Turkish names are given. Two distinct types are in use, both having outer circles about 1.2" in diameter; one type has an inner rectangle containing the date in Chinese, with the names in English above and in Chinese below. The other has the Chinese name in a zone at the top, underlined, with name or names in English and date in English below. (I have been told very positively that the reason for the use of both types of canceller by Chinese offices is for the convenience of those who do not read Chinese; all letters bound abroad, and all letters in China to or from foreigners are to bear the English date. Needless to say this rule is not possible of enforcement.) Sinkiang stamps sold in Peking are cancelled with the chop of the capital, Tihuafu (Urumitsi), which is also the commonest one on the actually used stamps. Shufu (Kashgar) and Hami are the next most important towns and commonest cancellations.

About the time the overprinting was transferred to Peking, the province began to use official stamps. These were the regular overprints, with the characters "Kung Wen Tieh Yung" punched. These are arranged in a square, the "kung" being at the upper right, when normally read. (The punching means literally "public business stick use.") Any similar punching could be applied to a stamp in eight possible ways: direct (reading from front of stamp), reversed, inverted direct, inverted reversed, and four corresponding positions sideways. The work is done locally and with little care, and probably all positions could be found on any of the common values, though sideways punching is not found on more than one stamp in ten. On the most recent stamps seen, the punches are in such bad conditions that the characters could not be read with "the eye of love," divided half and half per stamp, at angles, and otherwise mussily applied. The commemoratives were never punched. The following regular issues are found with the punching: Shanghai overprint, 15c, 16c; Peking overprint, all values up to $5, the ½c and 1½c being scarce stamps; reengraved set, all values to $2.

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½c	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	
1c	X	X	X	X	X	NP	X	X
1½c	N	X	N	N	X	N	X	
2c	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	
3c	X	X	X	X	X	NP	X	X
4c	X	X	N	X	X	NP	X	X
5c	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	X
6c	X	X	X	N	X	NP	X	X
7c	X	X	N	N		NP	X	
8c	X	X	N	N		NP	X	
10c	X	X	X	X		NP	X	
13c	N	X	N	N	X	N	X	X
15c	X	X	N	N	X	X	X	X
16c	X	X	N	N	X	X	X	X
20c	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	
30c	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	
50c	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	X
$1	XM	X	N	N	X	NP	X	X
$2	X	X	N	N	X	NP	X	X
$5	NS	X	N	N	XW	NP	X	NP
$10	NS	X	N	N	XW	NP	NP	NP
$20	N	X	N	N	XW	N	NP	NP

Explanation:

X—means that the stamp actually exists in the classification given.

N—means that the denomination was lacking in the set as printed, hence absolutely cannot exist, for use in Sinkiang.

A blank space indicates a stamp not yet seen but which will doubtless be issued soon.

XM—calls attention to the two important minor varieties of this stamp: the maroon surcharge and the reversed-character error.

XW—means overprinted and issued, but now withdrawn.

NS—and NP means "not surcharged" or "not punched" so far as can be learned.

STRAGGLING ITEMS:—

WE have received a new Wholesale Price-list just issued by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. It lists the albums, packets, catalogs, and other accessories published by this firm. Our attention is called to the fact that some new and important items have been added to their supplies, viz.:—the Luxor Hinge, Imperial Collectors Outfit, large sized transparent envelopes, and a new line of blank albums. No doubt a copy of this list will be sent any dealer requesting the same.

FRANK W. CRANE has a very fine article in the New York *Times* of Sunday, October 10, in which he deals with the great Exhibition. The title of his article is "Precious Stamps to be Seen Here" and it contains several illustrations of great rarities and pictures of Charles L. Pack, president of the Exhibition and T. W. Hall, president of the Royal Philatelic Society.

THE WEEKLY is receiving a considerable number of clippings dealing with the Exhibition. It is, of course, impossible and it would be unwise for us to use our space in more than a mere mention of the publicity that our hobby is now receiving from the metropolitan press. Will our friends please take this general word of thanks instead of individual mention? We appreciate all that our subscribers do for us in this direction and always reprint matter that we consider really worth while.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the advertisement of H. & G. H. Jopling, a British firm which is conducting a new issue British Colonial service on a 5% above face basis. This is certainly an interesting proposition.

TWO errors occurred in the advertisement of the Cortlandt Stamp Co., October 4. The first line of Grenada should have read Nos. 68-74, ½d-1sh, and the Nyasaland No. 21 should have been 4sh instead of 5sh.

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"Old Wells Fargo Days" was the subject of an address by Mr. Grover B. Simpson at a recent meeting of the Illinois Relations Committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce. Mr. Simpson was with the famous express company during frontier days and has many a colorful tale to tell.

Philadelphia Branch No. 18 of the American Philatelic Society held a meeting on October 14th, to greet President A. H. Wilhelm of San Francisco, who stopped off at Philadelphia *en route* to New York.

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The following clipping has come from Mr. Wilson D. Wood who says that it seems to him that those interested in philately could get behind the bill with the idea of eliminating unsolicited approvals. The *Better Business Bulletin* of Kansas City is circulating the call:

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The announcement of the findings of the judges of the Exhibition were made at the grand banquet at the Astor Hotel on the evening of October 21st and was as follows:

Foreword

The Jury, in the first place, desire to place on record the fact that this Exhibition is by far the largest that has been held. The following statistics of the number of Stamp Exhibits speak for themselves: New York, 1913, 280; London, 1923, 304; New York, 1926, 480.

The comparison, however, does not stop here, because the size of the frames at this Exhibition is fully double that of those used at previous Exhibitions. It is a matter of satisfaction to find a much larger number of stamps displayed, and, therefore, available for inspection by the general public. Notwithstanding this, the size of the balance or remnants of the Exhibits remaining in the albums and which have been examined by the Jury, though not seen by the public, is much larger than heretofore.

The Jury desire to express their appreciation of the arrangements made by the Exhibition Committee for the display of the stamps.

The high standard of many of the Exhibits and their status as a whole have shown a distinct advance and this, coupled with keen competition in several classes, has brought about an increased appreciation of all the awards which the Jury have made.

The Catalogue of the Exhibits was compiled from descriptions sent in by their owners. When the stamps were displayed the Jury found that a few Exhibits were incorrectly allocated and judged them as if they had been shown in their proper classes and sections. It was necessary to transpose the following Exhibits: 27, from Class I, Sec. 12, to Class XIII, Sec. 7; 29, from Class I, Sec. 13 to Class III, Sec. 1; 39, from Class I, Sec. 18 to Class XI, Sec. 3; 47, 48, 49, from Class I, Sec. 21, to Class XI, Sec. 3; 120, from Class IV, Sec. 2, to Class XI, Sec. 3; 147, from Class IV, Sec. 4, to Class XIII, Sec. 19.

Awards

The Grand Trophy—Awarded to Alfred F. Lichtenstein for Exhibit 99, Uruguay.

Class I.—Philatelic Research—United States

Section 1—*Palm of Honor,* Dr. Carroll Chase, United States 3c, 1851-1857; (With felicitations of the Jury); *Gold,* Henry C. Gibson, United States, 1847; *Silver-Gold,* H. P. Atherton, United States 2c, 1863-67; *Silver-Gold,* A. W. Filstrup, United States 10c, 1851-57.

Section 2—*No Awards.*

Section 3—*Gold,* Henry G. Lapham, New York 5c.

Section 4—*Silver,* J. M. Bartels, Nesbitt Envelopes.

Section 5—*Gold,* Edward S. Knapp, New Orleans 5c.

Section 7—*Gold,* Alfred F. Lichtenstein, Canada Pence Issues.

Section 8—*Palm of Honor,* Hon. J. A. Calder, Canada, 1859, Cents Issues.

Section 10—*No Awards.*

Section 11—*No Awards.*

Section 12—*Silver-Gold,* Lt.-Col. G. S. F. Napier, Soruth; *Silver,* Rev. C. S. Morton, Hong Kong.

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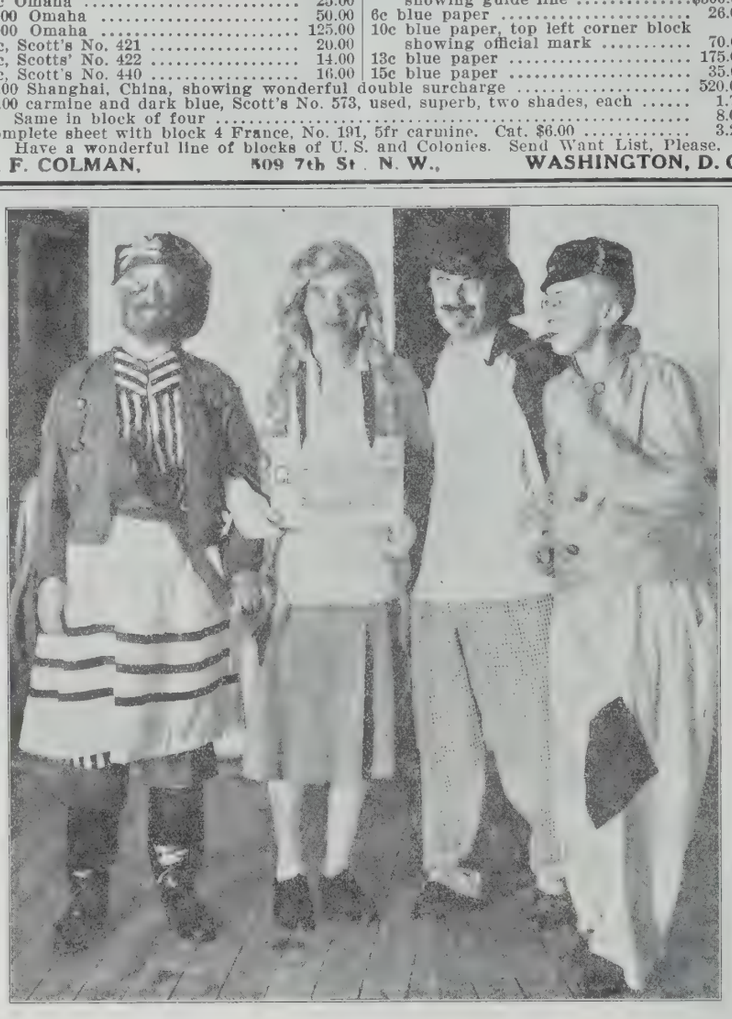

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Section 13—*Silver-Gold,* Chas. J. Phillips, Ecuador.

Section 16—*No Awards.*

Section 17—*Gold,* Ramon Ruiz De Arcaute, Spain, 1850, 6 cuartos; *Silver-Gold,* Rene Poncelet, Roumania, 1866-1872.

Section 20—*Palm of Honor,* Dr. Emilio Diena, Naples, 1858; *Gold,* R. Delapierre, Belgium, 1849-1861; *Gold,* Dr. Emilio Diena, Sicily, 1859; *Silver,* Dr. Gordon Ward, Great Britain, 1857.

Section 23—*No Awards.*

Class I-A.—United States, General Collection

Palm of Honor, Arthur Hind, United States.

Class II.—United States

Section 1—*Gold,* Edwin R. Wood, Jr., Nineteenth Century; *Silver-Gold,* Arthur H. Lamborn, Nineteenth Century; *Bronze,* J. B. Kremer, Nineteenth Century.

Section 2—*Gold,* Arthur H. Lamborn, Bureau Prints; *Silver-Gold,* Edwin R. Wood, Jr., Bureau Issues, 1894 to date.

Section 3—*Silver-Gold,* George Walcott, Official or Departmental Stamps; *Silver,* Charles J. Phillips, Official or Departmental Stamps; *Bronze,* Edwin R. Wood, Jr., Official or Departmental Stamps.

Section 4—*Palm of Honor,* A. H. Caspary, Carriers' Stamps; *Gold,* A. H. Caspary, Postmasters' Stamps; *Silver,* Sidney P. Hessel, Carriers' Stamps; *Bronze,* Hon. J. S. Frelinghuysen, Postmasters' Stamps; *Bronze,* Hon. J. S. Frelinghuysen, Carriers' Stamps.

Section 5—*Gold,* Edward H. R. Green, Entire Envelopes (Exhibits 68, 70 and 71 combined); *Bronze,* Louis A. Missbach, Entire Envelopes.

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Section 2—*Silver,* John A Klemann, Mexico; *Bronze,* Wm. H. Hendrickson, Colombian Republic.

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Section 4—*Gold,* Peter Mavrogordato, Russian Levant.

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Section 10—*Gold,* P. Malone, Tasmania.

Section 12—*Gold,* S. A. Brown, Gambia; *Silver,* Chas. M. Ams, Gambia; *Bronze,* John A. Agnew, North Borneo.

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Section 14—*Silver-Gold,* Dr. William Byam, Sudan; *Silver,* H. B. Newman, Sarawak; *Bronze,* H. B. Newman, Seychelles.

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Once again we have with us our old companion in all its glory, with its annual changes of prices and additional wealth of information, but alas! With its ever re-occurring error of the listing of Canadian issues.

Whether it be due to faulty knowledge of history, editorial indifference or interior management matters not, the fact remains that the first issue of the Dominion of Canada still retains its place as the umpteen number of Canada.

Thus the listing of the stamps of the Province of Canada have no more right to be listed other than such is patent by the fact that the compilers of the catalogues in their wisdom list the stamps of the Province of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, etc., under, and rightly so, their correct heading, so why not the Province of Canada and the Dominion of Canada? The first of the latter beginning with number one.

Under this arrangement we should attain several benefits. Firstly, those who are so disposed, could complete the collections of the Province of Canada with the last issue of such, viz., the 17c of 1859-64.

Then those who fight shy of commencing a collection of Canada, believing the strength of their purse strings insufficient to meet the demands of the higher values of the pence issues of the Province of Canada, could commence their studies and collection from number one, the half-cent black of 1868 of the first issue of the Dominion of Canada.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Definite steps to give up the transcontinental and the overnight New York-Chicago air mail services are being taken by the Post Office Department. Within thirty days bids will be sought from contractors to take over the service, Postmaster General New announced today. The bids will be made returnable sixty days from the date of advertisement.

This delay is considered necessary to give bidders time to arrange for financing. At present no organization in the aviation field, postal officials said, is fully equipped mechanically or financially to operate the service.

"It has never been the intention of the Post Office Department to continue permanently in operation of the air mail service," said Mr. New. "It was planned merely to develop it to a point where its feasibility and practicability could be adequately demonstrated, and then, as soon as commercial flying companies became strong enough to handle such an enterprise, to relinquish the fruits of the department's pioneering.

"It is felt that the work of the department in this direction has pushed commercial flying in America several years ahead."

With the passage at the recent session of Congress of legislation vesting the Department of Commerce with authority to maintain flying fields and lighted airways, and with the continued growth and development of private air enterprise, the Postmaster General feels that his department may now gracefully step out.

The Postoffice Department has eighty-five airplanes and fifteen hangars on flying fields all of the way across the country, and shop equipment worth several million dollars, which probably will be disposed of advantageously.

Postmaster General New reiterated today his oft-repeated statement that no company can successfully operate a commercial air service on a mail contract alone, but must also be prepared to transport passengers and express. This condition, he said, would be all the more applicable to the contractor who takes over the present lines.

The Postmaster General and W. Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of air mail, are planning changes in air mail postage rates to make them uniform and provide a flat national air rate regardless of distan or other factors.

The present rates, complicated by t zone system and by a different basis pr vided by legislation for contract route are extremely conflicting. They are n only incomprehensible to mail patrons, b are not entirely understood by post clerks. The transfer of the transco tinental service to private contracto might make them even more confusing. *N. Y. Times.*

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As a result of the great demand for stamps, the United States Post Office Department has established a government bureau or philatelic agency to cater to the wants of the collectors. This bureau was started in 1921 and is under the direction of the third assistant postmaster general. But the work was begun at the initiative of Second Assistant Postmaster General W. I. Glover, who conceived the idea of the section within the department to meet the philatelic demands.

Before the establishment of this bureau the man who wrote asking post office officials for a certain "well centered stamp," etc., was treated discourteously and called a "nut" by employees. During the first month of its operation the section took in over $4,500. Now it takes in about $100,000 annually, practically all of which is clear profit. This is due to the fact that stamps cost the government about six and a half cents per 1,000 for printing. When sold to collectors at face value the money is practically a gift, because no service is performed in return as in the case of stamps placed on letters, etc.

Uncle Sam's philatelic agency was the first of its kind in the world. But since it proved so practical, other nations have imitated the idea. Canada went so far as to send a representative to Washington to study the method used and copied the plan outright. Several foreign countries also modeled their philatelic departments after ours.

The philatelic bureau is located on the second floor of the city post office building at Washington. It does some local business and has an immense mail order business. When a philatelist calls at the office window he is waited on courteously by a lady clerk. She speaks the collectors' language. If he wants a "well-centered stamp," "plate numbers," "arrows," etc., he gets accurate and impartial service. Although no one associated with the agency is a philatelist, the employes are enthusiastic over their work. Five members of the office staff are kept busy with the mail order business.

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More than 2,000 persons, including prominent stamp collectors in this country and abroad, witnessed the flashing of the light over the arcaded entrance to the International Stamp Exhibition at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when President Coolidge turned the golden key in the White House, which was electrically connected with the Grand Central Palace. Charles Lathrop Pack, President of the Exhibition Committee in a brief address, said he hoped that "as the light shines throughout the coming week it will extend a warm glow of welcome and good friendship to all."

The exhibition occupied the fourth floor of the Palace, and in glass-covered frames more than 1,000,000 postage stamps from virtually all nations were displayed. Not only did the number exceed that of any other similar event here or abroad, but the greatest number of rarities were on view.

$32,500 Stamp Displayed

The celebrated British Guiana stamp for which Arthur Hind, textile manufacturer of Utica, paid $32,500 at the Ferrary collection sale in Paris a few years ago, is shown. There are several others which experts consider equally as valuable, among them being the fine Mauritius "Post Office" copies owned by Mr. Hind and Alfred F. Lichtenstein of this city, as well as some of the early United States and Confederate provisionals.

Thomas William Hall, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, said he regarded the present exhibition as the greatest in respect to value and conditioned stamps he had ever seen. Mr. Hall is one of the judges from England. Fred J. Melville, another English judge and founder of the Junior Philatelic Society, recalling the recognition in the international value of the exhibition by President Coolidge, told of the enthusiasm for the show expressed by King George, who has one of the finest collections of stamps of Great Britain and the British Colonies.

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Because of the publicity surrounding the $32,500 British Guiana stamp, publicly displayed in America for the first time, all the first-day visitors seemed impelled to look at that stamp first. It occupies a modest space in the frame of fifty rarities. Printed in black on a richly colored magenta paper, it stands out clearly on a white sheet below a rare pair of the British Guiana circular stamps of the first 1850 issue, 2 cents in value and in a pale rose color. That pair is worth more than $20,000.

Among other rarities are an 1878 2 cents, Fiji; Hawaiian "Missionary" stamps, 2, 5 and 13 cents; a pair of the Canadian 12-penny black on laid paper; Moldavian 27 and 81 paras; United States and Confederate provisionals.

Among the American exhibitors are: Colonel E. H. R. Green, Henry C. Gibson of Philadelphia, Arthur H. Lamborn; Edward R. Wood Jr. of Philadelphia, Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, former Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Charles J. Phillips Jr., Judge Robert E. Emerson of Providence and Henry C. Needham.

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F. HUGH VALLANCEY VISITS DETROIT

By Herman W. Boers, Publicity Mgr.

Accepting the invitation of the Michigan Stamp Club to visit Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hugh Vallancey, of London, England, were the guests of the Club, Monday, October 11. They arrived in the Motor City early in the morning and were met at the depot by W. C. Lancsweert and taken to the Hotel Fort Wayne for breakfast. During the day the visitors were given an automobile ride, which had been arranged through the courtesy of Albert C. Butzen, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. H. Preston Hoskins, and were shown about Detroit and other places of interest. The trip included a visit to the Ford Motor Company's Highland Park plant. Here they were shown how Fords were made. An hour was spent here inspecting the various departments.

In the afternoon visits were paid to several of the local collectors and dealers. At 7.00 p.m. came the banquet, which some fifty stamp collectors, members of the Michigan Stamp Club and the Detroit Philatelic Society, and their la attended. The arrangements for banquet were in charge of S. E. Andre Dr. Hoskins, acting as toastmaster, troduced Mr. Vallancey, who gave a sh address on the experiences and obser tions of his 20,000-mile trip through United States and Canada, where he numerous collectors and attended m meetings.

Following his address, Mr. Vallan gave a lecture, illustrated with lante slides, on the stamps of Great Brit beginning with the Mulready envelo down to the present time. His sli showed many of the rare varieties types of the different issues. The l ture was most interesting and those w attended no doubt have a much dee interest in British stamps, as a result Mr. Vallancey's careful and detailed scriptions. All were well pleased w his visit. At nearly midnight Mr. a Mrs. Vallancey took the train for N York, to attend the International Sta Exhibition. The Detroit papers gave British visitors considerable publicity.

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Many of the finest collections have been brought to New York, on behalf of their owners, by Mr. Frank Godden, Managing Director of the famous Strand firm of that name. Several of these have already received high awards, but have been added to since they were last publicly shown, and, through the courtesy of Mr. Godden, we are able to publish a few notes concerning these, together with a list of the principal exhibits.

Mr. A. J. Warren's world-famous collection of the stamps of Holland has been augmented by no fewer than *six volumes* since it was exhibited in London in May, 1923, when it won for him a Grand Gold Medal.

Another famous collection, Mr. Henry Harvey's magnificent specialized study of Victoria, has had five volumes added to it since it was last publicly shown.

So extensive and so varied are the British collectors' exhibits, that it seems invidious to enumerate any particular collection. In the Great Britain section we cannot resist brief commendatory notes, however.

Thus there is Dr. Gordon Ward's fine study of the Penny Red with Stars in upper corners, plated complete. We wager that very few specialists in the world could successfully accomplish such an arduous task as this. Dr. Ward, however, by dint of years of perseverance, has disclosed such a wealth of detail and interesting material that his collection, which is ably written up, should prove the key that unlocks the door to the "Stars" of the beautiful early penny stamp of Great Britain.

This country is also well represented by the collection of Mr. R. J. White, which contains mint blocks of all plates of the early issues, including the rare Plate 11 of the 1d black, also a superb block of twenty of the 2d blue "no line," and innumerable blocks of the subsequent surface-printed stamps.

Another of the stalwarts of the Old Country, Mr. B. Goodfellow, F. R. P. S. L., is showing what is probably the finest British-owned collection of the First Type of New Zealand, also a splendid lot of Prince Edward Island issues, and another study for which he is eminent—Re-entries or "Double Strikes." The New Zealand collection is mainly representative of the 2d stamp, which is displayed in an enormous range of shades arranged by dated postmarks, and there are many mint copies and rare perforations.

In the Prince Edward Island collection are complete mint sheets, while split provisionals abound, with many fine used entires and pieces.

Mr. Goodfellow's Re-entries comprise many countries and form a wonderful study that would enlighten many specialists and help them to discover dormant and unsuspected treasure in their own albums.

We must also mention the same Fellow's fine study of the 1 öre stamp of Norway, which is shown in mint and used examples, complete sheets, and partly reconstructed sheets.

Mr. George Ginger's exhibit is unparallelled in the annals of public displays of New South Wales stamps. His magnificent Sydney Views are replete with numbered cancellations and entires, proving the correct name of the respective post offices. Few philatelists could even commence such a task, for it is a matter of supreme difficulty to collect and collate the necessary material. It is no exaggeration for us to say that Mr. Ginger's collection of early New South Wales stamps is one of the finest in existence.

Captain H. R. Oldfield is showing a wonderful lot of Persia, particularly strong in the first type, including the unique strip of four 2 shahis with *tête-bêche*, also studies of Bosnia and the 5c Bolivia.

Mr. Fred D. Walters is exhibiting his splendid collection of Greece, and Dr. E. W. Floyd his famous Modena.

Mr. A. J. Séfi is showing (not for competition) a study of the second engraved issue of Saxony, which he has divided into plates, proving the possibility of reconstruction.

Appended is a list of the principal British exhibitors and their respective subjects, those marked with an asterisk being shown for the first time at an Exhibition of this character:—

Name.	Country.
*Agnew, J. A.	Shanghai.
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*Barfoot, Captain J. A.	Russia.
Bradbury, Louis E.	Bahamas.
*Chaplin, T. A.	Air Posts.
*Collins, E. H.	West Australia.
*Brown, S. A.	Gambia.
*Byam, Dr. W.	Sudan.
Coulson, Horace E.	United States.
Coulson, Horace E.	France.
Dark-Francis, R. E.	Palestine.
Dibley, J. H.	Gibraltar.
*Durell, Colonel A. J.	Orange River Col.
Floyd, Dr. E. W.	Modena.
Ginger, G.	New South Wales.
Goodfellow, B.	New Zealand.
Goodfellow, B.	Norway.
*Hall, T. W.	Peru.
*Hall, T. W.	Colombia.
Harvey, Henry	Victoria.
Hinton, T. H.	Great Barrier Is., N.Z.
*Holland, Alexander	Hyderabad.
*Jamieson, Commander.	San Marino.
Lee, E. H.	Belgium.
Leigh, E. A.	Gambia.
Leigh, E. A.	Nigeria.
Leigh, E. A.	Gold Coast.
Lind, Capt. W. P.	Guatemala.
Low, Mackenzie A. S.	Egypt.
Luder, G.	Europe (before 1870).
Moffat, Major E. J. G.	Cilicia and Palestine.
*Morton, Rev. C. S.	Hong-Kong.
Nicholson, C. S.	Jamaica.
O'Connor, Dr. J. P.	Belgium.
O'Connor, Dr. J. P.	Belgian Postmarks.
Oldfield, H. R.	Bolivar.
Oldfield, H. R.	Bosnia.
Oldfield, H. R.	Persia.
*Parkinson, R. T.	Oldenburg.
*Peplow, F. J.	Japan.
Riesco, R. F. A.	Cape of Good Hope.
Riesco, R. F. A.	Chili.
*Stanley, W. J.	Irish Free State.
*Stanley, W. J.	Bagdad.
*Stanley, W. J.	Batoum.
*Studd, Major M. A.	Canada.
*Studd, Major M. A.	Essays and Proofs.
*Walters, A. E.	Greece.
Ward, Dr. Gordon.	Great Britain (Penny Red plated).
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The only inscriptions shown upon the Postage Due stamps of Belgium in use since November 1, 1895. They both mean "to pay," referring to the amount of deficient postage to be paid on the delivery of the letter, the former being the French and the latter the Flemish form.

The Meaning of Wove Paper

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Trail of the Caribou

This is the name of a set of stamps issued by Newfoundland in 1918 to commemorate the part played by the forces of the Island in the World War. All values have the head of the Caribou, which is the regimental crest of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Eight values of the set are inscribed with names representing war engagement honors, while the remaining four have the word "Ubique" or "everywhere" and the inscription "Royal Naval Reserve."

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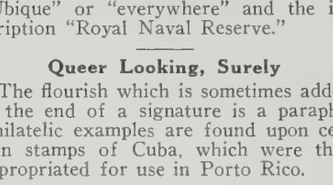

Our Hobby—Philately

The term by which the pursuit of stamp collecting is now almost universally known. The word is derived from the Greek *philos,* fond, and *ateleia,* exemption from tax, so that its connection with stamp collecting is not too obvious. The word was invented by M. Herpin, of Paris, about 1865, and, in its literal meaning, would appear to be more applicable to those gentlemen who have an aversion to taxation of any kind. Stamps upon a letter or document denote that the postage tax has been paid and that the article is thus exempt from further taxation. By a slight stretch of the imagination the term can thus be construed to mean "fondness for stamps." It is certainly obscure and ill-chosen, but it is now so generally used that it is too late to enquire whether a more suitable term could not be invented.

The Three "K. K. K."

These letters, placed in triangular arrangement on the Philippine insurgent stamps, were the initials of the first three words of the famous or infamous "Katipunan" society, a secret organization formed upon Masonic usage for patriotic purposes. It was the instigator of the various rebellions against the Spaniards and the power behind the so-called "Aguinaldo Government," its symbolism—a triangle enclosing a sun and three stars—appearing on the stamps as well. Its full name was *Kataas-taasang Kalagayan Katipunan Nang Manga Anac Nang Bayan* or "Sovereign Worshipful Association of the Sons of the Country."

"Day of Victory"

In 1918 Siam issued a set of stamps commemorating the end of the world war. The stamps were placed on sale at Bankok, Dec. 2, 1918. The entire issue of nine values was sold out in a few days. The overprint on the stamps, WUN CHAI, is in Siamese and means "Day of Victory."

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I am informed by a Dublin correspondent who "is in the know" that the new ½d, 5sh and 10sh definite Irish Free State issue are ready for the counter. This is being so, there is now a big rush for the late printings, and a market rise is certainly be anticipated very shortly. The Gibraltar 6d has made its appearance in a new shade, and judging from past experience the old shade with script watermark will eventually turn out to be a very desirable item. I certainly advocate this stamp being looked after.

An item of news which will interest many readers, and which I claim to be exclusive, is that no more 5d current Virgin Islands are available in the Colony. As no further supplies have been indented for, I have no hesitation in making this stamp my "Best thing of the Month." Readers should profit by this "inside" information.

I have on more than one occasion given it as my opinion that all 2½d orange stamps are likely to be good. I will go a step further now and emphatically state that it is a mistake to ignore the fact that all these are being superseded fast. Blank spaces should be filled at the earliest possible date, as witness the rapid advance in prices already, such as St Lucia, Montserrat, Leeward Islands, etc. The first named is now quoted at 2s each, and the others are following very quickly.

The 3d South West Africa Postage Due, De La Rue printing on Union of South Africa stamps, spaced 9½mm. between lines of overprint should be well worth acquiring, as the Pretoria printing on unwatermarked paper is now current. The former had an extremely short life, and already prices are beginning to soar.

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I again wish to draw attention to the two stamps mentioned in these notes a month or two back. I allude to the 2½d olive and the 3d blue Bermuda current type. Of the two, I think the 3d will be the best, but neither should be ignored. This stamp is now exhausted in the Colony, and it is hardly likely to be reprinted, whilst supplies of the former are exceedingly low.

I note the rapid advance of the Egyptian Exhibition issue. Whilst admitting that this is a good set, and well worth having at ruling prices, I consider that the Geographical set will turn out to be the better, and have no hesitation in advising all my readers to secure these, as they are certain to keep on the upgrade for some considerable time.

An extremely difficult stamp to obtain is the 40 heller Czecho-Slovakia, 1925 issue (S.G. 234). This stamp is, in my opinion, greatly undercatalogued, and my information is to the effect that it has long been obsolete. It has never shown itself in this country in bank parcels, etc., such as the other denominations, and consequently I venture to think that it is *non est* in the majority of collections. I may have more to say about this stamp in my next month's notes.

By the time this is in print the Spanish Red Cross stamps will be already obsolete. This set cannot truly be classed as a Charity issue, as there is no surtax, but the fact that it has been issued in the interests of charity makes it an interesting item. I learn that one of our foremost New Issue services has decided not to send this set out to their clients on account of the probability of not being able to obtain them at face value. I have nothing to say regarding this, but my opinion is that this will not preclude the set from becoming one of the most popular issues of modern times. I am unable to deal very fully with this issue, which, by the way, includes Morocco, Tangiers, Cape Juby, Sahara, Guinea, as at the time of writing they have not made their appearance, but if published illustrations are anything to go by, the complete set will make a very fine show in any collection.—*The Stamp Collector.*

NEWSY ITEMS:—

A NEW price-list has just been received from A. H. Goetz, 7 W. 42nd St., New York City. It has 16 pages of attractive offers and will be sent to any address upon request.

WE are informed that A. Herbst, formerly publisher of the *New York Philatelist* and of the *Perforator,* is about to begin the publication of a new weekly theatrical magazine. Mr. Herbst will be the manager, and he announces that $100 will be given for a suitable title.

AN eight-page folder has been issued by the Rutherford, N. J., and the Saturday Afternoon Clubs, giving particulars of both of these organizations. It was distributed at the Exhibition. The Rutherford Club has 230 members and the Saturday Afternoon Club 70.

IT is suggested that any collector having surplus stamps to donate, may send them to the Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, Mass. The officials of the Hospital announce that such donations will be gratefully received, as many of the little patients are much interested in the hobby.

WE are indebted to Herbert S. Ackerman for some notes on the 2c White Plains stamp, in which he gives us the numbers upon the plates and certain other particulars. This stamp has been well covered by Mr. Ward, and we extend our thanks to our numerous friends who have written us.

WE have just heard of the death of Dr. Henry J. Perry, 19 Bay State Rd., Boston, Mass. Dr. Perry will be remembered by many of our readers, and we wish it were possible to give detailed information regarding his philatelic activities.

AT the last meeting of the Bronx Philatelic Society held at their Club room at 784 East 156 St., N. Y. C., the following officers were elected:—President, Morris Judas; Vice Pres., Arthur Lynch; Treasurer, Christian Burke; Secretary, Isidore Billig; Auctioneer, William Kimelman. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday in the month. All visitors and collectors are welcome.

THERE will be a stamp exhibition by the Jamaica Philatelic Society on February 21-26, 1927. Entry blanks and other information can be obtained from the secretary, G. C. Gunter, Kingston, Jamaica.

A STAMP club for Summit, N. J., and vicinity has been organized and the first meeting was held Monday, Oct. 4, at the residence of Willis M. Pott, 133 Summit Av. The club now has a membership of seven and growing. Among the members are Dr. G. Ward Disbrow and A. C. Bode, formerly of the East Orange Stamp Club, Henry C. DeWitt, Jr., and A. H. Richardson. Will those interested write Mr. Pott.

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United States

2c White Plains Stamp Issued

When the branch Philatelic Agency at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York opened for business on the morning of October 18th and offered for the first time the 2c stamp, issued to commemorate the Battle of White Plains, there had already formed a double line one-half square long awaiting the privilege of buying these varieties. Those in attendance at the Exhibition continued to purchase so that the line was constant from the opening hour until the office closed at 9.30 P.M. During this time stamps having a face value of $9,000.00 were sold—the largest amount by far ever taken in by the Philatelic Agency.

The stamp has been fully described in this column previously and as informed last week, both the large and small sheets are perforated 11 instead of perforated 11 and 10 as we at first thought would be the case. The small panes of one hundred which are on sale at the Agency bear plate numbers 18770-71, 18773 and 18774. A fifth plate for making these small panes has been turned out bearing number 18772, but this is the plate in use at the Exhibition and impressions from it have not as yet reached the public. The stamps being printed at the Exhibition have attracted a great amount of attention and there is a crowd constantly around the roller hand press where impressions from this plate are being made. The branch of the New York post office kindly postmarked all first-day covers quite clearly and there is no doubt but what a larger number of these have gone through the mail than possibly any other first-day issue.

Dr. Jason Samuel Parker informs me that at White Plains there was a very substantial number of people purchasing the stamp, and that the mail from other cities was so large that it was necessary for the postmaster, Mr. Leroy Smith, together with his wife and children, to spend two evenings working well into the night in order to get the first-day covers ready for mailing on the 18th.

Dr. Parker kindly favored me with a very fine illustration taken from the painting by Mr. Edmond Ward of the subject that appears upon the stamp. A full description of this painting, together with information relative to the designing of the stamp, has been mentioned heretofore.

New Plate Numbers

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, I have been enabled to continue our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to Oct. 13th. In this lot we get our first Ericsson and Sesqui-Centennial stamps, as well as those issued to commemorate the Battle of White Plains. We also find on the list the first plates made for the 15c air mail.

Plate Nos.	Denom.		Ord.	Series.	Subj.
18592-18593	2c		Cvd.	1922	400
18594-18601	5c	John Ericsson		1926	200
18602-18605	2c		"	1922	400
18606-18609	5c	John Ericsson		1926	200
18610-18611	2c		"	1922	400
18612-18613	5c	John Ericsson		1926	200
18614-18615	10c			1922	400
18616-18617	2c		"	"	"
18618-18619	4c		"	"	170
18620-18621	2c		"	"	400
18622-18623	10c		"	"	"
18624-18625	4c		"	"	170
18626-18627	10c		"	"	400
18628-18633	2c		"	"	"
18634-18641	2c	Sesqui. Expo.		1926	200
18642-	$1			1922	"
18643-18645	1½c		"	1925	170
18646-18653	2c	Sesqui. Expo.		1926	200
18654-18661	2c		"	1922	400
18662-18663	2c	Book	"	"	360
18664-18667	2c	Sesqui. Expo.		1926	200
18668-18675	20c			1922	400
18676-	2c	Norse Am. (Center)		1925	100
18677-	2c	" " (Frame)		"	"
18678-	5c	" " (Center)		"	"
18679-	5c	" " (Frame)		"	"
18680-18682	$1			1922	200
18683-18687	10c	Spec. Del.		"	"
18688-18691	20c			"	400
18692-	10c	Spec. Del.		"	200
18693-18694	1½c		Cvd.	1925	400
18695-18698	2c	Book	"	1922	360
18699-18704	1½c		"	1925	400
18705-18712	2c	Book	"	1922	360
18713-18715	1½c		"	1925	170
18716-18721	2c	Book	"	1922	360
18722-18723	1½c		"	1925	400
18724-18727	10c	Postage Due		1894	"
18728-18729	1½c		"	1925	"
18730-18732	1c		"	1922	"
18733-18734	8c		"	"	"
18735-18736	7c		"	"	"
18737-18738	1½c		"	1925	"
18739-18740	7c		"	1922	"
18741-18744	9c		"	"	"
18745-18752	15c	Air Mail		1926	200
18753-18754	8c		"	1922	400
18755-18758	2c		"	"	150
18759-18762	1½c		"	1925	200
18763-18764	2c		"	1922	400
18765-18769	2c	Comm. Battle of White Plains		1926	"
18770-18774	2c	" "	"	"	100
18775-18778	8c		"	1922	400
18779-18784	2c		"	"	"
18785-18786	5c		"	"	"
18787-18788	2c		"	"	"

Air Mail Notes

Contract air mail route between Philadelphia and Norfolk was established on October 10th per previous advice in this column. Covers sent on the first day bear the usual contract air mail postmark reading, "Philadelphia - Norfolk Route." There is one stop between the two points, namely, at Washington, D. C.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Messrs. J. H. Smyth, Ltd., have been informed by a Brisbane correspondent that in the Records Branch of the Post Office in that city there reposes a copy of the ½d denomination (in the King's head type) in brown. It may be remembered that brown was the colour originally proposed for the ½d value, when the changes, in consequence of the revised U.P.U. rates of postage, were decided upon in 1922. In fact, the ½d brown was listed in several catalogues about that time. It is evident that a supply of stamps was actually printed off before the colour was altered to orange, and it would be curious to know whether the ½d brown was ever distributed through the Berne agency with the "Specimen" overprint.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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BRUNEI.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have called our attention to the 1c, which is now printed in black on script watermark.

EGYPT.—According to the Amiens *Echo*, the following quantities of the now demonetized Agricultural Exhibition commemoratives were in stock at Egyptian post offices on May 30th, the date fixed for their withdrawal:—

10,000 of the 10 millièmes.
12,000 of the 15 millièmes.
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165,000 of the 200 millièmes.

The remainders of the 10 and 15 millièmes were burned, the other values being surcharged in the manner and denominations already chronicled.

The original printing, comprising the five denominations, is said to have comprised 202,000 sets.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ERITREA.—A 60c Postage Due, with the numerals in dark brown, is recorded by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier. It is similar in type and colours to the corresponding Unpaid 60c of Libya, chronicled in our issue for March 6th.—*Stamp Collecting.*

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 2a mauve, multiple star watermark, Nasik printing. The inscription at the top reads "India Postage and Revenue" instead of "India Postage" as in the De la Rue issue.

MONACO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends for chronicle the 25c orange on straw and 40c pale blue, both in the design of A13.

NIGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 5sh green and red on yellow, script watermarked paper.

PARAGUAY.—Owing to a shortage of low value stamps the 75c denomination has been perforated diagonally and sold for 40c, each triangular half being available for 20c postage. A similar provisional was made in 1911, but the new ones are of a different shade of blue. They were issued on August 4th and were sold out in a week.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

PARAGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. sends us copies of the 75c blue, 1913 issue surcharged "Habilitado en 15 cents" in three lines in red and also the 1p50c brown of the same design overprinted "Habilitado en $1.50" in three lines in black.

PERU.—The Plebiscite stamps are completely exhausted and no more are to be issued.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

SPAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 30c sepia, engraved stamp in the design of A49.

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Section 2—*Gold*, Charles F. Gehrman, Confederate States.

Section 4—*Gold*, Eduardo Aguirre, Mexico; *Silver-Gold*, S. Newbury, Colombian Republic.

Section 5—*Silver*, A. E. Le Roy, Cape of Good Hope.

Section 6—*Palm of Honor*, Michel Van Gelder, Europe; *Gold*, Karl Gunther, Saxony; *Silver-Gold*, Carl J. Trubsbach, German States; *Silver*, William Luder, Europe; *Bronze*, Dr. Serge Avazon, France.

Section 7—*No Awards.*

Class VIII-A.—Rarities

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Class IX.—Errors

Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4—*Silver*, Adolph Passer, Turkey.

Class X.—Stamps on Original Covers

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Section 2—*Bronze*, Major M. A. Studd, Original Covers, Canada.

Section 3—*Gold*, Alfred Weyman, Original Covers, German States; *Bronze*, William F. Warncke, German States.

Section 4—*Silver*, Gen. F. Hegermann Lindencrone, Exhibits Nos. 279, 286, 290, 327, 328 and 330 Combined.

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Class XI.—Cancellations

Section 1—*Silver*, John J. O'Donohue, Cancellations, United States; *Bronze*, Dr. Warren L. Babcock, Supplementary Mail Cancellations; *Bronze*, Geo. Royce Brown, Cancellations, United States; *Bronze* Oscar W. Fowler, Cancellations, United States.

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Section 7—*Silver*, Geo. Ginger, New South Wales.

Section 8—*Silver*, Albert Marcher, Japan.

Section 9—*Bronze*, Philip H. Ward Jr., Presidential Postal Franks.

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Section 1—*Palm of Honor*, W. E. Hawkins, The World.

Section 2—*Silver*, Albert J. Squier, United States and Possessions.

Section 3—*Silver*, Arthur H. Lamborn, Great Britain, 19th Century.

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Section 6—*Bronze*, C. Shedden Laidlaw, Great Britain and Offices Abroad.

Section 7—*Gold*, Wm. F. J. Stanley, Irish Free State Exhibit No. 27; *Silver*, E. R. Wood, Irish Free State; *Bronze*, Howard S. Wheeler, Irish Free State.

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Section 12—*Gold*, R. E. Dark-Francis, Palestine and Trans-Jordania; *Silver*, A. Meierhans, British, Belgian, French, Italian, and Portuguese Occupation Stamps. (Exhibits Nos. 353 and 382); *Bronze*, Wm. J. F. Stanley, Mesopotamia.

Section 16—*Silver*, Bernhard Vogeler, Marienwerder; *Bronze*, Otto Ramge, Danzig; *Bronze*, C. Ott, German Provisionals, of 1923; *Bronze*, Paul Naujack, Memel.

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Section 19—*Silver-Gold*, Baron Carl Von Scharfenberg, Russia (Exhibit No. 147); *Silver-Gold*, Dr. Oskar Von Niedermayer, Transcaucasia; *Silver-Gold*, Heinrich Kohler, Ukraine; *Silver*, K. Lissiuk Philately Co., Russia; *Bronze*, Albert Zenden, Armenia.

Section 20—*Silver*, Ellen F. Nason, Hejaz; *Silver*, Eugene Klein, Turkey in Asia.

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Section 25—*No Award.*

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Section 4—*Silver*, E. R. Thomas, Jr., Falkland Islands.

Section 5—*Silver-Gold*, J. G. McConnell, British Colonies; *Silver*, M. M. Vanston, General Collection; *Bronze*, Otto, II, King of Hungary, Hungary.

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THE NEW 2c WHITE PLAINS STAMP

First Day Covers Are Varied and Furnish An Interesting Study

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

While the 2c White Plains stamp was first placed on sale on Monday, October 18th, at both the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, as well as the post office at White Plains, nevertheless, covers may be found canceled at the International Exhibition dated October 16th. This is due to the fact that the hand cancelling stamp used at the Exhibition was applied to ordinary mail on the opening day, Saturday the 16th. While the Exhibition was open on Sunday, the post office was closed and when it opened Monday morning, the clerk in charge canceled some letters before he discovered that he had overlooked changing the date. These covers, however, bearing the earlier date, were posted on the 18th.

The postage stamps printed at the Exhibition were all from plate No. 18772 and if the Department does not perforate the stamps which were produced at the Exhibition or run this plate later on for a supply for the Agency, this variety from this plate will not be available. The four other plates designed in order to turn out the small sheets of twenty-five bear plate numbers 18770, 18771, 18773 and 18774 and were all available at the branch Agency at the Exhibition. These small sheets like the larger sheets were perforated 11 and printed on unwatermarked paper. While I have not had the opportunity as yet of checking up impressions from these several plates, my attention has been called to a slight variety on the southwest pane from plate 18774. On the ninth stamp directly above the "S" of "States" is a large dot.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

Various of our subscribers have sent us first day covers of the new 2c White Plains stamp. In the number are the following—Raymond C. Schaffer, Metropolitan Stamp Co., Harry Ioor, A. E. Gorham, Dr. Jason S. Parker, Herbert A. Feaster, George B. Sloane, Wm. C. Steiger, Wm. F. Fell, P. M. Wolsieffer, Philip H. Ward, Jr., C. F. Richards.

There are some features in this group of covers worth noting. Two of them, the Schaffer and Gorham covers contained a circular exploiting the advantages of White Plains. It included a fine map of the city and surrounding country and also a story of the battle of White Plains, which was a part of the struggle for the Hudson River, between Generals Howe and Washington.

All of the above covers but two bear a New York cancellation and these two that of White Plains. The common cancellation consists of the words "International Philatelic Exhibition Station" in a black oblong rectangular frame. The White Plains cancellation is of the usual type.

It is of especial interest to note that the Feaster envelope and one mailed by Miss Wylie to our Beverly office are postmarked in red and circular in shape. The Feaster cover, singularly enough, is postmarked Oct. 16, 10 P. M. in error, and is the only cover bearing this date, that of the opening of the Exhibition.

The Dr. Parker cover has a very fine picture card of the scene pictured on the stamp, Alexander Hamilton's battery at White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776. Through his courtesy it is reproduced above.

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The air mail stamps issued by the American and other Governments that established postal air services, because of their uniqueness and the artistry of their designs, have early attracted the attention of philatelists who began to foresee great potential philatelic value in the new stamps.

Among the pioneer collectors of air mail stamps, represented at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, is Major J. A. Steinmetz, prominent in Philadelphia civic affairs and one of the leaders in American aircraft development.

Major Steinmetz, a mechanical engineer by profession, has been laboring for many years to bring his countrymen to a realization of the great national vision "America First in the Air." He was in charge of the aviation activities at the Sesquicentennial and one of the leading members of the committee in charge of the National Air Races, which were held here about a month ago.

Major Steinmetz's first interest in aviation began about 30 years ago, when he worked out certain steel-forged parts for Professor Langley, of the Smithsonian Institution, which Langley used in his first successful flight experiment. He was president of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania for six years and represented the city of Philadelphia and the aeronautic interests as chairman at the dedication of the Bustleston air field opening of the New York-Philadelphia-Washington Air Mail Service in May, 1918. He is also a member of the committee on aeronautics of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and of the aeronautic committee of the American Society of Engineers.

Because of his deep interest in aviation, Major Steinmetz naturally made a specialty of collecting air mail stamps from the time they were first issued, and he has in his possession original stamps and wrappers of letters carried by famous aviators across the Atlantic and Pacific and across the remote deserts and tropical jungles.

Among the exhibits which he will display at the New York stamp show, will be a selected collection of 100 air mail covers from all of the important countries of the world, including priceless treasures dating back to the pioneer days of the air mail service. Among them are letters that were carried by American fliers in their circumnavigation of the globe; mail carried by Commander Richard Byrd on his recent polar flight; letters transported on the initial flight of the ZR-3—now the Los Angeles—from Germany to Lakehurst, N. J., and wrappers carried by the same dirigible on a visit to the West Indies. Major Steinmetz also had mail on the ill-fated Sikorsky biplane, which Captain Rene Fonck was scheduled to pilot on his New York-Paris flight.

Some of the stamps and wrappers in the Steinmetz collection convey stories of tragedy as well as of romance and adventure, such as the letters carried by the Shenandoah when the giant dirigible was destroyed in a whirling hurricane while soaring over Ohio about a year ago. These letters bring back sad memories of one of the tragic catastrophes in the history of aviation.

There are also included in this notable collection, which is valued at many thousands of dollars, mail carried across the Atlantic in the British dirigible R-34; letters carried by Alcock and Brown on their flight from Newfoundland to Ireland, a feat which marked the successful accomplishment of the first trans-Atlantic flight; writings borne by Sir Ross Smith on his flight from London to Australia, and mail carried by Hocker when he flew from Labrador across the Atlantic and crashed in the North Sea off the coast of Scotland. Hocker was rescued and the mail carried in his plane was dried and ironed and then delivered safely to the addresses.

In discussing the history of the air mail service, Major Steinmetz traced it back to antiquity, based on the story of Noah in the book of Genesis, who, he pointed out, established the first pigeon post when he sent the dove from the ark which brought the "greenback"—denomination unspecified. The return to the ark of the dove with the olive branch proved to Noah that the flood waters had receded to such an extent that dry land was once more visible and enabled him to make a safe landing with the ark.

In the United States the beginning of the air mail service dates back to 1911, when for the first time experimental flights were made to carry letters by air to mail steamers leaving or arriving in port, and the envelopes used on these flights are now numbered as great philatelic rarities.

For several years thereafter scores of short experimental flights were authorized by the Post Office Department, mainly through the effort of pioneer spirits, who saw the great vision of making America foremost in aviation, and the "flown covers" used on these flights are also prized very highly by collectors today.

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following are additional to the list ed last week:

153, Vincent Domanski, Class IV, 5, *Silver.*

210, Chas. M. Ams, Class V, Sec. *d* (First Award).

336, Robert P. Levis, Class XIII, *Gold* (First Award).

380, Chas. S. Hamilton, Class ec. 22, *Silver-Gold.*

460, H. A. Truby, Class XVI-A, *Silver-Gold.*

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12, Erich Boden, Class XI, Sec. 6, ot bronze.

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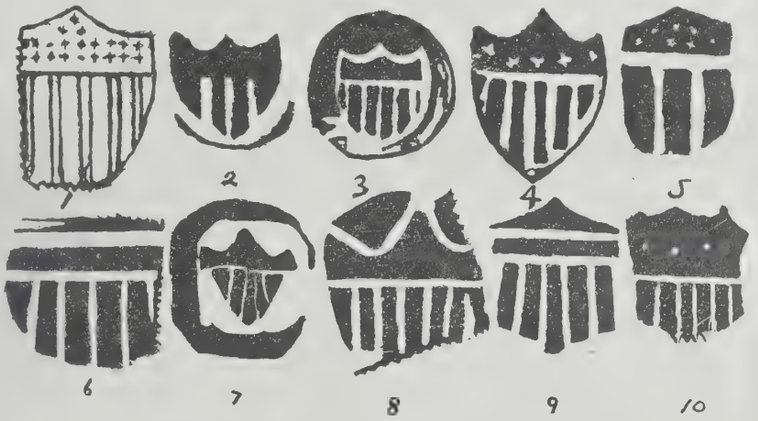
UNITED STATES ISSUES 1870-1900

Dr. Wm. Evans, *Editor*,
313 E. Freemason St., Norfolk, Va.

(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

A group of shields — patriotic — and some of them quite ornamental. All in black except Nos. 2 and 7. No. 2 is purple and No. 7 blue, and is the only one not on a 3c green stamp. This one is on a 6c Cont. Dr. H. A. Robinson contributes Nos. 6 and 8 and H. C. Reinhart No. 5 on a pair, each stamp being cancelled by the shield, and making a very pretty item.



As so often happens only two of the shields with stars have any shape to the stars. The others are spots, and Mr. Atherton called attention to this a short time ago.

No. 7 was used at Chicago, Ill., as was shown by a postal card received some time ago from O. J. Klinger, with what seems to be this same cancellation. It is also known on 3c green.

John W. Ross has sent a little lot of cancellations, on 2c 1883 and 1887, part on covers, and the others on pieces bearing postmarks as well as the stamps. Many of them are from Virginia. Salem, Va., is represented by a colorless H in a black block—round, and a colorless S in a black block with notches around its outer circumference. Roanoke, Va., shows the use on a 2c 1887 of a small hollow square of rather heavy lines 11mm long and 2mm thick. It is really a very neat little design. Weyerhoeffers Store, Va., has a postmark 37mm in diameter and a solid star in a circle for an obliterator on a 2c 1883, and Dayton, Va., has the same kind of a star. These are both purple.

Whites, Va., used a P.O.D. monogram on a 2c 1883 nicely tied by the obliterator. This is quite a different place from Blacks and Whites in another part of the state.

Here are two stamps each cancelled by a large D. One is a 3c re-engraved used in 1883 at Guineys, Va., and the other a 2c 1883 from Chineys, Va. Both on covers. Here's a chance to do some calisthenics with your imaginations.

W. F. Goerner sends an official size cover with a Dept. of Interior frank, and just to the left of it a 5c brown Garfield stamp, postmarked Washington, D. C., Jul. 25, '87. It is addressed to Panama, U. S. Colombia. U. S. S. "Mohican" care U. S. Consul. In the lower right corner is a pair of 10 centavos orange stamps of the Colombian Republic of the 1886 issue, cancelled by the postmark Agencia Postal Nacional, Panama 10 Ago. The year cannot be deciphered but is no doubt 1887. Beside this postmark is an oval grid of nine heavy bars. On the left is part of a printed notice. Not enough of it is left to say what message it carried. Near the center is a large T in a circle with small letters N. Y. above the T, and that probably explains the presence of the Panama stamps. The letter was doubtless overweight and these stamps were used as Postage Due stamps, to collect the unpaid postage for the excess weight.

Concerning the vertical ellipse used on Supplementary Mail at New York, and illustrated as No. 5 in the Aug. 16 issue, Dr. W. L. Babcock calls attention to the fact that the obliterator and postmark were fastened together on a hand stamp, and were in possession of the foreign mailing clerks only. Therefore unless identical figures were used in some other city, and it's not likely they were, the figures 1 and 2 of this particular shape may be said to be Supplementary Mail markings, and to identify stamps on

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which they are found as having been used for this purpose. This ought to have been deduced from what Dr. Babcock said in the May issue of the *American Philatelist*, concerning these cancellations.

A. H. Albert has sent a 1c re-engraved with U. S. Mail monogram cancellation, which is very interesting but not quite heavy enough to see through tracing paper.

H. C. Woodruff reports No. 2 of the Sept. 13 issue on a cover from South Orange, N. J. That locates this one definitely and is just the kind of information that is greatly appreciated concerning cancellations, but which so infrequently comes to hand.

Geo. W. Corwin has sent some interesting covers. A 2c 1887 stamped envelope marked COLLECN & DISN BUFFALO, N.Y. JAN. 1. TRIP 4 WAGON No. 1.

A second cover of the same issue marked ROCHESTER N.Y.
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And a cover from St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 29, 1904, to Norwood, Ohio, with three back-stamps 1. CINCINNATI, O. in a circle, 2 STATION H RECEIVED in an oval, and 3 CD — — — OHIO VIA CIN & ST. L. R.P.O. in a circle, with the date in the center surrounded by another circle.

And in this same class C. W. Parker sends several covers addressed from various places to Omaha, Neb., with this back-stamp: RECD OMAHA NEBR VIA OMAHA & OGDEN in two lines at the top following the curve of a circular frame. At the bottom TR4 and in the center the date in three lines surrounded by a circle. These are all dated 1895.

These two are the first R.R. markings of this character which have come to my attention, and their significance is unknown to me. Can someone explain why they were used? Anyone got any other examples to submit?

One of Mr. Palmer's covers mailed at David City, Nebr., has the stamp cancelled by a large T surrounded by a circle which impinges upon each arm of the letter. Or is it a letter? It could be a cross and have some religious significance. Any one know?

PRECANCEL STAMP SOCIETY CONVENTION

The P. S. S. convention opened at 10 A. M., Thursday, October 21st, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. Mr. D. D. Berolzheimer, representing the New York members, delivered the opening address, welcomed all to the convention and introduced Mr. John L. Parker, president of the Society. President Parker introduced Mr. W. L. Gates, of Teaticket, Mass., one of the oldest members. After Mr. Gates had spoken a few words of greeting, Mr. Parker gave his report as president, followed by the report of the secretary and other officers and committees. Secretary John Spaulding was given a vote of thanks for the work he had done as secretary and the work done as editor of the *Precancelist*. The Credentials Committee reported John L. Parker and John Spaulding re-elected to office. The subject of junior membership was discussed and it was decided that juniors be admitted at one-half ($1) adult dues. To increase the junior membership Mr. V. W. Rotnem proposed that the Society advertise in various boys' magazines. He further proposed that a fund be raised for this purpose and he generously offered to start it with ten dollars. In ten minutes the fund reached exactly *One Hundred Dollars in Cash.* A remarkable achievement

The second session opened Friday morning at 10 A. M. and lasted until 6 P. M. The new revised constitution was read and adopted; the subject of adopting a button was laid on the table; it was decided to continue publishing the *Precancelist* as a quarterly under the name *The Precancel Gazette*, with Prof. A. F. Gamber as editor. The balance of the time was spent in discussing the catalog, pricing, listing, fakes, etc. Full verbatim report of the convention, election results and membership list will appear in the next year book, to be published shortly.

The banquet, held Friday night, was indeed a wonderful success. Thirty-three members and visitors were present. The convention wound up with a Precancel auction of over 300 lots, staged by Messrs. Hoover Brothers. The auction contained a fine variety, good quality, and some really rare items. The bidding was quite spirited and many uncommon items brought high prices. It is indeed an honor to be a member of the P. S. S., to know the men that make up its roll, to see the spirit of good fellowship portrayed in such sincerity; it was a pleasure to be present at the convention and banquet. The co-operation of all collectors of precancels is desired; you need the P. S. S.; it needs *you*. An application blank may be obtained from John Spaulding, secretary, New Berlin, N. Y.

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"What's this I hear about a big furrin collictor being in Boston?" asked Finnerty.

"It's true," says Undooley, "his name is Melville; he's a little fellow, but he's a big gun in sthamps."

"What did he iver do?" says Finnerty.

"Well," says Undooley, "he wrote the 'A.B.C.'"—

"Hold on right there," broke in Finnerty. "Adam wrote the 'A.B.C.'; how could he spell his own name and Eve's if he didn't?"

"If ye hadn't butted in," says Undooley, "I would have finished me say an' told ye it was the 'A.B.C. of Sthamp Collicting' he wrote, an he also wrote siveral other books, an' he's prisidint av the Junior Phil. Society av London, England."

"He's English, is he?"says Finnerty.

"He are! Hav ye anything agin him on that account?" asked Undooley.

"I made wan av thim run wance," says Finnerty.

"Go on, I don't believe it," says Undooley.

"I did," insisted Finnerty, "but he couldn't catch me."

"Very funny av yees," says Undooley, "but I haven't time to laugh now. Thin besides writing several books he lectures, an' has travelled round a great deal, an' he wrote a play, 'The Lady Forger,' which had enormous success—for wan night."

"He's a busy little lad I shud think," says Finnerty.

"Yis, he worked night an' day in England," says Undooley.

"When did he slape?" asked Finnerty.

"He didn't slape. He just closed his eyes now an' thin. They don't slape in England for fear if they turn over they might fall off the edge."

"How do they stand it?" asked Finnerty.

"Whin they git all tired out they run over to the Continent to rest, an' that's the reason he came here," says Undooley.

"Has he found rest here?" asked Finnerty.

"Well, the lads have run him all over Boston afther it. Wylie, Kelley, Bartels, Howes, Lombard, Carpenter and others have hustled him around, but I don't think he's found it yit," says Undooley.

"Doesn't he kick a bit at any av it?" asked Finnerty.

"Yes, he drew the line at climbing to the top av Bunker Hill Monument, but they got him into Cob's elevator an' tuk him to the top of the sky scraper where the 'Hub Sthamp Co.' is," says Undooley.

"He's a brave lad to go in that," says Finnerty. "Hav he seen any other av the colonial relics in Boston?"

"Yis, he saw the State House an' Faneuil Hall, an' S. Allen Taylor, but it's too bad he cuddent see the little stove Wylie had in the old office at 355 Washington Street," says Undooley.

"That ud be a foine stove to use during the coal strike," says Finnerty, "it wudden burn a hod av coal a week."

"Is Melville a spicialist?" asked Finnerty.

"He are on Sarahwhack," says Undooley.

"Where in the wurruld is that?" says Finnerty.

"It's part av Borneo," replied Undooley.

"I'm just as near to it now as I ever was," says Finnerty. "How far is it from South Boston?"

"Well, I really dunno," says Undooley, "but it's too far for a Sunday fishing trip. He also is hot after Great Britain plate numbers—"

"Well, if I kin git all the food I want on me plate, I don't give a hang for the numbers. To till the truth I didn't know they were numbered."

"I won't try to explain it to ye, Finn," says Undooley, "for that little brain of yees has got about all it kin attind to for wan avening, but it wud really tickle ye to see Wylie taking the little feller round town. He's nearly run the legs off av him."

"How's that he did it," asked Finnerty.

"Running him by the liquor shops," says Undooley.

"Don't the little feller ever drink anything?" asked Finnerty.

"About two barrels av wather since he met Wylie," says Undooley.

"Can't the society for the previntion av cruelty to animals do anything about it?" asked Finnerty.

"They hardly like to," says Undooley, "whin the parties seem to be rational otherwise, but I'm afeared they'll git the little feller so waterlogged he'll sink going back if they let Wylie steer him round much more."

"Whin do he go back?" asked Finnerty.

"To-morrow morning bright and early he leaves Boston for New York City, where for five or six days he will dash into the whirl av excitement and make up for the quiet an' rist he hav enjoyed in deer old sleepy Boston."

"Well, be the powers, ye may talk about Prisidint Roosevelt's strenuous life, I think Melville cud give him some points on 'how to be up and doing' that wud joggle aven Tiddy a bit," says Finnerty.

"Well, there's wan thing, there ain't much av him to git tired," says Undooley.

"I suppose he'll slape all the way back," says Finnerty.

"More like he'll write a couple av books an' a play in his state-room just to kill time," was Undooley's rejoinder.

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It is certain that the most hopeful expectations of success for the Exhibition were more than matched by reality. No one could have foreseen the grand climax, because it is an axiom that no prophet can foretell the reactions of the public mind with certainty. Everything had been done to ensure the success of the occasion and the practical test was awaited with a tremor or two on the part of the workers, and it developed that the managers of the big machine had it headed in the right direction. The public responded and this meant that the requisite of attendance was met. The stamps were in hand and it was found that the people would come to see them. The first hour proved that the Exhibition was a hit and the satisfied customers, as it were, spread the news about that treasures were to be found in the house of philatelic wonders. There were no off-days and it was apparent from the start that the persons who engineered the Exhibition had made the proper approach to the man on the street or the boy on the corner, who had a liking for stamps. Before the Exhibition had become an actuality it had been said so many times in this course of conversation that the benefits that would follow a successful show would be of incalculable good to our pursuit that we shall not repeat the old story. It is not necessary to speak now of the thousand and one favoring influences that have been born through the Exhibition, we shall see for ourselves. The publicity that was received by the display was almost inconceivably great, as we have been told that no fewer than eight hundred newspapers throughout the land had something to say about the occasion. Not a few of the notices were in the form of editorials, commendatory of the great event. The marvelous City of New York was the only place in this country where so stupendous a project could have been carried to perfect fruition, and due acknowledgment is made of this fact. The splendid results that have been achieved must relieve the taut nerves of the projectors of the huge affair, who, in their philatelic omniscience, provided for every contingency, it seems. Surely the participants in Exhibition Week who came from a distance pledge their appreciation of the work that was done for their delectation. Well they may, because as one of the distinguished visitors said, this great Exhibition required brains, above all, for its fullest expression.

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The stamps shown were such as to make a profound impression by their kind and number. Competent observers said that in value and range, the character of the displays was never before equalled at any event of the kind. The maximum amount of insurance, amounting to millions of dollars, was placed on the exhibits and there were no untoward incidents, such as fire or theft, to detract from the pleasure of the occasion. The place was well-guarded by officers, who followed their instructions, and in every respect the most approved regulations were enforced. The exhibits held material, the examination of which required hours of time, and if one were to examine all the stamps, literature, etc., carefully, several days would be consumed. As a whole, the Exhibition was a striking commentary of the advanced plane of latter-day philately, and no collector was at a loss to find something to see, it booted not what his preference was. The ordinary collector was not neglected, through the wisdom of the president. The philatelic research shown in some of the exhibits was remarkable. While there was an example of unusual popular appeal here and there, it was noticeable that in the aggregate all the stamps received attention. The rarity class appealed to many patrons and the unique British Guiana and the Post Office Mauritius proved that they were stamps that often were described in print, and as natural, the Boscawen postmaster was a lode-star, again showing the potency of advertising. The ten classes, from Philatelic Research to Exhibits by Governments, Manufacturers, Engravers, Engineers and Printers, now seem almost dream-like in quality and quantity. It is impossible to visualize the exhibits as a whole, we find, after having looked at it piece-meal, but each visitor carried away with him or her a fleeting vision of the philatelic Valhalla that does not embrace the details, even though parts are vividly remembered. The week seemed all too short and those who were so fortunate as to have attended this triumph of philately would give much to be allowed to repeat the wonderful experiences made possible during those shining dates, October 16th to 23rd. 1926.

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The prestige and novelty afforded by the presence of foreign philatelists were realized by all the visitors from the country and the opportunity to meet the distinguished group was considered an enviable one. The prominent guests from abroad gave the Exhibition a distinction that was recognized and the attendance of not a few of the exhibitors and others from Europe, South America and Australia, not to mention Canada, was an inspiration to all of our own collectors. The great names borne by some of the strangers within the gates, so far as their physical entities were concerned, were known to many of us and due reverence was given to these visitors who had travelled many days and nights to pay tribute to the monumental work that had been wrought for the edification of philatelists the world over and to voice their opinion that it stood forth as a magnificent achievement that would stimulate philatelists for time to come. The guests enlarged upon the hospitality that they had received. International good-will has been greatly cemented by the New York Exhibition and this fact was stressed by speakers of the day and evening, as were.

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At the International Stamp Exhibition dinner at the Hotel Astor, John N. Luff, Chairman of the Board of Judges, announced that the grand trophy, the highest award, had been won by Alfred F. Lichtenstein of this city for his collection of the stamps of Uruguay. The trophy is a bronze statuette of an American Indian. The conditions stipulated that this prize should be given to a single collection of outstanding merit and to which a palm of honor had been awarded

Of the twelve palms of honor, Mr. Lichtenstein received two and also won seven gold medals, outstripping Arthur Hind of Utica, who received two palms of honor and three gold medals. Mr. Hind's two palms were for his United States stamps, acknowledged to be the best in the world, and his Mauritius stamps. His gold medals were won in the rarities class, the Native Indian States and Spain. Mr. Lichtenstein's two palms of honor were for his Uruguay and British Columbia with Vancouver. He won gold medals for his exhibits of Western Franks, Buenos Aires, Canadian pence issues, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Mauritius and Cape of Good Hope.

The other palm of honor winners with their exhibits were: Dr. Carroll Chase, Brooklyn, United States 3-cent issue, 1851-57; Senator J. A. Calder, Ottawa, Canadian cents issues; Dr. Emilio Diena, Rome, old issues of Naples; A. H. Caspary, New York, United States carriers; Adolph Passer, Czechoslovakia, Turkey; Frank J. Peplow, London, Japan; Michael Van Gelder, Belgium, Classic issues of Europe prior to 1870, and W. E. Hawkins, New York, for his general collection of unused stamps of the world in seventy-two volumes. — N. Y. *Times*, Oct. 22.

His collection of Uruguayan stamps, some of them misprinted and many paled with age, brought to the President of an international business firm one of his happiest moments, when last night, as nearly a thousand philatelists at a dinner at the Hotel Astor, applauded him. Alfred F. Lichtenstein of this city received an award for having the best display at the International Stamp Exhibition here.

A loving cup, in token of long devotion to stamp collecting, was presented to Dr. Emilio Diena of Italy.

Philatelists spend $125,000 yearly with the United States postal service's department for stamp collectors, Robert S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General, told the gathering. Thomas William Hall, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, England, also spoke.

Twelve awards of merit were made, as follows:

Class 1, section 1, Dr. Carroll Chase; section 8, J. A. Calder, Canada; section 20, Dr. Emilio Diena, Italy; class 1-A, Arthur Hind, for a general collection of the United States; class 2, section 4, A. H. Caspary; class 3, section 1, Alfred F. Lichtenstein, for the championship display; section 3, Adolf Passer, Prague; class 6, section 3, Alfred F. Lichtenstein, for issues of British Columbia and Vancouver Island; section 7, Arthur Hind, for Mauritius; class 7, section 2, Frank J. Peplow, for Japanese issues; section 6, Michael van Gelder of Belgium, for European issues; class 12, section 1, W. E. Hawkins, for a world collection.—N. Y. *World*, Oct. 22.

THE JUDGES

The work of the judges in scrutinizing the huge number of stamps and adhering to the line of duty, without a deviation, was of such a character and volume as to make one realize that it was not beer and skittles for them but nerve-racking labor that was not wholly relieved by the fact that they were contrasting flowers in a congenial field. The general high standard of the stamps made the task of judging a delicate one and it is something to be able to say that the judges emerged from their protracted deliberations with collected minds. So many considerations entered into the comparisons instituted by the expert observers that it would be difficult to enumerate them all, but it is merely fair to say that these men worked with all intentness and intelligence. The mission of the judge is a thankless one and the duties that he must perform are not of the most engaging nature, which the question of satisfying all competitors arises. It is a good sign, that knowing all this, there are men of training and experience in philately who will immoliate themselves, to stretch it a bit, on the sacrificial altars. The awards that were made and first announced at the Exhibition Banquet on the evening of October 21st, were the subject of much comment of approbationary kind and the news of the results was cheered by the banqueters.

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Charles Lathrop Pack was congratulated upon all sides, not only at the success of the Exhibition, but also the great dinner over which he presided. Mr. Pack built himself very largely into the functions of the week. His forcefulness, his zeal and withal his purse were offered without stint.

The WEEKLY is indebted to Hans Sergl of N. Y. City and Stephen Khanzardian of New Britain, Conn., for framed stamp designs which attracted a great deal of attention. E. J. H. Halvorsen of Salem, Mass., also furnished three large cards of first flight air-mail envelopes, which interested the passers-by.

To the many others who have contributed to the success of the week spent in New York, we express our thanks and appreciation. The event was too large to be covered in any one number of the WEEKLY. Indeed, there will be lasting value to the benefits that have come from this International Stamp Exhibition which Thomas William Hall, President of the R.P.S., declared to be "the greatest philatelic event the world has ever known."

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Alsace and Lorraine

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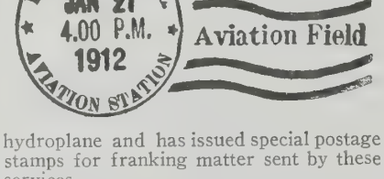
Aero Mail

This refers to mail carried by means of aeroplanes. It can, of course, only be identified from ordinary mail when special postage stamps or special cancellations are used in connection therewith. Until recently the carrying of mail by aeroplane has only taken place between certain localities on special occasions and all such mail has been marked with distinctive cancellations. Foreign governments have inaugurated more or less permanent services by aeroplane and



hydroplane and has issued special postage stamps for franking matter sent by these services.

Control Numbers

These are numbers stamped upon the margins of some sheets of stamps as a check or control on the number of stamps contained in a given supply. Sometimes the figures are preceded by a consignment letter thus:—"F 10975." In this case the group of figures refers to a particular sheet in the "F" or sixth consignment. Other numbers are found preceded by a value, thus "3d 23589." In this case the control numbers are impressed before the stamps are printed and they serve as a check on the number of sheets of watermarked paper intended for a particular value in stock at the printing office.

Meaning of "Buiten Bezit"

The last word is a contraction for "Bezittingen" and the whole means literally "outlying possessions." These words were overprinted on the then current stamps of the Dutch Indies in 1908, and they were issued for use in all the islands with the exception of Java and Madura, which had a separate series. The object of the overprint was to ascertain the volume of correspondence within the group with the object of reducing the postal rates and these overprinted stamps were only in use for a few months, from June, 1908.

What Is a Pane

A pane is one of the divisions of a sheet of stamps usually separated from the others by a width of margin. Most large sheets of stamps are divided into two or more panes or blocks. Thus most of the sheets of British colonial stamps consisting of 240 examples are divided into four panes of 60 specimens each, the upper and lower panes being separated by a comparatively wide strip of margin while a narrower margin divides the panes vertically. The guide lines on United States stamps serve a similar purpose in dividing the printed sheets into four panes of 100 each. A sheet of stamps resembles a window to some extent, the glass being represented by the stamps, and the framework by the margins of the sheets and the divisions between the blocks, or panes, of stamps. Panes of the White Plains stamp of 25 each were eagerly bought at the Exhibition.

Kinds of Albums

So far as stamp collectors are concerned an album is a book issued for the express purpose of housing a stamp collection. These volumes may be divided into three main classes:—(a) Printed albums in which the collector is left to arrange his stamps as best he can; (b) printed albums with the spaces numbered and arranged so that the stamps can be inserted in their proper order and (c) blank albums.

In the first division the albums—which are those generally favored by beginners—consist of pages ruled into rectangles, with the name of the country and perhaps an illustration or two at the top of each page. In the second division are those albums most suitable for advanced general collectors. The underlying principle of these is the same in all, i.e., spaces are provided for all the more important varieties listed in the stamp catalogues, and these are so arranged that the stamps can be placed in their proper chronological and philatelic order with a minimum of trouble. Blank albums, as the name indicates, have the pages innocent of printed matter, and these are the ones used by specialists. In these books, as a rule, the leaves are kept in place by some mechanical contrivance so that they can be easily removed, re-arranged or added to when necessary.

Plate Number

The number officially assigned to any particular plate from which stamps are printed. All the earlier plates from which British stamps were printed were numbered on the margin in the numerical sequence in which they were made, and a record was kept of the time a plate was in use. At first these numbers were only shown on the margins, but about 1858 they were also engraved as part of the design of the stamps as well. The practice was discontinued about 1880. The plates used for printing United States stamps are all numbered in the margins in a similar consecutive manner.

Aguinaldo Stamps

A series of labels issued by the Revolutionary Government in the Philippines under the leadership of Aguinaldo in 1898. They are, of course, locals, and though it has been asserted that they were of an entirely speculative character, it seems more probable that they were issued for legitimate postal purposes, and were undoubtedly used in the territory occupied by the revolutionaries until the Aguinaldo government was finally suppressed by the Americans.

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VE have received a pricelist of 20th Century British Colonials from xwell Krause, Lebanon, Pa. It will sent to anyone free of charge upon uest.

NE of our subscribers calls our atten- tion to the fact that some people are getful in making returns for approval ctions and names one of our shut-in rtisers who has been the victim of h dishonesty. Our correspondent feels t such practises are very reprehensible we heartily agree with him.

AUL FLOYD CORNISH of Sche- nectady, N. Y., sends us two clippings nterest. One is an editorial from the enectady *Daily Gazette* and the other alftone of Miss Leasdale, actress and np collector, who exhibited a unique tage stamp fan at the New York ibition.

NCINNATI Collectors Club met Oct. 21, with thirty-seven members three visitors present. An appreci- e letter from Wilhelm Dachauer, strian artist, who was awarded our K. Thompson Memorial Medal re- ly for designing the most artistic post- stamp for the year 1926, was read. Club agreed to award honorary mem- hips of one year each to the winners he two philatelic classifications of the l Boys Hobby Week. Claude D. lar exhibited Malta, following which yone participated in a Stamp Rebus ch was won by Master David Ringo, had 18 correct out of 22.—F. L. MALZ.

m. C. Steiger, publicity director of the United Stamp Societies, sent out 1926-27 year book. The postage was and it included a block of four 2c ite Plains with first day Oct. 18, can- ltions. This book has the usual con- s, is finely printed and has considerable rmation. The price of the book is 25c n Mr. Steiger, 400 Lookout Av., kensack, N. J.

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THE PROGRESS OF AIR MAIL

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world issued regular air mail stamps, and the early postcards and letters were distinguished from ordinary air mail by a special design and postmark which indicated and specified the official air route.

The first United States air mail stamp was one of 24 cent denomination, showing in the centre medallion an airplane in flight, surrounded by a pink frame.

An unusual incident which greatly increased the rarity of this first issue occurred during the printing of these stamps, when the Bureau of Engraving, through a mechanical error, printed one sheet of these stamps with the airplane upside down while shifting the seal from the pink to the blue impression.

The present market value of the stamps with the airplane reversed is $1000 apiece, according to Major Steinmetz, who with Eugene Klein, another well-known Philadelphia collector, was the original purchaser of this misprinted sheet of 100 stamps, which the Government sold in 1918 at 24 cents each.

Later, the United States also issued air mail stamps in six and eight-cent denominations and changed the color of the 24-cent stamp to plain carmine, rather than risk the possibility of another such costly error.

The air mail development in this country has expanded to such an extent during the past few years that most of the important centres of the United States have daily air mail service. A letter mailed in New York today with a 24-cent aerial stamp affixed to the wrapper will reach its destination within 33 hours. This transcontinental line is "tapped" at numerous points along the route to accommodate the north and south lines, which connect all States of the Union.

Major Steinmetz pointed out that America has undoubtedly the best air mail service in the world, but that future aerial development, especially in the commercial field, is dependent on patriotic public support. It was the vision of the early pioneers who saw the great possibilities of aviation and who mailed and collected the messages borne on the early flights that greatly encouraged the Government in its development of the air mails.

In the last 18 months a dozen new contract routes have been established, and the latest of these new air lines will be inaugurated today, when the P. R. T. will open a route from Mustin Field, at the Navy Yard, to Norfolk, Va., via Washington, D. C.

For these numerous contract routes established, the Post Office Department printed a special blue 10 cent and a brown 15 cent stamp, showing a map of the United States with airplanes starting from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, with the noses of the planes pointed in opposite directions.

All mail intended for transportation by air is further designated by the use of a red, white and blue sticker with the words "Air Mail" printed thereon. The purpose of these distinguishing marks is to speed up the letters on the assorting tables in the post office, so that it will not suffer a moment's unnecessary delay.

Among other noted collections which will be displayed by Philadelphia philatelists at the New York stamp exhibition will be a collection of Presidential stamps by Philip Ward, Jr., who has collected the autographed stamps of every President, from George Washington, the first Chief Executive, to Calvin Coolidge, the present incumbent.

In the early days of the Republic, Congress passed a law authorizing the President to frank his own mail by simply writing his name on the corner of the envelope; but later, when the Presidential mail became too numerous, this custom was discarded by the Presidents and official White House envelopes were used. This frankage privilege is also granted to members of Congress, among whom the custom is still in vogue.

In the case of the later Presidents, such as Taft, Wilson, Harding and Coolidge, Mr. Ward obtained their personal signatures to the letters to fill out the collection. With this collection Mr. Ward has included the official photograph of each President from the Bureau of Engraving, a fact which greatly enhances its value.

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We brought back with us from the New York Exhibition no fewer than six applications for membership in our Honor Club. We present the list as above indicated. Mr. Lachasse was a prominent figure at the Exhibition. He will be remembered by a wide circle of our readers as a former resident of California and is now located in Avignon, France. Though advanced in years he is alert and keenly enjoyed the Exhibition.

We are of the opinion that Wm. Lycett, the veteran member of the S.P.A., also received a great deal of enjoyment from the Exhibition. His booth was the scene of great activity. The Managing Editor was pleased to make his acquaintance.

Of course Mr. Lichtenstein was very much in the public eye. As chairman of the Directing Committee he was here, there and everywhere. Quite naturally he would feel elated at the honors awarded him by the Exhibition Judges, but he bore them very modestly.

To Messrs. Wagner, Tows and Bottomley we also extend greetings and well wishes and in this public manner express appreciation of their support of our publication.

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United States

New Air Mail Stamps

At the banquet held at the Hotel Astor during the Exhibition week, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in charge of air mail, announced that the Department was taking steps towards the relinquishment of the transcontinental and the over-night New York-Chicago air mail service. It is expected that during November advertisements will be issued inviting bids from contractors to take over the service. The bids will be returnable sixty days from the date of advertisement.

Mr. Glover also stated privately, that the Department was laying plans for changes in air mail postage rates that will render them uniform and provide a flat rate applicable throughout the country for all air mail transportation regardless of distance or other factors. The Information Service of the Post Office Department under date of October 15th states that the present rates complicated by the zone system and by a different basis provided by legislation for contract routes are extremely conflicting. They are not only incomprehensible to mail patrons but are not entirely understood by postal clerks. The transfer of the transcontinental service to private contractor would render them even more confusing.

They give an illustration of conflicting air mail rates now in existence in the case of a letter from New York to certain points in Idaho. This could go by way of the Twin City Route No. 9 at fifteen cents. If it went on Sundays over the transcontinental route to Salt Lake City and then via the Elko-Pasco route via Boise, the rate would amount to twenty-five cents, while over the transcontinental route if posted on Saturday out of New York, would be carried via Salt Lake City at a rate of twenty-four cents.

Present indications are that the rate will be fixed at ten cents per half ounce or fraction thereof. Such a basis would materially reduce charges on long hauls but would increase rates somewhat on short haul letters or packages weighing more than half an ounce.

Mr. Glover stated that the new rate would possibly go into effect at the time the transcontinental service was taken over by a private contractor or contractors and that there is a possibility of a special air mail stamp being issued for this service. Should this happen, the present air mail stamps would possibly be discontinued.

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—It is stated that the 1½d Canberra commemorative (the subject of reference in our issues for July 17th and last week) will be on sale throughout the Commonwealth for one week, May 9th to 16th, 1927.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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BOLIVIA.—Our Buenos Aires correspondent, Mr. A. H. Davis, informs us that the Bolivian Government has signed a contract with the Marconi Company for the administration by the latter of the national post and telegraph offices.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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FRANCE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 30c blue, surcharged "25c" in black, two parallel lines obliterate the former figures of value.

GUATEMALA.—Preparations are now being made for an entirely new series of postage stamps with denominations in the new currency, of which the unit is the *quetzal* (the name of the familiar parrot on many of the stamps of this Republic), corresponding practically to the United States dollar.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ITALY.—Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. R. Roberts report the appearance of the 30c, St. Francis' Centenary series, in dark grey. Also the Lire 1.25c blue and Lire 2.50c blue and rose, special delivery stamps.

Militant Mussolini again! The Official Gazette of September 15th publishes a decree authorizing the issue of special stamps commemorating the institution of the so-called voluntary militia or National Defence force. They will only be valid for inland postal use, and the proceeds will be devoted to the militia.

New Aerials.—Messrs. Yvert & Tellier inform us of the impending issue of three values in an entirely new type for use on air mail.

New High Values.—We are also informed that the denominations of 20 and 50 lire are about to be added to the ordinary postage set in current use.—*Stamp Collecting.*

MALTA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 1½p brown, new type, King's Head medallion.

NEW ZEALAND.—We are indebted to Mr. R. Roberts for copies of the 6p Special Delivery stamp, perf. 14x14½, on chalky paper.

RAROTONGA.—Whitfield King & Co. advise of the appearance of the ½p pictorial stamp, watermarked single lined "N.Z." and star and the 2sh, New Zealand stamp recently chronicled, with the surcharge "Rarotonga" in red.

RUSSIA.—Imperforate Series—Quantities according to M. Champion are: 1k (2900), 2k (1800), 3k (2300), 4k (1600), 5k (1600), 6k (1300), 7k (1300), 8k (1300), 9k (1500), 10k (1600), 14k (1600), 15k (600), 20k (600), 30k (600), 40k (500), 50k (500), 1r (300), 2r (150), 3r (150), 5r (150).

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us of the 1ch yellow green, 3ch green and 6ch claret, in the new portrait design.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—2½d and 3d in blue on white and purple on yellow have both been despatched from London. The 3d is on script paper for the first time. Both from plate 1.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

SAN MARINO.—The Onofri Commemoratives — Quantities according to M. Champion are 1 lire (50,000) and 2 lire (40,000).

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the ½p black, script watermark, design as before.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to the 1c and 2c, which have been issued in the re-engraved type of the 1923 bird design.

STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH EMPIRE

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. T. H. Nicolle sends us a clipping from the *Sydney Herald* relative to the reception of a deputation from the Victorian Philatelic Society by the Postmaster General. The deputation asked for a new series of Australian stamps with a more characteristic Australian design. The P. M. G. stated that it might be possible to consider the question after the special Canberra 1½d had been issued. He understood that there were 20,000,000 collectors in the world, of whom 10,000 were in Australia. The world figure sounds rather high, but the Commonwealth total is probably nearer the mark.

Barbados.—A gratuity of £10 is offered for a design for a special stamp which will be issued to commemorate the tercentenary of the settlement of the Colony. The stamp is to appear in February, 1927. Mr. F. M. Phillips and a lady reader kindly send us cuttings *re* this.

Fiji.—Rev. W. G. Iremonger shows us new printings from Plate 11, of certain values, differing in shade from the Plate 10 printings.

In the ½d the green is brighter. The 1d is now deep scarlet instead of a more rosy shade. The 2d is a paler (pearl) grey, and the head-plate of the 6d is printed in a deeper purple.

Gibraltar.—The latest printing of the 6d, for specimens of which we are indebted to Mr. J. P. Chipulana, is now in a normal dull and bright purple, instead of the dull muddy colour of the earlier printings.

India.—Charkhari.—The long stamp listed not many months ago in the *M. J.* is now said to be issued only for fiscal purposes—this on the authority of a correspondent who had the information from the postal head in the State itself. We must allow the postal authorities to know their own purpose in issuing the stamp, but in this case, why inscribe it "REVENUE AND POSTAGE"?

Labuan.—Our Publishers have shown us the larger portion of a very interesting sheet of the 1c (No. 83), with the Jubilee overprint in *orange* instead of in black. We understand that these stamps have been in the island ever since the issue was made in 1896, and that, with the exception of a block of 4 and possibly a single, those held by our Publishers are the only ones known.

Unfortunately the whole of the stamps now discovered are not perfect as the ant has been busy with some of them during the past thirty years.

This interesting discovery will be listed in the new Gibbons Catalogue, and we understand that the price quoted will be £2 per stamp.

Leeward Is.—Rev. W. G. Iremonger shows us the 3d, from Plate 11, printed in a very fine bright blue. This was put on sale at St. Kitts.

New Zealand.—Mr. Roberts says that the perforation of the 9d in the new shade is peculiar, being done in two operations, five rows of 12 from the bottom, and this repeated from the sixth row up. It often happens, therefore, that the vertical perforations of the top half of the sheet are not in line with those in the lower half, so that many stamps from the middle rows have the corners torn

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off. Two separate combs appear to have been used, one round-cutting the perf. and the other making a perfectly clean cut. They seem to have been used either together or independently.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Afghanistan.—Major R. B. Phayre sends us some interesting notes about recent issues. He has seen two and a half of the Mazar-i-Sharif fiscals, already referred to, used by the local postmaster to make up an odd amount.

The whole coinage system of the country is being revised on the metric system, and this may give rise to new stamps. The rupee, now of slightly higher value, is called "Afghani" instead of "Kabuli," ten of the former being equal to eleven of the latter. One Afghani rupee is subdivided into 100 "pals," of which only 2½ and 10 pal coins are minted. Twenty Afghani rupees make one "Amani," which is the standard gold coin.

Major Phayre gives an interesting account of a visit to an Afghan post office in Peshawar, now closed. The venerable postmaster was quite a "character." It required considerable time to find the office in the heart of the city, on the first floor of a small shanty. Business had to be done through an interpreter. The postmaster had a vague idea that some stamps were more sought after than others, so the sheets were gone through stamp by stamp. Although these were current stamps, he never adhered to the face value, but assigned a different value to each, putting a premium on the first stamp asked for. He usually stuck to his word and did not object to the removal of the corner of each sheet of 30 paisa, green (No. 310a). Nearly all the sheets had a lot of gum of the obverse.

A few sheets of No. 308 had a large inscription on the reverse, bearing the Afghan arms, and covering about eight stamps. About one per cent of the sheets were found thus. Major Phayre also has a used copy showing the arms in blue (but of reduced size).

Major Phayre agrees with us as to the philatelic interest of these later Afghan issues, which are well worth studying.

Chili.—We appear to have made a mistake in our recent reference to the current 10c with dot in the corner stars. The only value we can now find with the dot in the stars is the 50c.

Holland.—A correspondent who signs himself "A. H. B." sends us an amusing curiosity consisting of the 10c, Jubilee, cancelled with the "Royal Mail Route" advertising postmark. The "GR" of "GREAT BRITAIN" does not come on the stamp, so that the slogan reads "EAT BRITAIN," and point is given to the jest by the fact that the word "EAT" comes directly opposite the Queen's mouth.

Surinam.—Mr. J. R. Alvares gives the following dates of issue and numbers printed of the recent provisionals:

27 December, 1925—	
3 on 5c,	175,000
10 on 12½c,	65,000
15 on 12½c,	225,000
15 on 20c,	120,000
7 January, 1926—	
12½ on 22½c,	9,300
12½ on 40c (First type),	25,000
12½ on 40c (Second type),	10,000

In sheets of the 12½ on 22½c, two stamps in each sheet of 100 have no stop after "ct."

Mexico.—A correspondent reminds us that when the U. S. Army occupied the port of Vera Cruz, in 1914, the postal service came temporarily under American control. As all Mexican stamps had been removed from the post office, current U. S. stamps up to the 10 cent denomination were used. Later a quantity of the 1910 issue of Mexico came into American hands, together with the same stamps overprinted "Gobierno Constitucionalista," and these may be found stamped on the face U. S. M. Agency."

Nejd.—A special overprint was applied to certain stamps of Nejd during the Grand Muslim Conference recently held at Mecca. Two sets were presented to each of the fifty-nine delegates as a souvenir of the occasion, but further stocks were also overprinted, as they are coming through in fair quantities from dealers in Egypt and elsewhere. The overprint reads, we are told, "20th Zikad" (=7 June) at right, "1344 Hegira" at left, and "AL-MOTAR-AL-ISLAMI" (—Grand Muslim Conference) across the stamp. The issues of Nejd will be listed fully in the forthcoming Gibbons Catalogue (Part II).

Roumania.—Mr. A. Popescu kindly tells us that 200,000 of each value of the new Birthday set have been printed, while 40,000 of the 10 bani have been destroyed. It will evidently be better than the Coronation issue, though the latter has proved very popular and prices show an upward tendency.

In the current 5l, brown, there are two types of the figure "5," one considerably thicker than the other.

Spain.—While the figures given for the new Red Cross issue indicate something under half a million printed of the commonest value, and only 33,500 of the scarcest, we are not quite clear whether these figures indicate the quantity to be put on sale in Spain, or the actual quantities printed for all purposes. As the stamps are to be sold at face value, we do not see how the Red Cross Society is to benefit, unless there are large remainders to be handed over to them for sale to the philatelic public after the issue is withdrawn. We learn that the Society has promised not to issue any more stamps for fifteen years—an example which we commend to those responsible for other charity issues.

Syria.—Mr. Norman Joly informs us that the 75c, 1.25pi and 2.50pi stamps of Syria, Grand Lebanon and Alaouites were withdrawn from the post office early in August, without notice. It is understood that remainders will be surcharged, as a 12pi stamp is urgently needed, foreign postage having been increased.

An entirely new set is likely for Grand Lebanon, when the currency is changed to a gold basis.

Uruguay.—Mr. A. H. Davis tells us that there is an error in the 45c stamp issued in connection with the Rincon celebrations a few months back, the word "DEL" reading "DFL." This stamp is unobtainable unused, as all covers were handed in at the post office and franked by the officials.

From the same kind correspondent we learn that the air mail service between Uruguay and Argentina, temporarily interrupted owing to the sinking, during a storm, of the hydroplane employed, has now been resumed. The contract with the Junkers Company for this service has been renewed for a second period of three months. So far the service has not proved a financial success.

A company called the Aero Lloyd Argentino has just been formed to obtain air mail concessions in Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. It is hoped to have air lines working on a the most important commercial rout within two years.

Mr. H. G. Spanton tells us that tende are being asked for by Uruguay for 8 000,000 stamps of fourteen different d nominations. The printing is to be do from steel engraved plates, the desig being supplied by the Government dire to the contractor who secures the tende —*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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In March, 1915, shortly after M. Vilbrun Guillaume Sam was elected President of Haiti, by the National Assembly, Dr. Rosalvo Bobo headed a revolution, charging President Sam with being about to sign a treaty with the United States which would give the latter control of the custom houses.

On the night of July 27, 1915, during an attack upon the Presidential Palace, at Port au Prince, President Sam ordered the execution of some 160 odd leading men of town, then in the prisons of Port au Prince, and the next morning, wounded in the fight of the preceding night, took refuge in the French Legation. When the news of the slaughter spread through the city relatives of the victims invaded the Legation, and seizing the ex-President, dragged him outside. There he was murdered and his body dismembered, and sent to different sections of the town. On the same day (July 28, 1915) the U. S. S. "Washington," Rear Admiral W. B. Caperton, in command, entered the harbor of Port au Prince, and during the night Marines were landed to restore order. Similar action was taken at the other ports of the Republic, in the following weeks.

(Two Brigades of U. S. Marines are still in Occupation.)

Had Rear Admiral Caperton permitted an election immediately after the death of President Sam, Dr. Bobo undoubtedly would have been elected President, and Dr. Bobo was unfriendly to the policies of United States in Haiti. An effort was made by Rear Admiral Caperton to secure as a candidate the former Minister from Haiti to the U. S., J. N. Leger, but the latter refused to run, saying, "I am for Haiti, not for the U. S.—and cannot bind myself in advance to any terms which the United States will demand." M. Sudre Dartiguenave, President of the Senate, volunteered, while still a candidate for the Presidency, to accede to "any terms which the U. S. might propose," and for this reason was from the point of view of the U. S., the most desirable candidate, and in fact, almost the only man who would be willing to run upon the terms offered. On August 9th, the Navy Department cabled Rear Admiral Caperton—"Whenever the Haitians wish you may permit the election of a President to take place. The election of Dartiguenave is preferred by the U. S."

On August 12, 1915, the National Assembly met and elected M. Sudre Dartiguenave to the Presidency of the Republic for a term of 7 years, under the Constitution of 1889.

In Dartiguenave's cabinet, M. Jos. Louis Borno held the very important portfolio of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Public Instruction, and with Robt. Beale Davis, Jr., Charge d' Affaires of the United States, signed on September 16, 1915, the treaty, by the terms of which the President of Haiti appoints (on nomination of the President of U. S.) a general receiver of customs to take charge of the custom houses; a financial adviser to be attached to the Ministry of Finance; engineers to supervise public works and sanitation, and American officers to organize and command a Haitian constabulary, or gendarmerie, such officers to be later succeeded by qualified Haitians. After being ratified by President Dartiguenave this treaty was sanctioned by the Chamber of Deputies on October 6, 1915, and by the Haitian Senate on November 11, 1915.

On April 10, 1922, the Haitian Council of State met as a National Assembly, and elected M. Borno, President of Haiti, for a term of four years (under the constitution promulgated June 19, 1918); his inauguration took place May 15, 1922. The constitution of 1918 was adopted by 98,294 votes (only 769 votes were cast against the Government programme out of a population of 2,050,000).

M. Borno was elected again April 12, 1926, for a second four year term, by the Council of State, which he himself had appointed. One of the 21 members was absent, another cast a blank ballot, but as no contrary votes were recorded, the election was declared unanimous.

Robert Borno, the father of the President, was born at Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe, French West Indies, November 22nd, 1831, while the family was in exile from Haiti. He landed in Haiti with a French passport June 8, 1840, and his son, J. L. Borno, was born 25 years later, September 20, 1865. The father did not become a Haitian by naturalization until September 3, 1874, nine years after the birth of Jos. L. Borno, and based on this, the Opposition party in Haiti claims that M. Borno being the son of an alien is not eligible for the Presidency, according to article 73 of the constitution.

President Borno receives a salary of $2000 a month, another $1000 as entertainment allowance and expense of secret service, the free use of the National Palace, and $575 a month for service stables and automobile—a total of over $40,000 a year.

On September 3, 1924, Haiti issued a series of five postage stamps, designed, engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. of New York, from line engraved plates, in sheets of 100 (10 horizontal by 10 vertical) on white wove paper, unwatermarked, and perforated single line 12. The 5c, 20c and 50c are upright rectangular in shape (23x29 mm.), and the 10c and 1 gourde, horizontal rectangular (29x23 mm.). All are inscribed "Republique d'Haiti—Postes—

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Philatelic Sportsmanship

In connection with the New York Exhibition, Messrs. Hall, Beckton and Goodfellow of England, who acted on the Jury of Awards, withdrew their exhibits from competition. This may not be generally known, and we take this opportunity of commending the fine philatelic sportsmanship which marked the co-operation of these distinguished British philatelists. It is possible that other members of the Jury of Awards did the same, and if so the same praise should be accorded them.

Lost in New York City, a small red book of rare and scarce U. S. Postage. No. 54 used, 5c '47 dark brown O. G., some 1869, and other earlies. Collectors and dealers please report if any clues turn up. Stamps were mounted in a small approval book. Reward. A. Atlas Leve, Syracuse, N. Y.—*Advertisement.*

BITS OF NEWS:—

WE have received an account of the organization of a new stamp club at Toledo, Ohio. Don C. Minnick was elected president, Dr. P. B. Brockway vice-president, Fred B. McGown, 1809 Macomber St., Toledo, Ohio, secretary-treasurer. Meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 220 Gardner Bldg. Local collectors are earnestly urged to get into touch with Mr. McGown and help promote what promises to be a live organization.

THERE is going around the press an item which declares that a bad likeness of King George upon a recent issue of New Zealand stamps is being severely criticised. The clipping goes on to say that a "firm in Ipswich," evidently referring to Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, Eng., declared the representation "the worst that ever has appeared on a stamp and we should not be surprised to have them withdrawn from circulation immediately." The stamps show the King in admiral's uniform and are in two values, 2sh blue and 3sh mauve. Clipping from Ernest H. Sonnenstine.

THE Society of Philatelic Americans has inaugurated a Junior membership, open to collectors between the ages of 12 and 18 years. The dues for Junior membership are $1.20 per year and there is no initiation fee. Junior members will also receive the official organ of the society, free of charge. They can participate in the Sales and Exchange departments provided their parents sign a guarantee. This is a great step forward by the S. P. A. to enroll the Junior collectors in the United States, of whom there are thousands, at present unorganized. Junior membership application blanks may be obtained from William Lycett, Secretary, 1221 Washington St., Cape May, N. J., or R. C. Bach, Recorder, Board of Governors, 82 Nassau St., New York City.

WE have received a letter from Wm. H. Avery of Havana, Cuba, which we should be very glad to publish in its entirety, but space will not permit. Mr. Avery describes the devastation wrought by the cyclone which recently visited Havana and the surrounding country. He writes that while there has been much destruction of property and people killed by the hundreds, his personal losses have not been great. We quote: "All the actual loss will probably not exceed $500 but my stock is in a whirl due to torn roof, broken windows and smashed doors. It will take weeks before I shall be in order again. I am working overtime trying to catch up, but some of the orders and inquiries will suffer delay." Our subscribers will readily understand the inconvenience, disappointment and financial loss that Mr. Avery has sustained and will be lenient in connection with delays in correspondence.

Philatelic Stamp Agency

One of the surprising things to me at the International Philatelic Exhibition was the fact that great numbers of collectors are unaware of the existence of the Government Philatelic Agency at Washington. The establishment of this Agency was one of the most important events in philatelic history.

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A. P. S. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

DENVER, COLO., Aug. 31, 1926.

Many of us here present have seen the Society grow from a membership of 1500 to over double that number and there are some who remember its conception forty years ago. The storms that it has weathered and the difficulties it has met have only made it the stronger and placed it on a foundation where we must and shall overcome and solve all the difficult problems to be met each year as our history grows.

The fiscal year just closed has seen many difficulties to be overcome. The Board of Directors has been confronted with many problems. They have been met squarely and unflinchingly, whether for good or bad the future will unfold. One of our greatest problems was the "carrying on" and giving a $5 service to our members for $3.00 per year. We have worked out a system whereby our expenses will be reduced to a minimum. In the Treasurer's office, one example, for instance, has been the sending your dues notice with the ballot, which, in postage alone, is a great saving. In the Secretary's office, the receipts for application fees instead of being sent under a 2c stamp, is now being sent on a 1c postal card; thus saving 1c postage and the cost of envelopes and extra receipts on each application.

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In case all our ideas work out as we hope, we will have reduced expenses over $1,500 annually. There are other changes contemplated which will be inaugurated from time to time, so that our new system will be running smoothly on the new plan with no reduction of service to our members and no change in dues, no inconveniences and with a great saving of expense.

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The Board has expelled one member.

77 Members have resigned, 53 have been reinstated and 32 replaced on the roll. 127 members have been dropped for non-payment of dues.

Following is the summary for the year:

Membership Aug. 1, 1925		3243
New stockholders		782
Members reinstated		53
Members replaced on the roll		32
Making a total of		4110
From which we must deduct,		
Resignations	77	
Deceased	30	
Expelled	1	
Dropped for non-payment dues	227	
A deduction of		335
Making total membership, Aug. 1, 1926		3775

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

As a supplementary report to my annual report, which was for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1926, I will present the additional statistics for the months of September and October reports relative to membership and recruiting.

For the two months as shown by my monthly reports of Sept. 1st and Oct. we have added a net gain in members of 105, making our total to date 3880 74 applications pending and 31 appl tions received since my report of Oct. Providing these applicants are all mitted within the next 60 days our m bership will fall short about 15 of rea ing the 4,000 mark.

The Secretary has been publish monthly the names of those mem who have obtained five or more members. 26 members have thus go on the published list. Six members h qualified for the first prize in recruit having obtained 25 or more recru The contest, the Chas, J. Phillips prize free transportation to and from N York and $50.00 in cash spending mo began Jan. 1st and closed at midni of Sept. 30th.

The six members who qualified F. W. Allen, Edmund McD. Bendh William Bloss, C. S. Ernest, L. Saunders and Edwin P. Seebohm. T of these six are prize winners and other four should be given honora mention for their excellent work.

I should feel remiss if I did not a mention the loyalty and faithfulness the Society of nearly 300 members w obtained at least one new recruit.

Following is the alphabetical list those competing and the number of members they obtained; F. W. All 29; W. W. Anderson, 8; J. D. Bartl 5; Edmund Bendheim, 27; William Bl 27; Branch No. 24, 7; Branch No. 58, Harry Carter, 5; George Dodds, 7; W. Dworak, 16; C. S. Ernest, 43; A. Fennel, 8; H. E. Gage, 5; A. W. Herr, Eugene Klein, 9; W. L. Morse, Vahan Mozian, 11; L. R. Saunders, W. G. Saxton, 6; Edwin Seebohm, C. E. Severn, 5; Werner Staeb, 7; Ado Steeg, 5; C. S. Thompson, 5.

Those not competing: J. E. Gu 116; P. M. Wolsieffer, 16 and the S retary, 96.

The first prize is therefore won Mr. Edwin P. Seebohm, who receives trip to New York. The second pr is won by Mr. L. R. Saunders, who tains the $50.00 cash awarded by Char Beamish.

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UY A. JACKSON sends us a clipping from the *Publishers' Weekly* entitled Neighboring Industry," which pays te a compliment to American philately especially to the Exhibition recently d at the Grand Central Palace, N. Y. y.

'E beg to advise dealers that we can- not publish in the WEEKLY the nes of collectors who are charged with king substitutions upon approval ets. Our suggestion is that the names these parties be reported to the A. S. A. for listing.

NE of our subscribers, L. C. Richard- son, R. 2, Pike, N. H., will be glad send the WEEKLY for 1922-23 to any mp club that will pay the cost of nsportation.

IRST day covers in connection with the anniversary of the battle of nite Plains have been received from h White Plains, N. Y., and Washing- , D. C. The White Plains brings with he compliments of L. F. Beuchel of Y. City, who did a very nice piece of work upon the face of the cover. a frame is an inscription appropriate the anniversary day in red, blue and ck. The two Washington covers are regulation character and come from ymond C. Schaffer and Albert E. rham.

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The Air Mail Division of the Post Office Department is rapidly developing this service throughout the United States and it will only be a short time until there will be a network of planes covering the entire country. To follow the expansion of the air mail service is a very interesting study to the collector of covers. It is not surprising how quickly collectors in every part of the country started to collect flown covers on the regular "first flights." It simply gets back to an interesting cancellation on a few of the earlier issues. We know there is a wild rush for these stamps. For the same reason "first flight" covers are demanding world wide attention, and besides they are marked "first flight," which adds to their attractiveness. Covers mailed on first flights a few years ago are sought by so many collectors today that they bring a fancy price. The writer asked a Chicago dealer to pick up some first day covers at the International Philatelic Exhibition, which was recently held in New York City, and he was informed that there were lots of covers on exhibition, but none for sale—this tells the story.

As the new field in philately is in its infancy and will continue to grow rapidly, it is logical that this is the opportune time to begin building up a collection of "air mail" covers. Every collector of covers will want to complete his collection and how is it going to be done without someone paying the price. It's a case of the "early bird gets the worm," and, if you want yours, you will have to hurry because there are added converts to the great throng of present-day collectors.

When we speak of "air mail covers" they are not limited to specimens of our own country. Europe, Asia and South America are striving to install air mail routes. Continental Europe, especially Germany and England, are not asleep. The systematic collecting of first flight covers in Europe, especially in England, is so complete that many pay large prices for United States first flight covers. They simply looked ahead and they have the covers.

The philatelists, or whatever they may have been called during the period of railway mail development, were certainly asleep at the switch. "First Despatch" covers, which were forwarded on the first mail trains, would most assuredly be something to look at in this age. They would be a priceless possession of which one could well be proud.

Postal officials and postage rate experts are concentrating their efforts toward the fixing of a universal flat rate of postage for the transportation of air mail to replace the cumbersome, involved, and conflicting air mail rate structure now in use, it was announced today by Postmaster-General New.

It is expected that the basis for the proposed flat rate will have been decided upon and placed in effect by the time the government-operated air mail lines are taken over by private contractors.

Present indications are that the rate will be fixed at ten cents per half ounce or fraction thereof. Such a basis would materially reduce charges on long hauls but would increase rates somewhat on short haul letters or packages weighing more than half an ounce. At the same time, however, such a rate would obviate charges of governmental subsidies to air mail contractors, since the Post Office Department would receive $3.20 per pound of air mail while only paying contractors $3.00 per pound, which is the maximum fixed by law.

A rate of 10 cents per half ounce would not increase the rate for the average business letter, which seldom runs beyond two pages of medium heavy paper enclosed in long envelopes. Three such pages in short envelopes would be mailable under the half-ounce basis. It also is believed that few social letters run beyond half an ounce.

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Wall Street was by no means a negligible quantity at the recent International Philatelic Exhibition, commonly known as the stamp show. Prize-winners include Arthur H. Lamborn, of Lamborn & Co., A. H. Caspary of Caspary & Co. and Col. E. H. R. Green. Mr. Caspary, I understand, owns one of the outstanding stamp collections in this country, if not in the world; he devotes himself largely to rarities, a hobby which requires ample funds at one's disposal.

Wall Street men are more interested in philately than the mere record of exhibitors at the show would indicate, but they are less voluble about this hobby than they are about their golf. But bring up the subject in the course of your conversation and indicate that you are interested in the gathering of the elusive little stickers and golf fades into the background, nineteenth century values as against twentieth centuries come to the fore and the attraction of early Americans, British and French colonials and so on take the center of the stage. They are as great devotees of the stamp auctions as are other bankers of the auctions of great masters of painting. Other active collectors in the financial district are John Insley Blair, some years ago a member of Blair & Co., and W. J. K. Vanston of White, Weld & Co.

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The convention proved the advantage of announcing beforehand proposed changes in the by-laws and other business of importance affecting the organization. The vote on the questions that were presented on the ballots was a guide that indicated the preferences of the members and their wishes were not to be ignored. The amendments to the by-laws were the chief consideration of the convention and one of the most significant changes was that which provided for the formation of "units" within the society for the purpose of cultivating special fields, thus affording what may be specialized societies within the confines of the big organization. Five or more members may institute a "unit," which may have an exchange department and space for announcements in the *American Philatelist.*

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Chapters replace Branches in the nomenclature of the society and all appointive officers, except the sales manager and editor, will serve for two years beginning in 1927, while the two exceptions will have a tenure of five years each. However, removals will be made by the Board for just cause in its estimation and suspensions ordered pending investigation, at the option of the Board. The editor of the *American Philatelist* is given a salary of $600 a year and 15% on paid advertising as a commission, together with postage and printing expenses. The treasurer is awarded $200 per annum and office expenses, and independent audits are to be made of his books, as well as those of the sales manager. A permanent fund is created by the transfer of all future admission fees, including those of life membership to it, and only the interest from the fund will be available for use. The officers are to be elected hereafter for a term of two years. A budget system is to be installed by the directors and the salary of the secretary is placed at $1,200 a year, with the allowance of $75 a month for help and also his car fare to and from the convention, with $10 *per diem* during the convention, with office expenses. The articles of incorporation were amended so that a certificate of stock no longer will be issued to each applicant when elected, but instead an admission fee will be charged. Thus, the cumbersome plan of issuing stock will be discarded.

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The next convention was allotted to St. Louis upon the invitation from that city, although an earlier vote favored Toronto as the site. However, the vote was reconsidered, because of the omission of the committee on place of next convention to report on St. Louis, through a misunderstanding; and further in view of the opinion expressed that the legality of the convention might be questioned if it were held outside this country. The only proxy vote was then taken and St. Louis was returned the winner with 680 votes and Toronto 361. The committee on library showed in its report that it was incumbent on the society to make inquiry on the present condition of the library, now in the possession of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh. The representation was made that it was difficult to obtain philatelic works supposed to be on hand and that all in all, the wants of the members are not given due attention. The suggestion that the Carnegie Institute would be glad to dispense with the philatelic section was followed by the appointment of a committee, to be announced later, to make a thorough investigation into the subject of the library in its various phases.

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It was not easy to perform committee work during the busy days of the convention, because of the pleasant demands made by the entertainment attractions. Indeed, the social features were of a character to engage all and in consequence some of the committees did not deliberate on their work at length. Latterly, there has been a movement for more time for convention work and fewer social diversions, but perhaps wisely, the following resolution was tabled: Resolved, That while recognizing the generous spirit that impels the local collectors of the convention city to devise entertainment for the visiting delegates, yet such has become the necessity for unremitting attention to the business of the convention that hereafter it is advised that the purely social activities of the convention be curtailed so that they may not encroach unduly upon the time of the members. It is not to be gainsaid that a good many delegates look upon convention time as a season for relaxation and that their enjoyment of the social contact is one of the inducements for attending the yearly meetings. While the work of preparing for the reception of a large number of visitors is not a light task for local entertainers, it is likely that under the new order of submitting beforehand to members a minute of the important business to come before the convention, much time will be conserved as a consequence of this plan. With the new by-laws in force, it is likely that the operations of the huge corporation that the society has got to be will run smoother than before. With a large enough proxy vote at a convention, it will be possible to change by-laws, as occasion requires.

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SOME NOTES ON USED MODERN COLONIALS

By "Calabar."

As a specialist in these, I have been most interested in the two articles which have appeared quite recently in the Weekly, from the pen of Mr. Robert S. Gordon. Of especial interest is the list which he gives of those Colonies whose stamps are very much scarcer used than mint, viz., Ascension, Brunei and Kuwait. There are, I think, several other Colonies which may be rightly included in the same category, and which Mr. Gordon does not mention. These are as follows:—The Solomon Islands Protectorate, the Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands, Gambia, the Gilberts, the New Hebrides, the New Zealand Dependencies—Aitutaki, Niue and Penrhyn Island,—St. Helena, St. Kitts, Tonga, the Turks & Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands. Barbuda, although no longer a stamp-issuing Colony, should be included also.

Those who follow the market rather closely may be inclined to take exception to the first-named Colony—the Solomons—in view of the numbers of used high value K. G. stamps of this Protectorate which are about just now. But I think a moment's reflection will show that in this case, at least, appearances are somewhat deceptive. Consider the number of offers of these same stamps in mint condition with the very infrequent offers of used copies, and you have ample proof of the scarcity of the latter. In attempting to estimate the number of stamps used in these islands, one should bear in mind the fact that there are only four P.O's in the entire group,—a decided contrast to the situation in, say, the Fijis, where there are more than a score of offices scattered over the various islands.

The two "ship" type series are very scarce used; of the small ship type high values only 5,880 of the 2s were sold, 5,460 of the 2s6d and 4,860 of the 5s—the bulk of each being absorbed in mint condition.

In the K.G. stamps, the coloured paper varieties are rarely met with used,—the 3d on yellow (Postage & Revenue design) being the best of the lot, and worth at least double the price of mint copies.

Similar remarks apply to the Caymans, where again the coloured papers are most desirable, the 10s line engraved old CA, which has just become obsolete, is now fetching £3 10s and there is every possibility that it will go higher, less than 40 sheets having been printed.

Amongst the other Colonies mentioned, the Falkland Islands 5s red old CA, the small type scripts of Gambia, the various New Hebrides provisionals, the Niue handstamped overprints, the St. Kitts Tercentenary series, the 1s Turks Islands old type script and the 2s "Crown" type old CA of the same Colony, and the Virgin Islands 5s new type old CA are a few of the more outstanding "sleepers." When the demand for used Colonials really asserts itself—as it must inevitably—there is no telling to what heights these will soar.

In addition to the Colonies which I have given, there are several others whose current stamps are quite scarce used, but because their War issues are fairly common in this condition, are not in great demand. New Guinea is a case in point. The North West Pacific overprints, generally speaking, are worth about the same, used or mint, so many dealers and collectors during the War pasting complete sets on envelopes and sending them out to the Colony to get them postmarked. This is also true as regards the Nauru overprints, although exception must be taken to the Waterlow and De La Rue printings of the high values, which are undoubted rarities either used or mint.

Those who make a specialty of used modern Colonials are well aware of the difficulty of getting copies of the "short run" varieties used *during period of currency*. For example, the Solomon Islands 3d referred to above is occasionally offered, but nine times out of ten the date of the postmark—if it shows—is several weeks or months after the stamp became obsolete. In such a case, unless one has at his disposal the dates of issue and withdrawal or exhaustion, it is impossible, except by a rough approximation, to know whether the stamp has been actually used during period of currency, This point, of course, is more often raised in connection with provisional issues, as, for example, the Ascension overprints. The definitive series of this Colony was issued in September, and hence copies of the overprinted stamps postmarked October and November of the same year are frequently accepted as used during their proper period by those who are uninformed as to the date of withdrawal.

The difficulties of the problem are further increased by the illegibility of the postmarks, although fortunately this is confined to only a few Colonies. Montserrat and the Gilberts are two of the greatest offenders, the cancellation stamp being too lightly applied in the case of the former, and too heavily in the case of the latter. Then again, if one sends several stamped envelopes to the Solomon Islands postmaster to be returned through the post, they will come back with the words "Postmarked by request of addressee" written across their faces in red ink. (I have not received any "covers" from these islands for some time, and so am unable to say whether this practice is still in use.) Specializing in used modern Colonials, whilst fascinating and remunerative, is after all not always smooth sailing.

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Gossip

Our first boy's letter comes from F. B. McMahon, Tarrytown, N. Y. He writes:—"I am interested in the early U. S. stamps but as I am only a boy of fifteen I must collect anything I can get." You are doing quite right, Mr. McMahon. Don't worry about the stamps you cannot get. They may come to you as the years pass by.

One of our correspondents wants to know how to start a stamp club. Here is a chance for some of the boys to tell us how they are conducting their clubs. Make your letters as compact as possible, as fifty words is the limit in this department.

A boy subscriber writes us:—"I sure do hope you will keep this department, because I think it just grand." It will be all the better if the boys themselves take an active interest in promoting it.

C. R. P.—The letter "G" on your Cape of Good Hope stamp signifies that it was intended for use in Griqualand— now a part of Cape Colony but at one time having its own postal administration.

J. L. R.—Your Sudan stamp perforated with the letters "SG" is an official stamp. It was in use before the set overprinted "O.S.G.S." made its appearance

Hair Lines on Stamps

Another reader tells me he notices several British stamps are listed in Scott's catalogue as having "hairlines" and he would like to know how to identify these varieties. These hair-lines are small *white* lines drawn diagonally across the four extreme corners of the stamps. They are only found on the 4d, 6d and 9d stamps of the 1862 issue of Great Britain and they were added to the design so that the stamps printed from certain plates could be identified from those produced from other plates. They really take the place of the plate numbers found on later editions of the same design.

Another sort of hair-lines known to specialists are very fine coloured lines running through various parts of the designs of certain stamps. They are often found in connection with early line-engraved stamps. These lines are really "guide-lines" drawn on the plates as a help in accurately placing the impressions, and their presence on the stamps is purely accidental and due to certain impressions not being in the exact positions they should occupy. They are varieties the young collector need hardly trouble about though it is as well he should understand their real character.

Canada "Twelve Pence"

A correspondent asks why the 12d stamp of the 1851-52 issue of Canada is inscribed "Twelve Pence" instead of "One Shilling" as is usual with other British Colonial stamps of corresponding value. It is due to the fact that at the period the stamp was issued a penny had a fixed value throughout Canada, while a shilling varied in value in different parts of the Colony. This stamp, therefore, had its value denoted in pence to save dispute and prevent loss to the Post Office. Had it been simply a shilling stamp it would have had to be sold for 6½d, 7½d, 10d or 12d, according to locality, but as it was plainly inscribed "Twelve Pence" no misunderstanding could possibly arise.

Eendraght Maakt Magt

A correspondent asks the meaning of the motto "EENDRAGHT MAAKT MAGT" which appears on so many of the stamps of the Transvaal or South African Republic, as it was once called. This is Dutch for "Union is Strength," and it was chosen as a suitable motto by the dissatisfied Cape Colony farmers who formed the Republic.

Boy Sells Collection For $300

Little Jack McManamin can prove to his schoolmates that he "knows his business." His stamp collection, which had caused considerable derision from his playmates, brought him $300 this morning in a certified check from a Los Angeles collector. Jack is just 9 years old and his emotions today can scarcely be described.

For the past two years Jack has been enthusiastic over stamp collections and has constantly been adding to his own which was becoming remarkably complete. Then he decided he would sell and begin all over again so his mother, Mrs. Chris A. Rapine, advertised in a Los Angeles paper recently. Today, Josh H. Medinio, a collector from the southern city, arrived with his check book and viewed the array of stamps. He went scarcely half through the book when he offered Mrs. Rapine the money. She consulted Jack, who was too breathless to more than nod, and the check was given and the stamp book taken. Then Jack turned to his mother, "Well, I'm not so nutty," he gasped.—"Californian."

Honor Roll

We want to enlist our boys and girls in our campaign to get 10,000 subscribers and so we open an honor roll upon which we shall enter the name of every one who sends in a new subscription, 3 mos. 25c or 6 mos. 50c. Just say when you write us: *"Here's one for the 10,000."*

Who will respond?

Hong Kong "D P"

A correspondent says he has the current 4c Hong Kong stamp overprinted "DP" and asks the meaning of this surcharge. The letters are merely the initials of the *Daily Press*, the leading newspaper in the colony. They are quite unofficial and have no philatelic significance. They are only intended to act as a safeguard against theft, in the same way that the stamps used by many large firms in this country are punched with initials.

"Acor" Means Hawk

"Acores" is the Portuguese form for "Azores" as shown upon all the stamps of that colony. The word Açor means a "hawk," and this bird is seen pictured on the stamps of the 1910 issue.

British Corner Letters

When adhesive postage stamps were first introduced into Great Britain in 1840 the great fear of the authorities was that they might be successfully counterfeited, which would, of course, mean a great loss to the revenue. To guard against forgery a special watermarked paper was used, and as an additional safeguard it was decided that letters should be placed in the lower angles, these differing on each stamp in the sheet. The sheets consisted of 240 stamps arranged in twenty horizontal rows of twelve each. The stamps in the top row were lettered AA, AB, AC, etc., to AL; those in the second row BA, BB, BC, etc., to BL; and so on to the twentieth row, which was lettered TA to TL. Thus by these letters the position occupied by any particular stamp on the sheet can be readily ascertained. The letter in the left-hand corner denotes the row and that in the right-hand corner the number of the stamp in the row. By these means we can tell that a stamp lettered, say, EG, was the seventh specimen on the fifth row of the sheet.

Later on, in 1858, letters were added in all four corners, those in the upper angles being the same as those in the bottom corners, but in reverse order. That is, if the letters at the bottom were GL they would be BG in the top corner. This system was retained for all values issued from 1858 to 1887 with the exception of a few denominations of the 1887 set. Stamps with different corner letters are not regarded as distinct varieties by the general collector nor, indeed, by specialists unless an attempt is made to reconstruct the plates.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the WEEKLY are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it

Advertising Wanted

At the New York Exhibition we added 875 new subcribers to our mailing list. To help them in their problems, this page will be given over to their difficulties and delights.

We want some advertising for columns one and four that will appeal to the boy and girl collector. The limit will be two inches. Early application will get top of column positions.

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COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

I have read with interest Mr. Robert S. Gordon's notes in a recent issue of the Weekly on the subject of modern Colonials used on covers. Mr. Gordon, in the course of his remarks, says, "But the Catalogue can very well take care of these when the time comes." Now, as you are undoubtedly aware, this statement has been made many, many times in the past, and, singularly enough, has never been explained, at least, never to my satisfaction. How, I should like to ask Mr. Gordon and his supporters, can the Catalogue take care of stamps so used, i. e., on the original envelopes? Obviously, the answer will be, Because they *are* on the original envelopes. A moment's reflection, however, will show the absurdity of this reply. For, what is to prevent the enthusiastic collector from cutting the stamps from the envelopes, and offering them as "used on piece," or, to go a step farther, from soaking them off, and offering them as ordinary used stamps? The answer to this may be summed up in two words, his conscience, and I have no hesitation in saying that there are many, who, when the time comes, will be little troubled by the clamourings of this "still small voice."

I wonder if Mr. Gordon has ever been puzzled as to the source from which dealers offering used modern Colonials procure their supplies? But, and I know little of these matters, perhaps Mr. Dealer has a very dear friend in, say, the Solomon Islands, who, in the most obliging of manners, writes him a score or more of letters yearly, and of such length (and, incidentally, of such weight) as to require postage to the amount of 5sh or 10sh per letter.

The question is, after all, capable of no simple solution. What does Mr Gordon think?

Ad Rem.

To the Editor:—

Is an International Stamp Exhibition a proper place to display race prejudice? That was the question which arose in the writer's mind when he saw in the display of the Springfield Stamp Club on the sheet of Belgium, the stamps issued under German occupation with the headline "Oh! What a pity Belgium overrun by the Huns." It certainly looks like a gratuitous display of race feeling to have the epithet of "Huns" applied to the German Nation and flaunted in the face of distinguished German visitors and collectors of German birth and descent.

John Paalzow.

LA CRUZ ROJA ESPANOLA

By William M. McFarlan.

The Spanish Red Cross stamps, of which there has been so much talk of late, have arrived in this country, but mostly in mint condition. I feel quite sure that the cancelled on cover, postally used copies are the ones that collectors will want and those must have the postal dates September 15, 16 and 17, 1926, as it was on these dates that the stamps were good for postal duty.

For my collection of original covers I have tried in the various cities of Spain thru friends located there to obtain these stamps used on cover for me and in most cases failed. It seems that a certain few, including one large Spanish stamp dealer, have them for sale in mint condition only and it seems that both the stamps for Spain and Colonies were all sold in Spain by the various agents.

With the exception of the stamps that actually passed thru the mails, and these were very few indeed not to say the least of postally used stamps from the small colonies in West Africa. I think that the unused ought to be classed as our own Red Cross Christmas seals—with no philatelic value.

Everyone knows how hard it is to get the regular issue postally used from these small colonies let alone the Red Cross stamps during their three-day sale in some oasis of the desert.

It seems that these stamps were to be placed on sale at the large cities of Spain, so I wrote to these places for covers and in no case did I get the certain denomination on the covers I asked for, as my correspondents would reply that the Post Offices had on sale only certain denominations and some none at all.

As a summary of the various cities of Spain I might say that Barcelona had the most complete. In Seville only a limited number were sent to the P.O. and these were sold out the first day. From Vigo, Spain, reports have it that only the 25c was on sale and this being the stamp most used and the local rate in Spain.

In the capital, Madrid, I am referred to a list of agents for uncancelled copies as well as in other places, as the Spanish newspapers published in the various cities seem to carry quite a bit of advertising of stamp dealers and agents announcing the sale of the La Cruz Roja Espanola.

A special cancellation seems to have been used in connection with the postmarking of these stamps. The usual large round circle is used with Barcelona or other towns at the top in a box curved. Cruz Roja Espanola in the other half of the circle at the bottom of the postmark and in another rectangular box in the center is the date 17 Set 26.

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United States

Philatelic Agency Activities

The branch Philatelic Agency at the International Philatelic Exhibition remained open for six and one-half days and during this time took in just a few dollars short of $30,000.00. Had they been able to complete the mail orders which arrived in New York, these sales would possibly have exceeded $32,000.00. In all, 100,000 small panes of twenty-five White Plains stamps were especially printed for sale at the Exhibition and I now learn from Washington that no further quantity will be prepared. So far, sales of the White Plains stamps, which include the larger sheets of one hundred, have reached $42,000.00—possibly the largest philatelic sale heretofore noted in the case of a new issue.

Attention was recently called to the fact that five plates were made for turning out these special panes of stamps and that four of the plates were used in preparing the stamps that have been sold, these four bearing numbers 18770, 18771, 18773 and 18774. The fifth plate number 18772 was used by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing at the Exhibition. On the return of Mr. A. C. Radue, the plate printer in charge, he made an accounting to the Bureau for every sheet printed at the Exhibition and also accounted for the unused paper. All of the sheets printed at the Exhibition, together with the plate from which they were printed, were cancelled at the Bureau in the presence of a committee consisting of Bureau employees, in addition to a representative of the Post Office Department. As a result, none of the sheets in imperforate condition are available notwithstanding rumors to the contrary. As this plate was not used for turning out any of the perforated stamps, impressions from it are not available in any condition.

The 20,000,000 copies of the White Plains stamps in panes of one hundred were placed on sale in Washington for the first time on October 28th, although they had previously been available at both White Plains and at the Exhibition. Since then the stamps have been distributed to a number of the larger cities throughout the country. At the present time, it is doubtful whether a further quantity will be ordered by the Post Office Department from the Bureau.

1873, 90c Stitch Watermark.

Mr. William West reports that he recently located a copy of the 1873, 90c rose carmine, Continental print, showing a distinct stitch watermark. Here of late more attention is being given to these watermarks resulting from imperfections in the paper and it is quite likely that most of our early emissions will finally be located with a stitch watermark.

Canal Zone

Mr. Eugene Klein has shown me a portion of a pane of the 17c Wilson from plate 18022 wherein the surcharge is shifted in such a manner that one row of stamps show the "Zone" overprint only and the balance with an overprint reading, "Zone—Canal."

A similar pane of the 1c from plate 15456 has been found but in this case the surcharge is shifted downward instead of upward, resulting in copies showing the overprint, "Canal" only, with the balance of the sheet reading, "Zone—Canal."

ALAOUITES.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the 75c brown orange and 2p50 peacock blue stamps have been surcharged "3p50" and "6p" respectively. The former surcharge is in black while the other is in red. In addition to the above the Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 1p25 green has been surcharged "12p" also in red.

BELGIAN CONGO.—We learn from our Special Correspondent of the impending issue of three new values, viz.: 45c violet, 75c rose, and 1.25fr blue, to be printed in the type of the current 60c to the extent of 750,000, 1,250,000, and 2,250,000 copies of each respectively. Of these quantities 150,000 sets will be overprinted for the districts of Ruanda and Urundi, and in this connexion those concerned promise to apply the overprint more carefully than hitherto, so that it does not obscure the central subject.—*Stamp Collecting.*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.—Three new pictorials are reported, viz.:—Wmk. Linden leaf, Perf. 10. 20h yellow (Karlúv Tyn), 30h green (Pernstyn), 40h brown (Orava). New high values, with the familiar Hradcany as principal motif, are due for issue on Thursday next, the eighth anniversary of the inauguration of the Republic.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 1c olive green, postage due, type of the 1908-10 issue with the overprint "60 c" in black.

FRENCH P.O'S IN MOROCCO.—A Post Office Notice recently issued lists the following changes: *Postage stamps.*—20c carmine will be sepia, 25c pale blue will be green, 30c red will be blue (on exhaustion of present stock), 45c green (sold out, will not be re-issued), 50c greenish blue will be bronze-green (on exhaustion of present stock), 75c red (new value), 1f.05 carmine (new value), 1f.40 currant (new value), 1f.50 blue (new value), 3fr carmine (new value)—now being printed.

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INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises t he has received copies of the 8a mat and 12a claret, Nasik printing, wat mark multiple star.

IRAQ.—We learn from Mr. Bik that a new design for the 1 rupee is preparation bearing the portrait of Ki Faisal. A proof has been sent to Bag dad but at the time of writing (Se 7th) had not been approved.—*Philat Magazine.*

KENYA.—Colour changes despatched the Colony, both on script paper fr plate 1:— 5c green and 10c black.—*Ph atelic Magazine.*

LEBANON.—Whitfield King & Co. form us that they have received the brown orange stamp surcharged for as "3p50" in black and the 2p50 peaco blue overprinted "6p" also in black.

MAURITIUS.—*Change of Design.*—T six values chronicled in our last refe ence as on order in the King's Head d sign have now been despatched. All a on script paper from plate 11. T colours are 1c black, 2c brown, 3c myrt green, 4c sage-green and red, 8c oran and 15c blue.

In addition to these values the 10c red, and 20c purple, are also on order f the first time in the King's Head desi and the 12c reversion to its old colour grey. All from plate 17.—*Philate Magazine.*

PERU.—The Economist Stamp Co. se for chronicle the 2c orange, in the Ple iscite issue, design as SP1, except th the wording is "Pro Tachna y Arica" two lines.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. se for chronicle the 25c in grey.

ST. KITTS.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whi field King & Co. send for chronicle t 3p purple on yellow, script watermar design as Scott's A11.

SYRIA.—Whitfield King & Co. ha shown us the 75c brown orange, su charged "3p. 50" with four native chara ters on the same line. Also the 2p50 pea cock blue overprinted in like manne "6p" with the two native characters the further side of the stamp. Both su charges are in black and parallel lin obliterate the figures of the former valu

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* 70-9	1921-4, 1p to 5sh	5.95	3.60
* 80	1926, 1 pound	9.00	6.40
*102	1917, 5p	1.00	.60
*301-4	1918, ½p to 3p	2.40	1.20
*305	1 shilling	12.00	7.00
*306	1p	1.00	.40
*307-10	½p to 1sh	.91	.45
*311-12	1918-19, 3p, 3p	.75	.35
*313-16	1919, ½p to 1sh	1.08	.50
96	**Barbados** 1904-5, 6p	3.00	1.60
*100-4	1905, 1f to 2½p	2.47	1.30
*108-10	1907, 1f to 2½p	2.60	1.40
116-23	1912, ¼p to 6p	6.88	3.40
*124	1 shilling	5.00	3.00
127-34	1916, ¾p to 6p	3.19	1.70
140-50	1920, ¼p to 3sh	10.09	6.50
*152-8	1921-4, ¼p to 6p	1.53	.90
*162-4	3p to 1sh	1.90	1.10
*165-75	1925, ¼p to 3sh	3.80	2.30
* 83-91	**Bech.Protect.** 1912,½p-1sh	1.67	1.00
* 94-5	1920-3, 2sh 6p, 5sh	3.75	2.40
* 30	**Bermuda** 1904, 4p	1.50	.90
* 35-9	1908-10, ¼p to 4p	3.17	1.65
* 40-8	1910-19, ¼p to 1sh	2.43	1.30
* 49-51	1917, 2sh 6p to 10sh	11.00	6.20
* 52	1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 53-4	1920, 2sh, 4sh	3.00	1.95
172-7	**Br. Guiana** 1907, 2c to 12c	1.79	.90
*185-6	1913-15, 48c, 60c	2.25	2.25
*193-201	1921-3, 2c to 72c	2.20	1.60
* 58-61	**Br.Honduras** 1902-4,1c-20c	4.00	2.25
65	1904-06, 10c	.75	.40
* 91-100	1921-5, 1c to $2	7.90	5.50
*103	$5	10.00	7.00
*301-5	1916-18, 1c-3c	.66	.30
* 38	**Br. Sol. Isl.** 1914, 5sh	2.50	1.75
* 40	1914, 1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 54	1925, 10sh	5.00	3.20
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* 8-12	**Cayman Isl.** 1905, ½p-1sh.	10.50	6.00
* 30	1908, 10sh	12.50	7.50
* 43-4	1913, 3p, 1sh	1.85	1.00
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*101-2	1917, 1½ on 2½p	4.75	2.25
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*215a	1912, 10 rupees	7.00	5.00
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42	**Cook Isl.** 1916-19, 2p	1.50	.75
* 48-53	1919, ½p to 3p	.96	.50
* 54	3p	4.00	1.75
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61-71	**Cyprus** 1912-14,10pa-45 pia	9.26	5.00
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* 46-52	**Dominica** 1908-10, ½p-1sh	2.08	1.25
* 56-7	1919-20, 2sh, 2sh 6p	6.50	4.10
* 59-65	1921, ½p to 6p	1.44	.80
* 67-8	2sh, 2sh 6p	12.50	7.50
* 69-80	1923, ½p to 4sh	5.59	3.50
* 81-83	3sh to 1 pound	13.00	9.40
*151-55	1916-18, ½ to 3p	1.20	.50
* 39	**East Afr. & Ug.** 1907, 75c	1.50	.90
*105-7	**Egypt** 1925, 5 to 15m	2.00	1.35
*108-13	1926, 5m to 200m	..	4.50
*114	50 pia	..	4.75
* 40	**Falkland Isl.** 1914, 5sh	2.50	1.75
* 41-9	1921-3, ½p to 3sh	3.46	2.10
*101-3	1918, ½p to 1sh	1.12	.50
64	**Fiji** 1903, 4p	.70	.35
* 91a	1912-16, 1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 94-104	1922-25, ½p to 5sh	5.12	3.30
*307-11	1918, ½p to 4p	.86	.45
* 37	**Gambia** 1902-5, 2sh	5.00	3.00
* 57-68	1909, 1p to 2sh 6p	22.55	12.00
*70-81	1912, ½p to 1sh	4.93	3.00
* 86-94	1921, ½p to 10p	6.40	3.90
*102-10	1922, ½p to 10p	1.28	.85
*117-20	4p to 5sh	4.00	6.50
211-19	**Germ. E. Afr.** 1917, 1c-75c	2.80	1.60
* 66-71	**Gibraltar** 1912, ½p to 1sh	2.21	1.30
* 75	1912, 1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 80-4	1922-4, 1½p to 2sh	1.92	1.30
* 87-9	1925, 2sh 6p to 10sh	8.75	5.60
* 79a	**Gold Coast** 1913-16, 10sh	5.00	3.20
* 80	1913-16, 1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 83-93	1921-5, ½p to 5sh	6.01	3.80
*301-4	1923, ½p to 3p	1.25	.75
* 64	**Grenada** 1904, 1sh	1.75	1.00
* 79-85	1913, ½p to 1sh	2.06	1.25
86	2sh	1.75	1.00
* 88a	10sh	6.00	4.00
* 91-5	1921, ½p to 6p	.83	.60
* 97-106	1922-3, 1p to 5sh	7.02	4.75
*108-12	1925-6, 2p to 1sh	1.10	.70
*201	1916, 1p	1.50	.90
*308-10	1906-11, 1p to 3p	3.00	1.00
84-87	**Hong Kong** 1904, 50c-$3.	7.90	4.70
113	1912-14, $3	2.00	1.00
*115	$10	12.00	8.00
*135	1925, $5	5.00	3.75
* 1-8	**Ireland** 1922, ½p to 10p	6.55	4.20
* 12-14	1922, 2½p to 9p	2.50	2.00
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* 27	9p	2.00	1.20
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* 45-56	½p to 1sh	2.30	1.50

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* 58-60	1911, 2p to 6p	1.45	.85
* 61-70	1912-19, 1p to 5sh	10.03	6.00
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86	5sh	2.75	1.75
* 87	10sh	10.00	6.00
* 88-100	1921-3, ½p to 10sh	11.34	7.10
*301-11	1916-17, ½ to 3p	2.83	1.40
* 1-8	**Kenya** 1921, 1c to 50c	1.55	.90
* 17-19	**Leew. Isl.** 1902, 1/4p-1/7p	2.75	1.40
* 20-26	1902, ½p to 1sh	5.49	2.85
* 46-55	1912-14, ¼p-5sh	8.93	4.75
* 59-60	1921-2, 4p, 2sh	3.40	1.50
* 61-73	¼p to 4sh	5.05	3.15
* 75-82	1922-3, 1p to 5sh	4.92	3.10
35	**Malta** 1904-6, 4p	1.25	.65
* 38-47	1907-11, 1f to 1sh	4.36	2.60
44	4p	.75	.40
* 48	5sh	6.00	4.25
* 49-59	1914-18, ¼p to 1sh	6.01	4.00
* 60	2sh	5.00	3.50
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* 77-81	1921-2, ½p to 1sh	5.90	3.50
* 82	2sh	15.00	12.50
* 86-96	¼p to 10sh	23.05	18.25
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*116-29	1926, ½p to 10sh	39.47	27.50
*131-46	1926, ½p to 5sh	8.11	5.00
*401-10	1925, ½p to 1sh 6p	3.96	2.50
* 43-52	**Montserrat** 1916, ½p-5sh	9.61	6.20
* 53-60	1922, ½p to 4sh	5.48	3.65
* 61-71	1923, ½p to 5sh	5.01	3.20
*115-26	**Newfoundl'd** 1918, 1c-36c	5.13	3.20
*127-30	1920, 2 on 30c-3 on 35c	9.00	4.90
*131-44	1923-4, 1c to 24c	2.63	1.60
*202	1919, $1 on 15c	6.00	3.50
* 1-11	**New Guinea** 1925. ½p-5sh	5.04	3.25
* 12	1925, 10sh	4.50	3.20
* 13	1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 12	**Nigeria** 1914-15, 1 pound	10.00	6.50
* 18-28	1921-26, ½p to 10sh	7.35	4.75
* 9-10	**Niue** 1903, 3 and 6p	1.85	1.00
* 12	1903, 1sh	2.50	1.50
12-19	**Nyasaland** 1913, ½p-1sh.	1.36	.90
* 20-2	1913, 2sh 6p to 10sh	8.50	6.50
* 23	1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 25-33	1921-4, ½p to 2sh 6p	1.83	1.15
* 2	**Palestine** 1918, 5m on 1 pia	3.00	1.25
3-13	1918-19, 1m to 20 pia	5.85	3.00
* 15-25	1920, 1m to 20 pia	9.03	4.75
* 37-47	1921, 1m to 20 pia	14.17	9.50
48-62	1922, 1m to 20 pia	3.85	1.50
* 77-85	**Papua** 1919-21, ½p-10sh.	6.44	4.75
77	**Rhodesia** 1905, 5sh	3.50	1.75
* 56-8	**St. Helena** 2½ to 6p	1.95	1.10
* 61-68	1912, ½p to 1sh	2.09	1.40
* 75-7	1922, 1p to 2½p	.95	.60
* 79-89	1922-3, ½p to 15sh	17.65	11.20
* 90-93	4p to 5sh	4.66	3.40
* 94	1 pound	9.00	6.40
* 16-23	**St. Kitts** 1907-18, ½p-5sh.	12.96	7.80
* 32-5	1920-2, 2sh to 10sh	11.25	6.25
* 36	1 pound	10.00	6.50
* 37-44	1921-2, ½p to 2sh	4.04	2.30
* 50-56	1923, ½p to 6p	5.65	2.90
* 76-81	**St. Lucia** 1921, ½p to 1sh	1.03	.60
* 82-6	1922-3, 1p to 5sh	2.91	1.80
*104-12	**St. Vincent** 1913, ½p-1sh.	3.35	2.00
*113	1913, 2sh	1.50	1.00
*115	1 pound	9.00	6.50
*116	1914, 1sh	1.00	.60
*118-28	1921-5, ½p to 5sh	4.66	2.95
114-19	**Samoa** 1914, ½p to 1sh.	3.45	1.75
*124-35	1916, ½p to 1sh	2.74	1.40
*136-41	1920, ½p to 1sh	1.48	.85
* 70-1	**Seychelles** 1912, 45c, 75c	2.50	1.50
73	1912, 2r 25c	4.00	2.25
*117-18	**Sierra Leone** 1912, 5 &10sh	7.00	5.00
*119	1912, 1 pound	9.00	6.40
*122-9	1921, ½p to 2sh	2.61	1.40
*132-6	1924-6, 1p to 1sh	1.17	.75
* 51-9	**Somaliland** 1912-19, ½a-12a	4.22	2.50
* 64-73	1921, ½a to 1 rupee	2.28	1.60
* 74-6	2r to 5 rupees	6.30	5.00
* 1-14	**So. Rhodesia** 1924, ½p-5sh	7.46	4.90
* 45-6	**So. W. Africa** 1923, 1sh, pr.	1.50	.90
* 47-8	1923, 1sh, 3p, pair	1.80	1.20
* 51-2	5sh, pair	8.00	5.00
* 53-4	10sh, pair	18.00	10.80
* 55-6	1 pound, pair	30.00	18.00
*198-207	**Str.Settlem'ts** 1922-5,2c-$2	3.42	2.30
* 1-3	**Tanganyika** 1921, 12-50c.	1.20	.70
* 8-9	1922, 1c and 10c	1.00	.50
* 10-18	5c to 75c	1.63	1.00
* 19-23	1sh to 10sh	15.60	9.50
* 24	1 pound	15.00	9.50
* 25-8	1925, 5 to 30c	.42	.30
* 53-8	**Tonga** 1920-1, 2p to 1sh	1.65	1.00
* 65	1923, 2p on 5sh	.85	.45
* 1-11	**Transjordania** 1m-20 pia	11.01	6.75
* 88-9	**Trinidad** 1901-4, 4p, 1sh.	1.75	1.00
* 1-7	**Trin.&Tobago** 1913, ½p-1sh	1.62	.90
* 12-15	1921, ½p to 6p	1.34	.70
* 18-20	1922, 1p to 3p	.75	.45
* 21-27	½p to 5sh	3.24	2.00
* 28	1 pound	9.00	6.40
*159	1917, 1p	2.00	1.35
* 10-12	**Turks&Caicos** 1905-8,½p-3p	1.60	.95
* 23-33	1910-16, ¼p to 1sh	2.70	1.60
* 36-42	1921, ¼p to 6p	5.05	3.00
* 43	1sh	10.00	6.00
* 45-53	1923, ½p to 1sh	1.56	1.00
* 55	3sh	1.50	1.00
* 56-8	1925-6, 1½p to 2sh	1.18	.76
* 21-2	**Un. of So. Afr.** 1926, 4p, 4p	.40	.25
* 38-44	**Virgin Isl.** 1913, ½p-1sh.	2.19	1.35
* 51-9	1922, ½p to 2sh 6p	2.97	1.90
* 60	5sh	10.00	6.00
* 61-2	1923, 2½p, 5sh	2.70	1.75
112	**Zanzibar** 1908, 5 rupees	8.00	4.50
*120-28	1913, 1c to 75c	3.33	1.90
133	5 rupees	7.00	4.00
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A. F. MERELL, who is an enthusiastic booster for the WEEKLY, writes us that he has just issued the 903rd membership card in his Radio Club, and he has two hundred boys and girls listed who have not yet qualified for membership. Mr. Merell is not seeking extensive numbers but requires that each and every member be an enthusiastic stamp collector, taking pride in his collection, and knowing his stamps. We have frequently commended the work that our San Francisco subscriber is doing and wish him success in the continuance of his labors.

AS an aftermath of the New York Exhibition Frank E. Wilson of Birmingham with Frank J. Mole of the same city paid a visit to Boston. In this connection both were entertained by Albert W. Batchelder and the Managing Editor of the WEEKLY with a day's outing in the Essex County district, which included a match upon the Wenham Golf Course. It will have to be admitted that the honors of the occasion went to Mr. Mole.

WE have received from the London Stamp Club, 89 Farringdon St., London, Eng., a very useful club program for the season of 1926-27. It combines a detailed program of events from October to May with a page of pockets for stamps, a millimetre scale and club information. These pages are enclosed in a substantial cover upon which is given a complete list of the officers of the club and the advantages of membership.

O. S. HART of Akron, Ohio, favors the Managing Editor with two old 2c U.S. stamps found in separate bundles of 275,000 obsolete U.S. which he had just finished sorting for cancellations, shades, etc. These two stamps when fitted together show a continuous cancellation of "Beverly, Mass.," evidently the work of a rubber stamp, and appearing in inverted form upon the stamps in question.

ROBIN LAMPSON gave a stamp talk recently before the Commercial Club of Fresno, Cal. Louis Gundelfinger presided at the luncheon.

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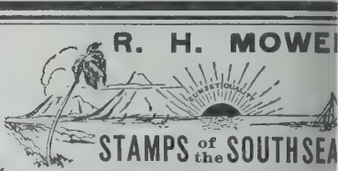

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THE great International Philatelic Exhibition held at the Grand Central Palace in New York City, from October 16th to the 23rd inclusive is now history. It is not an exaggeration to say that it was the greatest philatelic exhibition ever held and that in point of attendance as well as superiority of the stamps exhibited, it will be many days before it will be equaled, much less surpassed. From the opening hour at 11.00 A. M. on Saturday, October 16th, for a private view to the members of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, until the closing at 10.30 P.M., Saturday, October 23rd, there was never a time when there was a lull in the attendance.

Upward of one thousand glass cases were filled with the philatelic wonders of the world. The most famous rarities were on view and the finest specialized and general collections known could be seen by the passerby. Not only the marvels of America were on hand, but Europe, Australia and South America were ably represented. The exhibition was a wonderful success and it is doubtful if there has been anything in late years that has done so much to advance the interest of philately. It was not only visited by the collector, but thousands were in attendance who came merely out of curiosity and left with the idea that stamps offered an unusual diversion. Dealers' booths surrounded the exhibits and these were generally crowded. Almost without exception they report substantial sales.

Praise was to be heard from everyone. It was unfortunate, however, that most of the judges participated in the several classes and as a result were not in a position to judge in those classes in which they were best posted. Some few errors which were called to their attention, later resulted in the changing of several awards and the granting of additional medals to some few who had been overlooked.

The United States exhibit, which drew the greatest crowd, was the exhibit of the United States Post Office Department, of which Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, was in charge. Their main attraction was the Philatelic Agency, and daily from its opening to its close, a line was to be found in front of the three windows. They had on sale not only the White Plains stamps, but the other varieties still available at the main Agency in Washington. Mr. Eidsness was ably assisted by Mr. A. D. Collins, the Philatelic Agent, Mrs. M. E. Shaughnessy, the Assistant Agent, in addition to Mrs. G. H. Armentrout and Miss Masier Baxter.

Mr. A. C. Radue, in operating the printing press from the Bureau producing the White Plains stamps, attracted a great amount of attention, and his assistant, Miss Grace Vallandingham, kindly handed out the imperforate sheets as they were printed for the inspection of visitors but unfortunately she watched each sheet carefully, so that none of the imperforate stamps are now in the hands of collectors. A large sign over the press called attention to the fact that this was a hand roller press and not the type that is used daily in the Bureau for producing our emissions.

Those in charge of the branch of the New York post office were unusually accommodating and in cancelling the first day covers applied the type of cancellation desired, namely, that of the electric machine, showing the bars or the rubber hand stamp, both of them reading, "International Philatelic Exhibition Station."

The Department had on view a number of frames, consisting of the approved die proofs of our current stamps, together with a very unusual frame designed at the Bureau showing the current stamps worked into an artistic picture.

As to the United States exhibits, the outstanding collection was that of Mr. Arthur Hind. While Mr. Hind's collection would not equal the combined strength of the individual United States collections on exhibit belonging to others, nevertheless as a whole, it was the finest lot shown. He had on view the rarer Postmasters, such as the Alexandria, the Annapolis, the Baltimore 10c on both blue and white, the Boscawen, the Lockport, as well as reconstructed sheets of the St. Louis. His early blocks of the general issues are fast nearing completion and his collection contains one of the few complete sets of the 1861 August issue known. His 20th century, however, are not as strong as one might expect in a collection of this size for he lacks many of the rarer varieties. His Provisional issues of the Confederate States are among the finest known.

In the section devoted to research in United States stamps previous to 1870, the palm of honor went to Dr. Carroll Chase for his wonderful lot of the 3c 1851. Through his untiring labor he has practically completed the reconstruction of the nine plates of two hundred subjects made for the imperforate stamps, two of which exist in two distinct states and one in three states, a total of thirteen plates, consisting of twenty-six hundred stamps. Twelve have been entirely reconstructed and the thirteenth shows one hundred sixty-nine out of the two hundred positions placed.

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tion mint blocks of six of the 5c and 10c. Of the latter, this is the largest block known and is the only block in superb condition that exists. But three other blocks are in existence in any condition. The largest used strip of the 10c ever found is a strip of six, of which two are known and both are in this collection on the entire covers, one of which bears a French transit cancellation in addition to a Philadelphia Railroad postmark. Mr. Gibson shows a complete reconstruction of the plate of 10c, consisting of two hundred subjects. In addition, the stamps are shown in combination with each other and in combination with later issues, together with Railroad, Steamboat and other cancellations. The reprints of 1875 are shown in partially reconstructed sheets, for the first time.

The next award in this class went to Mr. H. P. Atherton for his unusual lot of the 2c black Jackson. He shows this stamp with almost every cancellation known, together with covers in unusual combinations. The third award went to Mr. A. W. Filstrup for his collection of the 10c 1851 to 1857. It was generally agreed that the award for this unusual lot of stamps should have followed the Gibson collection. Mr. Filstrup shows partially reconstructed plates of these varieties in addition to wonderful blocks and unusual covers.

In the second section of this class devoted to research from 1870 to date, no awards were made. This was certainly an oversight for the unusual lot of 1871 to 1873—7c, gotten together by Mr. J. W. Sampson, was worthy of recognition. He has devoted years to his research and has produced a wonderful lot, including blocks and cancellations in addition to a number of most interesting covers. One who has searched for these covers will appreciate that it takes time and labor as well as money to get them together.

In the same class Hon. E. R. Ackerman showed a specialized collection of the 24c 1871 to 1875. This included a block of four of this very rare stamp in addition to pairs and covers—many of the latter being addressed to foreign countries. His assortment of this variety is possibly the finest now in existence. Mr. Ackerman also had in this class a specialized collection of the 3c vermilion of 1887, including a large number of the stamps used on cover. If you have ever searched for this variety on the entire cover, you know what it means when I say that he showed probably ten or fifteen covers in combination with other stamps used both locally and abroad.

Mr. H. E. Coulson has shown what it is possible to do with a common stamp, for he has taken the 2c Columbian, which can be purchased at a few cents per thousand, and made a really attractive exhibit by writing up the plate flaws and defects.

In this section Philip H. Ward, Jr., showed his specialized collection of the Columbian issue of 1893, which includes the artist sketches, essays, proofs and finished stamps—the latter being in blocks and singles in shades, including the error in addition to the 2c imperforate.

In section 3, devoted to Postmasters and Carriers, a gold medal went to Mr. Henry G. Lapham for his wonderful showing of the 5c New York Postmaster. A finer lot of this stamp could not be imagined, and it is doubtful if such a collection could ever be gotten together again. He has several reconstructed plates, including one made up entirely of pairs, which prove conclusively the number of stamps on the sheet. The rare R. H. M. varieties were shown in profusion as well as the stamp used abroad. Personally, this exhibit appealed to me as one of the finest lot of early stamps shown.

In section 4, there was one entry, namely, the Nesbit die envelopes of Mr. J. M. Bartels, which received a silver medal. The collection was in cut square condition and contained die varieties of practically everything known.

Another award well merited was the gold medal given to Mr. Edward S. Knapp, for his Confederate States New Orleans 5c. Mr. Knapp has worked up a wonderful collection of this stamp which he has plated in the three states, namely, on white paper, on blue paper and on yellow paper. In addition many unusual covers are shown, including one marked, "Captured by Farragut's Fleet." In this class Mr. Thomas H. Pratt showed an unusually attractive lot of the Confederate 5c of the first design in both green and blue.

In Class II, devoted to United States and Possessions in Section 1, General Issues of the 19th Century, the gold medal went to Mr. Edward R. Wood, Jr. All issues are here represented by mint singles and blocks and of the latter he shows an exceedingly fine lot, including such outstanding items as the 5c 1847 in block of six, the 1857 through the 90c in blocks, practically all of the 1861, as well as the 90c 1869. In the singles he shows all of the special prints, including the rare 2c and 5c on both soft and hard paper. The inverts of 1869 are all present, including a mint copy of the 30c, of which but three or four are known.

The second award was received by Mr. A. H. Lamborn for an unusually fine lot of our early issues. To my way of viewing it, his complete set of the August issue was the outstanding page. Mr. Lamborn also shows fine copies of the inverts of 1869 and has all of the special printings, which are not to be found in many collections.

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Mr. Edward C. Worden exhibited in this section four frames devoted to our

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In section 2, covering the Bureau is-ues from 1894 to date, the gold medal, hich was designated as first award, was ven to Mr. Edward R. Wood, Jr. This llection is undoubtedly the finest lot of ureau issues ever gotten together and arts in with the essays and sketches llowed by the proofs, and then the is-ued stamps in singles, blocks and sheets. his collection contains practically every-ing known in the Bureau issues, includ-g the four 20th Century inverted cen-rs in mint blocks of four, that is, the 901—1c, 2c, 4c and the 1915 Aeroplane c. Of the 2c, but one other block is nown. Mr. Wood has the imperf. 5c ror as well as all of the other imperf. id part perf. varieties to be found in ese issues.

A gold medal was also awarded Mr. . H. Lamborn for his showing in this ass. Mr. Lamborn goes in for singles id blocks and has a wonderful lot of ades. His collection is especially strong plate numbers, which he shows in both ngles and strips from the four positions.

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If your Aug. 9 Forum is handy, you might jot down that our cancel No. 3, the little four leaf clover, is from Austenberg, Ohio, this check up coming from Mr. R. F. Molitor. Also No. 2, of June 14, was used at St. Louis, Mo., as Dr. Evans has this on 3c green on cover.

Cahaba, Ala., Verified on Pre-stamp cover, 1847, 1857, and Confederates. This leaves the 1851 issue unlisted till War Times. Mr. H. C. Brooks sent the pretty Pre-stamp folded letter, mailed by a man in Cahaba on business, to his brother in Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., the pmk. being "Cahaba Jul 31 Ala" (1836) in jet black at top left, with "25" in mss. at right.

Mr. E. Perry makes mention of the pmk. on a 5c 1847 cover; Mr. A. H. Benners sends three covers mailed in 1860 and 1861 with a larger pmk. than that of 1836; and Mr. I. C. Overman ends our list by mention of a cover pmkd. "Cahaba Feb 14 1863 Ala." with two 5c Davis Confederates.

Did you ever think of starting a collection of covers showing the pmks. of the Capitols of our United States? This would make a novelty that would be of interest, as the towns change in some of the states. Start, of course, with a Tallahassee, Fla., in green on a 10c '47 cover, for black and green make a nice vivid contrast. Omitting some of the real rarities tho, one could make a nice little book full of covers from the various capitols.

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Lot to think about! How could any one family ever save up all these stamps? What could be in a single barrel? Maybe they were all old covers! How much could they be bought for? Would many dealers be "wise" to this Auction? Would all the '47s be in one barrel? The '51s in another, etc., etc.? Those were some of the rapid fire questions that run through one's mind at such a time.

What would you do in a case like this, go and look the auction over surely. (This part was told to me after the Auction was over.)

The impatiently awaited day dawned bright and fair, oh, happy day! Let the assembled multitude scramble for their Pie Crust Tables, Copper Kettle, Louis Quince Chairs, etc.; but us for the 6 (six) barrels of postage stamps—nothing else but!

Ah, those six barrels, there they were as big as life, even bigger, all six of them. Sealed up of course—they looked as tho they had originally housed sugar, or maybe flour. They were rather too newish to intrigue a stamp collector, who would have much preferred seeing them in six old hair trunks. How inconsiderate to have the barrels tightly sealed, no corners of covers with '47s on them were sticking out of the tops, where the barrels had been headed up.

Oh, for a periscope, or a night glass, or some kind of a ray that would penetrate those thin barrel staves and show a little flash of the contents, even if it would only show the color of the stamps, for if it was green, well, 3c greens often have beautiful cancellations, and if the mass was of variegated hue, we would still have a fine chance; but, if the general tone was red, that would spell disaster.

There were few there who looked like stamp collectors; the auctioneer was interminably slow, never was such a slow auctioneer, and all the while there were "our" six barrels!

At last, ah, here they come, "Six barrels of postage stamps, to be sold by the barrel. What am I bid," after a pause, "Fifty cents!" Right here you should have seen that auctioneer, would he have apoplexy, or just faint away? "Who said that," he finally gasped, utter silence. Then came a bid "One Dollar." It was a good day to buy; but not to sell, and this first barrel was "sold to the man with the brown derby at one dollar and fifty cents." Owing to the fact that these barrels were coming right along, you could not rush in and claim your purchase, and knock it in the head to ascer-

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THE firm of H. & G. H. Jopling has sent us specimens of several new issues, including Portuguese Guinea 60c carmine and 1 es. blue, Portugal 25c gray, St. Kitts 3d script andTurks Islands ¼d black script. The firm writes:—"The remainders of the recent Independence issue of Portugal and Azores will be burned after the accounts of sales have been presented to the government by the commission which arranged the issue with government sanction. It is proposed to overprint the values of the Camoens issue upward of 20c with a 20c overprint so they will be used up."

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During 1925 about three hundred concerns and operators were actively flying, some five-and-a-half millions of miles being covered, and over 200,000 passengers carried; according to the findings of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, 676 machines which made 258,762 flights were responsible for these operations. The mail carried in that year amounted to over 65,000 lbs.—a figure that will be very easily surpassed in 1926, owing to the opening of the contract services. (The routes of these contract services, which, with the exception of those operating in Florida, all branch off from the New York-San Francisco route, are shown on our map.) Six years previously the poundage of air mail was only 2,100.

Apart from the transport of passengers and goods, which continues to prosper and increase, aircraft has been exceedingly active in crop surveying, destroying pests, forest patrol, coast guard service, aerial photography and exploration. All these facts go to prove that America is heeding her President's words—that "a serious responsibility rests upon us to see that air transport be developed along constructive, economic lines."

So far, we have roughly sketched America's inland activities only. We should fail to do the subject justice, unless we outlined a few of the meritorious ultra-territorial achievements.

The Atlantic was first crossed by an American flying boat in the spring of 1919, the route being Long Island, Newfoundland, Horta, Lisbon and Ferrol to Plymouth; the world was first encircled by American aeroplanes in 1924, as described by Lowell Thomas, whose book we review this month; and the North Pole was first viewed from the air by Commander Byrd, during the present summer. These three achievements naturally outshine, from the historian's point of view, others that demanded an almost equal amount of courage and fortitude. Private and service flying men have, in their turn, attempted other polar and Arctic exploration flights, explored the forests of Central and South America, attempted to reach the Hawaiian Islands by air, and made long coastal trips between the northern and southern continents.

America is fortunate in having no international rivalry to contend with as regards the political aspects of aviation. While regulating to some extent the use and safety of aircraft, Congress is thus able to foster air commerce and leave progressive citizens with a free hand for developing its scope and application. In no other country are so many substantial business concerns interested in aviation. Important combines have been formed to finance it, and, to give an instance of practical application, Ford has turned his mechanical and organising genius to the operation of air lines and output of machines. Typical also, of American private interest, is the grant of half-a-million dollars, by Daniel Guggenheim, for the endowment of a school of aeronautics, and the same benefactor's fund of two-and-a-half millions for the promotion of aeronautics education, research, information and civil development, whereby not only American but international aviation will benefit.—*The Aero Field.*

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By Albert W. Draves.

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This type of indicia was first seen as date of October 7, 1926, on meter No. 1002, under permit 525, New York, N. Y., "Psychology, 17 West 60th St., New York."

The town mark diameters are 26 mm. and 14 mm., date in two lines, no hour, figures in small 2 mm. caps. Legend of town mark are in slightly larger caps than type E. The indicia auxiliary mark shows variations, notably in the larger caps, close spacing and a larger 2.

Two machines are in use, but meter collectors are urged to note this new type, as well as other types which may appear. Meter No. 5798 type E is the highest number recorded to date.

Elsewhere Mr. Ward has noted the slogan type used at the International Philatelic Exhibition. In accordance with the policy of the Post Office Department, attention was called to the fact that this is NOT a slogan, but a station mark, as the legend is "International Philatelic Exhibition Station." Collectors will recall the strictly slogan type used at the A.P.S. Convention at Springfield, Mass., in 1922.

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In answer to inquiries on the subject, we have obtained information as to the disposal of the White Plains stamps printed in sheets of 25 stamps at the New York Exhibition, from one in authority. These sheets that were manufactured in New York and which were imperforate and ungummed were returned to Washington, where they have been or will be, destroyed. It is known that the stock of sheets of 25, sold as souvenirs of the International Philatelic Exhibition, were brought there in a finished state, while the sheets that were printed before the eyes of the visitors at New York were used for illustrative purposes only.

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Several readers have called attention to the postmarking by favor that was done at the Philatelic Exhibition post office, with critical comments on the action. It will be remembered that some allusion was made to the circumstance by one of the delegates to the American Philatelic Society convention, on the floor. In view of the fact that the custom of canceling stamps prevails at different post offices and that there is no inhibition, as we recall, on the act by the government, the acquiescence of the Agency did not stand out, particularly. It is predicted that a number of collectors will not be happy until they have something to say on the subject.

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The aftermath of the Exhibition is a volume of verbosity in the outside press that is a striking commentary on the different angles from which the stamps were viewed as they lay in state at the Exhibition. It is now evident, more than ever before, that the event was advertised in a most effective way, and we suppose that for a year or so, publicity inspired by the great display will flow on. Some of the observations and deductions are of exceptional interest, while others prove that the writers were incompetent to catch the suggestions of the Exhibition. Perhaps the papers that were most impressed were journals devoted to different lines of trade, akin to stamp dealing. In each of the papers of the kind that has reached us, the business possibilities of stamp dealing is stressed and, for instance, the stationer is shown how he may include stamps in his stock and the book seller, as well. In a practical sense, the strength of philately seems to have surprised the business seer and he has gained a new perspective. These opinions on the Exhibition will be of interest as they are referred to in the coming weeks.

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Mr. Kenneth A. Millican, San Francisco, is a business man of broad vision and withal a collector whose philatelic acumen is known to his many friends. These few words are a prelude to the following letter that Mr. Millican wrote to us on October 24, 1926, and incidentally we think that he has shown a fine spirit in writing as he has. "You will give me a line or two, I hope, in which to speak of the unparalleled service given me by the Philatelic Agency in Washington, in connection with an order for the White Plains two-cent commemorative. Unwittingly, I sent my remittance to Washington for the first day's issue and the Bureau there very courteously transmitted my order to New York; and as a consequence, I received my supply promptly here, with a plate-number block of the new stamps on cover, as I requested. I am not a frequent patron of the Agency; I don't know anyone there and my orders would be so small, compared with others, that I could scarcely be called a profitable customer. To the last detail, however, my order was filled intelligently, promptly and courteously; and I realize that the Agency must have been much handicapped by the press of business on the first day of issue. So I feel that a word of thanks and appreciation from an almost unknown and uninfluential patron of the Agency ought to be broadcasted a bit for two reasons: to let the Agency know that we collectors are grateful, and also to have the general run of collectors realize how impartially and intelligently the Bureau is being conducted."

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The Collectors Club, New York City, was the objective of many of the members of the American Philatelic Society who participated in the affairs of the crowded week at our greatest stamp center. A few particulars of somewhat intimate kind as affecting the Club will be permitted, under the circumstances. The present headquarters of the organization at 51 West 48th Street is not the property of the Club, except in the sense that it is a tenant under a lease with about four years to run. The building is owned by the West 48th Street Syndicate. The Club has a fund of $17,500 in a savings account that is being held for use when the body decides to acquire a home of its own. The annual dues recently were increased from ten to twenty-five dollars for resident members, of whom there are about 180, while the five hundred or more non-resident members pay five dollars a year. The library, in which the splendid Joseph Rich donation was installed, as well as the club-room, is open from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., thus meeting all the requirements of an institution of the kind. The president of this progressive organization is Mr. Theodore E. Steinway, while the secretary is efficient and erudite Dr. Chittenden. The treasurer is Mr. Lewy and Mr. Charles Curie is chairman of the house committee. It may be added that Dr. Chittenden, who, too, is librarian, has dominion over what is said by the discriminating to be the best library in the world, the Ricketts' library having been added to it some time ago. Here we have tangible proof of the flourishing growth of philately that is more convincing than words.

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Our faithful chronicler of philately in all its aspects, Mr. Charles E. Roe, now sojourning in Massachusetts, writes: "Recently, there was shown me a copy of the ten cent U.S. printed by the National Bank Note Company on double paper. I make no claim to be an expert, but since I have never seen this variety catalogued, it should be brought to the attention of the collecting fraternity. At present the stamp is in the possession of my brother, L. Scott Roe of Waltham, Mass." The existence of some of National set on double paper is recognized, although they do not seem ever to have been catalogued. Many years ago, we submitted a six cent National, on the envelope, double paper to Mr. Luff, who duly made announcement of its existence; and at the time he mentioned that the twenty-four cent National was known on double paper. The six cent went into the Worthington collection.

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Supplementing his remarks in the issue of August 2, 1926, on the significance of the letters, R.V., on the Travancore stamps, Mr. E. B. Aiyar, Puthenchanthai, Trivandrum, India, writes: "Enclosed please find four fiscal stamps of one anna and you will note therefrom the words, Rama Varna, in initials, indicating the ruling king of Travancore as occupying the four corners in small circles. In the calendar sent, the royal emblem, R.V., flanked by elephants and crowned by conch, is the typical illustration of what has already been published. By-the-way, the conch shell is the design and watermark of our stamps." We thank our correspondent for the calendar that he has sent, that certainly speaks emphatically of other lands and other customs.

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The new Mexican, 10 centavos, commemorating the second postal congress of the Pan-American countries, was predicted some months ago, in this paper through the courtesy of one in touch with the congress in Mexico City, from whom we have had a synopsis of the business of the convention.

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By CHARLES E. ROE.

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he presence of those three eminent lemen from England, Messrs. Mel-, Roberts and Godden, was the oc- on of the meeting, the largest in the ory of the Society, so we were as- d. After the preliminary circulation ooks of stamps for sale, in which the se plunged to the extent of seven. s, the meeting was called to order by Drew, who filled the Chair ably and pletely. The mouse can vouch for second adverb, since he sat directly nd that Chair and whenever Mr. w sat down he was wholly obscured. was eminently fitting.

roceedings started with introductions, person present having the pleasure clasping hands with the guests of or. Then, starting with "Grandpa" yer, came a series of brief, entertain- and instructive talks—they were too an to be called mere speeches—by the sts and members, during which the se gathered much information not lly connected with stamps, concerning public and domestic lives of certain atelists. It wouldn't be right to give es, and anyway the mouse has for- en or confused most of them: as a rter he is a washout. Then when the gram was completed a number of ies were shown by Mr. Godden; and e tenth commandment was not broken e those little red and black books ed around the big table, close exami- on would undoubtedly show the re- s of abnormal strains.

was a wonderful evening for the se, who had never seen more than e collectors together at one time, and ie sat watching all those intelligent tantial men (there were about sixty ent) he could not help recognizing the that there is a lot more in philately sticking stamps in a book. Adher- to a common cause is always a basis brotherhood, but in most organizations e are the inevitable black sheep. The ernity of the postage stamp is com- d of individuals who are of necessity usiasts, or they wouldn't belong. In the words of a somewhat moronic outside world, if they weren't nuts, they wouldn't be bugs, yet in that very "insanity" lies their strength. And in good old virtues, such as loyalty, honor, charity and the like, the stamp lovers can challenge any human organization, not excepting the League of Nations.

All these profound reflections came to the observant mouse and as he sat and watched the faces and listened to the talks and conversations, it became more firmly impressed upon him that there is no need to worry over the future of Philately. It is as solid as civilization, and that is because it springs from the same endur- ing roots.

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H. A. Davis, secretary of the A.P.S., informs us that President A. H. Wilhelm was stricken with an attack of appendicitis on the Overland Limited, October 31, while on his way home to San Francisco from the New York Exhibition. His condition is serious and it is especially requested that correspondents will exercise patience.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

ENCOURAGE STAMP COLLECTING

(The following article is taken from the "Herald," Grand Rapids, Mich. It is sent us by Charles Lathrop Pack, who considers it one of the most interesting editorials of the many that were published in regard to the Exhibition.—Ed.)

Exhibits to be housed in the Grand Central Palace, New York City, during the week of Oct. 16 to 23 will be insured for more than $5,000,000. Yet these exhibits comprise only postage stamps, most of them used, and the most valuable of them of ancient printing. The occasion will be the International Philatelic Exhibition; and, if an expert appraisal could be made, it would be found in all probability that the display is under-insured, since a single individual's stamp collection has been known to bring $2,000,000 when placed at auction.

These figures give some idea of the popularity of stamp collecting, in which 1,000,000 persons in the United States are said to participate as a hobby. But, although stamp values may explain a part of the appeal of the unique amusement, the truth is that collectors get much more than money profit from their hobby. They get, for one thing, a colorful close-up of geography and history.

Some months ago the *Herald*, discussing a reported revival of interest in stamp collecting, called attention to the educational value of this clean, entertaining hobby. We at that time welcomed the reports of such a revival. But the news from New York where the philatelists are gathering is even more welcome and encouraging. Between 50,000 and 60,000 persons are expected to attend the show. A large proportion of this number will be boys and girls. Numerous prizes are offered for exhibits by youthful collectors. They are not, however, alone in their interest. Charles Lathrop Pack is chairman of the committee which has arranged the New York show. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, former New Jersey senator, is on the committee with him, as are also Congressman Ernest H. Ackerman of New Jersey, Judge Robert S. Emerson of Providence, R. I., Col. E. H. R. Green and others of equally mature stability.

That one stamp on exhibit is worth $40.000; that displays will be made by Prince Otto, the son of the former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary, and that King George of England is a well-known philatelist, are interesting facts which will be brought out in connection with the stamp show. But to our mind the most important and interesting feature is that there are 1,000.000 collectors in the United States and that most of them are youths. Every boy—or girl, although the hobby seems most to appeal to male youth—who has a stamp album and is actively engaged in filling it, is learning lessons of geography and history which will not soon be forgotten. Many a lad has first discovered Switzerland through the medium of the unique Swiss stamps; and there are matured men today for whom any mention of Siam brings up a picture of a white elephant superimposed upon a field of red on a Siamese postage stamp.

Stamp collecting is an amusement that should be encouraged. Because it must appeal in order to hold youthful interest, it cannot be forced upon the boy or the girl, but when it does appeal it most certainly should be encouraged.

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Eugene Liked the Rarities

Dear Mr. Editor,—I see that such of us what has been to the Exhibition would be thanked if we wrote something about what we liked best there. I may not be as good as some of your polished city folks, but here goes. Out of all the wonders, one thing interested me more than any other, the wonderful display of rarities and unusual stamps at the many booths. It was an education for a real dyed-in-the-wool collector to study the many items displayed. Yours till the cows come home,

EUGENE F. ENDICOTT.

For Poor Dutch Children

Stamp Collecting says that last year's experiment of Christmas stamps in aid of poor children is to be repeated in December next, by the issue of the following:—

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What Is A Bisect?

Oswald Pierce writes us: "Yes, I want the department for beginners continued. I am interested in U.S. and Canada. I have been collecting nearly three years, but I realize I have much to learn." Then Oswald asks us what a "bi-sect is." Here is our answer:—

A term applied to a certain class of provisional or "emergency" stamps. These are stamps cut into halves or smaller pieces, each portion of which then has franking power as a separate stamp. They may be separated diagonally, vertically, or horizontally, and, more often than not, the bi-sected portions are overprinted with the value for which they are intended to pay postage. Various British Colonies—Barbados, Falkland Is., Niger Coast and Grenada, to mention a few—have issued bi-sected stamps with the halves surcharged with the value for which they had franking power.

How to Exchange Stamps

The stamps should be neatly mounted and arranged in alphabetical order on sheets or in small books. That is simple enough but the matter of pricing presents a little more difficulty and must in a large degree depend on circumstances and mutual agreement. Supposing A wishes to exchange stamps with B, they might do so (1) on a cash basis or (2) on the principle of catalogue value for catalogue value. If they agree to a cash basis then each prices his stamp at about what he thinks they are worth and if A purchases $10.00 worth and B $8.00 worth then A will naturally have to pay B $2.00 in cash to balance the deal. If catalogue value for catalogue value is agreed upon some particular catalogue must be specified and both A and B will price their duplicates at the quotations given in that catalogue. Then if B takes $5.00 catalogue value from A's stamps A must return the compliment by removing stamps to the same amount from B's duplicates.

Current Cancellations

While the postal regulations distinctly state that stamps be especially canceled in black ink, nevertheless, now and then letters are received showing cancellations in different colors. As a matter of fact, it is not uncommon, especially in the case of registered letters from smaller offices, for a clerk to use the rubber stamp handy, and while this is against the postal regulations, it seems to be permitted.

Mr. Art Bledsoe kindly submits for inspection such a cover, registered on October 30th last, from Yazoo City, Miss., wherein the stamps on the cover are postmarked by means of a rubber stamp in magenta reading, "Canceled."

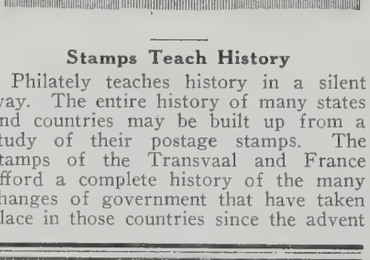
While but a few collectors seem to be interested in our current cancellations, the time is coming when many of those that are now common will be much sought after. For instance, a wonderful lot could be gotten together of our railroad postmarks, as well as postmarks of battleships. But few are aware at the present time that there is even a supplementary mail cancellation used from the small branch offices at the piers just before ships are about to sail. These offices usually consist of one small room with a couple of clerks, who are present just about an hour before the departure of the steamer.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

A Little Essay on Aitutaki

The northernmost island in the Hervey or Cook Archipelago. It is of volcanic formation, is surrounded by dangerous reefs, and has no harbor of any importance. The island was annexed to the British Empire in October, 1900, and in the following June it was included in the boundaries of the Dominion of New Zealand. Its government is administered locally, under the direction of New Zealand, by the Federal Council of the Cook Islands. In 1903 postage stamps were first issued, these being formed by overprinting the then current stamps of New Zealand with "Aitutaki" and values in the local equivalents.

The Crown As a Watermark

The device of a crown has been used for a watermark in the stamps of many countries, including Great Britain, Hungary, Denmark, and Italy. These crowns are naturally of various shapes, Great Britain alone providing three varieties, distinguished as "small," "large," and "Imperial."



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A, H and P D on Azores

"What do the letters A, H and P on Azores 1906 represent?" This easily answered: They stand for districts of Angra, Horta and Po Delgada, the special series for wh ceased on the issue of these overprin stamps.

A Word About Bi-Colored Stamp

Bi-colored stamps are, of course, th printed in two different colors. As rule the centre-piece is in one color a the surrounding border in another. some cases, however, where stock pla are in use like those so extensively e ployed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. the production of British Colonial stam the main portion of the design is in o color and the name of the country a value in another. Bi-color printi naturally necessitates the use of t plates. The plate from which the p tion of the design denoting the value printed, is known as the "duty-plat while the other plate is known as t "head-plate."

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By Elliott Perry.

the Department headed "Stamp s for the Beginner" on page 579 of October 18th issue of the Weekly, explanation of the "Y¼" surcharge ne Cuban stamps is given which I be- is not correct. While it is true that surcharge made the value of the sur- ged stamp ¼ of a real, the "Y" was intended as an abbreviation of the l "Ynterior." In attempting to find true meaning of the surcharge, the r students overlooked the simplest most logical explanation. The "Y" used exactly as we use our dollar s and stood for real or reales. It is e clear that without this sign there ld be no definite indication of the t value of the surcharged stamp. ad the "Y" represented anything ex- "real" the fraction might have meant uarter of a peso instead of a quarter real.

is very difficult to believe that an in- tion of the service for which the ip was the fee was placed on the ip instead of putting a mark to in- te the exact monetary value of the p. Yet this is what we are obliged elieve if we accept the "Y" as stand- for "Ynterior." No such dilemma ronts the "real" sign explanation.

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(A book has appeared under the above caption by Sheldon Cheney. It is reported that only a limited edition has been issued. We have not seen the book, but take the liberty of reprinting a review which appeared recently in the New York "Times."—Ed.)

Sheldon Cheney, founder of The Theatre Arts magazine and author of several books on the modern art of the theatre, asks us to consider the art of the humble postage stamp in a naive and small brochure illustrated with mounted examples of effective stamps which clearly interpret the author's theory that

> a stamp may be a work of art to just as full an extent as any other decorative label of similar size, may afford the same esthetic thrill as one of those miniature prints by the "Little Masters," or the finest small book-plate of today.

That the utilitarian postage stamp with its tremendous circulation may be original in subject and designed as a thing of beauty instead of a "tight little portrait microscopically detailed" is practically exemplified by divers well-designed stamps of other nations. The "William Tell" Swiss stamp, the symbolic figure-designs of various Bavarian, Polish and French issues, and the Esthonian and Wurttemberg postage stamps all conform to the first essentials of modern poster art in their directness and simplicity. The designs are built on a single idea without complicating detail and ornamentation. The lettering is simplified and gains strength and character as an integral part of the design. If a central figure or portrait is used it is given the full free space of the stamp instead of being cramped about by a fussy border. In color, too, these modern art stamps are far superior to those of the United States and England. The clean, clear reds, blues and greens of many Italian, German and Bavarian stamps refresh the eye after the jaded red of our George Washington two-center.

Mr. Cheney suggests that the art of our postage stamps may be improved, as the design of United States coins has so noticeably been in the past decade, by enlisting the advice and services of recognized creative artists. In his enthusiasm he asks us to consider what really original and beautiful bits of design might be achieved in the limits of a stamp by such artists as Rockwell Kent, Allen Lewis or Arthur B. Davis.

A nation-wide contest, such as was conducted in Bavaria and Germany in connection with their last postage issues, offering prizes for the best original philatelic designs, would awaken the interest of artists and critics, while the reproduction of the prize-winning designs in our art magazines would assure the corrective influence of public opinion.

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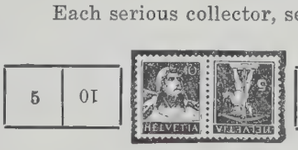

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United States

Air Mail Notes.

Under date of November 8th, the Postmaster General announced that he had awarded the contract for carrying the mails by air from Cleveland, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky., to the Kaess Aircraft Engineering Corporation of Amityville, L. I. The concern will receive $2.20 a pound for the service and will be entitled to carry passengers and freight should they so desire.

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Neither the Postmaster General nor the Postal Bulletin have as yet stated when this service becomes effective.

Louisiana Tax Stamps

In further reference to my notes of October 25th relative to tobacco tax stamps issued by the State of Louisiana, Mr. A. T. Witbeck writes that the following denominations have now appeared: 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c orange, 5c blue, 10c color not given, 25c olive and 50c color not mentioned. He states that an injunction was asked for by a New Orleans retailer enjoining the collection of the tax. Upon his giving bond, a temporary injunction was granted affecting him alone, and the constitutionality of the law will be tested. In the meantime, all others are required to affix the stamps and collect the tax, much to their disgust, as the tax is very unpopular. Mr. Witbeck states if the money were to go for educational purposes, it would not be so bad but that many people are under the impression it is to go to the state school authorities and will be wasted in "administration."

As a result of this tax, a great amount of tobacco business is being done on a wholesale basis by consumers and a number are buying their tobacco either in Mississippi or Texas, where no tax is collected.

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ALBANIA.—We learn from the *Philatelic Magazine* that the air stamps of 1925 are to be overprinted "Republika Shqiptare" in two lines.

BULGARIA.—*Philatelic Magazine* reports that the new 10 leva stamp is just about due and that a 2 leva will appear in the near future.

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CHINA.—The "bronze-green" 4 c foreshadowed by us a fortnight ago, now appeared, and we are indebte Mr. Edward A. Wood, of Northam for copies postmarked September Change of colour. "Junk" type. 14. 4 cents bronze-green.—*Stamp lecting.*

COSTA RICA.—Whitfield King & have shown us a new 3c ultramarin a new design. It shows the Colleg St. Luis-Cartago in the centre. oblong format with the usual name o country at the top, and just below at side is the year date. The figures value are in each lower corner with " Centimos" between. The stamp is graved by Waterlows.

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put France's financial house in order, there is one affecting the list of postage stamps issued to the public. I had the pleasure of spending two months in France last summer and found it quite amusing to see the variety of stamps handed out to the public. From window to window in the same P. O. they had different varieties of stamps of the same denomination. Early in August, when the rates were changed (foreign Aug. 1st, inland Aug. 9th) they ran out of certain values and then would resort to combinations, handing out two or more values to make up the necessary amount of postage. Since Sept. 1st, the following values are no longer printed: the 30, 35, 60, 65, 85c, 1f05, 1f40, Sower type and the 45, 75c and 1f25, Pasteur design. Stocks on hand in post offices are to be closed out; the stocks in the Government printing office are likely to be surcharged with new values and reissued." In connection with the above Whitfield King & Co. have sent us the 1f05 surcharged "90c" and the 1f40 "1f10". In both overprints three parallel bars obliterate the previous value.

HONDURAS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 6c bright violet, of the 1920 issue with the surcharge "1926" in black.

MONACO.—*Philatelic Magazine* is in receipt of information from a correspondent that it is probable that the 75c will appear in a new color owing to its similarity with the new 25c red on buff.

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the 2ch pale blue has been issued in the new portrait type.

POLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 20g red-brown, in the new pictorial type, ship design.

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SENEGAL.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. copies of the 75c in carmine and blue and the 1fr in slate and blue.

SEYCHELLES.—The *South African Philatelist* announces that a new value is expected to meet a reduction in rates. It is a 9c red.

SPAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a full set of the Red Cross stamps that we have been reading so much about for the last few weeks. There are several types as follows: Type 1, Princesses Christiana and Beatrice; Type 2, The Queen of Spain; Type 3, The King of Spain; Type 4, The Prince of Austurias; Type 5, The Queen of Spain in Royal setting; Type 6, The Royal Family. The values and numbers printed are, 1c grey black, type 1 (134,500); 2c ultramarine, type 2 (271,500); 5c brown lilac, type 5 (172,500); 10c yellow green, type 4 (135.500); 15c blue, type 1 (162,500); 20c violet, type 4 (132,500); 25c red, type 3, (487,500); 30c green, type 1 (110,500); 40c dull blue, type 5 (128,500); 50c vermilion, type 2 (112,500); 1p slate, type 4 (111,500); 4p carmine, type 5 (43,500); 10p brown, type 3 (33,500). Also a 20c purple and sepia, Express stamp, Seaplane "Plus Ultra" type (104,500).

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Confederate Postal Markings

By H. P. ATHERTON.

BEING random notes on some postal markings that came out of the Confederate States at the start of the Civil War, yet these are not called "Provisionals" at present writing.

Is it clear to you just what a "Confederate Provisional" is?

I suppose that most collectors who save covers, run into some with a "5", or PAID 5, or "10", which someway does not appear to have been used way back in the late '40s, and you do not know if it is really an early United States cover, or a Confederate cover. Have you ever found such to be the case? If so, what do you do about it—probably lay aside this particular item till you see someone who might know, or until you may find an article in some stamp paper which will inform you.

We are given to understand that a true Confederate Provisional is one which falls in that period just after the states seceded and prior to Oct. 16th say, of 1861. This cover must have the value or denomination printed at top right. Note the use of the word "Printed." Then there are many other methods of distinguishing if your cover falls in this class of handstamps which are not printed, yet are of this period. The paper of which these 1861 envelopes is made is quite different from that used in the late '40s, for you will find that it is hard and has a somewhat shiny surface as a rule, while all of the envelopes used in the '40s are without this hard texture and appearance, due most likely to lack of "sizing," rather than age.

A bunch of these Confederate covers are before me, and I am going to give you a list of them, hoping that it will tell you something that may help when you find some of these same covers, or others very similar. For one thing, the dates are overlapping on many of these from small towns, and you will frequently find them running well into 1862. This is to be expected. It is said that not over one letter in two hundred used during the run of the U.S. 1847s bore a stamp; perhaps the first year of the Civil War found nearly as big a percentage of these letters without stamps, and marked PAID 5, or with their rate in mss. As most of the markings are in black, will mention color only when it is employed.

ALEXANDRIA, LA. This is in red, and where the stamp should be we find a big 5, with PAID preceding it, or near the 5. These are commonly found in the Carroll Hoy correspondence.

BAYOU SARA, LA. Has small 5, and small PAID. This pmk. is small compared with others.

BRUNSWICK, GA. Small 5 and small PAID.

CANTON, MI. Here the PAID 5 is all cut from one chunk of wood apparently. My earliest dated cover is Dec. 23, 1861. On this the 5 is quite thin in appearance. My latest date is April 11, 1862. Here the 5 appears much larger, as do the letters in PAID. This marking is undoubtedly the same throughout, and I have a notion that the second was actually the first, sandpapered down to a new surface, for certain little irregularities have now disappeared, while the shape and size remain about as before.

Then comes the one with the star in circle with "Paid 5" around between the points and a script capital P inside the black star. This copy is dated Jul. 4. As this is quite evidently "printed", and comes at top right of the cover, it is now classed as a Provisional.

CARROLLTON, MISS. Big 5, and PAID in a circle. The "return" consists of a very odd architectural affair with pointed spires along the balconies, underneath being YALOBUSHA BAPTIST FEMALE INSTITUTE.

CHARLESTON, S. C. Here the postmark is at right, and a neat PAID 5 in a small circle is at left, the date being Oct. 19, 1861.

CLINTON, MI. Has a small 5 and PAID in small rectangular frame at one side. This might be mistaken for Canton at a glance. It is pmkd. June 11, 1861, a very early use of the PAID 5.

DARLINGTON C. H., S. C. Big 5 at top right and neat PAID in an attenuated frame. This is a pretty one. The C. H. meaning, of course, Court House.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C. Has a 5 much like those on early U.S. covers, with a PAID that is very carefully made with long serifs. Either this was overweight, or the distance too far, for a DUE 5 is added to face of the cover.

The DUE mark is used very frequently on these covers.

GEORGETOWN, S. C. JUL 26, 1861, Has a dandy PAID 5 in circle at top right. This was a big rice town, and in the swampy district of course. I heard a big mosquito story about the town once, to effect, that some years the mosquitoes used to fly off with most of the crop!

GREENSBOROUGH, A L A. Has PAID 10 at top right. Went to Georgia, 10c rate.

GREENVILLE, ALA. Has a neat frame enclosing the PAID, and a nice 5 alongside.

HAMILTON, MISS., without date, in red. Has small 5 at right with PAID in small rectangular frame, which has corners clipt. Very handsome cover.

JACKSON, MISS., pmk. June 5, and at top right is circle with PAID 5 CENTS. This looks as tho it were printed rather than a handstamp.

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LYNCHBURG, VA. Has the date in mss. in the pmks. which are at top right. At left is PAID in rectangular frame, with the value, 5 or 10, at a short distance.

MARS BLUFF, S. C., has PAID 5 at top right, and in jet black. The 5 is a very large numeral, and of irregular shape.

MOBILE JUN 16, 1861, ALA., is same pmk as was used on the little Locals, in place of the Local is a single frame containing PAID 5, the paid in a top line, with 5 below.

NEWNAN, GA., has PAID with 5 below it at top right of the cover.

OXFORD, N. C., has a fine PAID 5 in a circle at top right. The color of pmk. and the Paid 5 are quite different, which would indicate that both were not applied at the same time. It may be a Provisional.

PRINCETON, ARK., has PAID 10 at top right. This is in a very rich green color, and most as nice a green as Princeton, N. J., used on the 5c 1847s.

RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, VA., has a device of two half circles, the top one the larger, containing the word inside the curve, PAID; the lower part has a huge 5, with letters C.S.A. running thro the 5. This is a very unusual one indeed, and has all the appearance of a true Provisional. It was given to me by the recipient's family, for they had two more of them.

RICHMOND, VA., has a variety of these markings before the Confederate stamps arrived. The one that I like best is a letter written by a resident of Richmond to a friend they cannot locate in the same town, hoping that the Post Office can find out the correct address. The rate is PAID 2, a very unusual Confederate rate at this early time, Jan. 28, 1862. No DUE marks at all on it.

Then there is the DUE 5 in a straight line; a PAID 10 in a circle dated June 12, 1861; and the big blue pmks. without date of month, and having DUE 10 in a straight line, both being applied at random.

ST. JOSEPH, LA., is one of the prettiest of all, in a blue green ink. At top right is PAID with 5 under, while above and below are big curved lines, measuring about 40mm apart.

SHREVEPORT JUL 20 1861 LA has a framed PAID, with 5 near by at top right of the cover which has a Confederate flag in color at top left, a very beautiful cover, without stamp, and perhaps much rarer than if it did have the stamp.

TUDOR HALL NOV 15 1861 has a DUE 10 at top right, the DUE curved around top of the 10.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., has PAID 5 at top right, the 5 is below the PAID as tho attached together with it. The cover has UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA on it.

TUSKEGEE, ALA, OCT. 5. 1861, is a blue double ring pmk. At top right is PAID in frame with a big 5 following.

WARRENTON, N. C., has PAID 10 at top right.

WINCHESTER VA JUL 18 1861 has PAID with 10 under it, there being several of these with DUE 10 also.

Then there are a lot that are unreadable, or not in the current P.O. Guide, which I am omitting. Perhaps some of the towns are out of existence, or have changed their names, as happens in later instances. One which is indefinite must be NAPOLEON APR 8 1862 ARK with PAID and 5 under, etc., etc.

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A PROCLAMATION has been issued by Joseph A. Steinmetz requesting dealers and collectors of airmail covers to avoid using "long, cumbersome official envelopes or the large square ones." He asks that small sized envelopes be used as they are more collectible and "their value and charm correspondingly increases."

NORMAN SHEPARD has organized a radio stamp club in connection with Station KTAB, Oakland, Calif. Every Tuesday evening he gives a talk which is proving very popular. He has also opened a department in *The Treasure Chest*, a San Francisco boys' publication recently established.

"THE JUNIOR HOME MAGAZINE," published in Chicago, has a stamp department. In it is being printed a series of stories "Phil and Ray" by P. H. Thorp, which is designed to present the educational side of stamp collecting. The teru-teru bird of Uruguay is made the subject of the instalment in the current number. Thanks to F. C. Bundlie for this clipping.

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However, there is no doubt in that a good many of these stamps, and particularly the values most adaptable to paying for postage, have done regular postal duty, I, myself, having thus received part of the set, and it appears to me that a full description should be given of the issue which, without doubt, is one of the prettiest series of recent years, and for that reason alone a good many collectors will set aside their scruples and make an earnest effort to secure a full set, before prices climb into unattainable heights, particularly for the truly postally used, or even cancelled copies.

It will, of course, be almost, if not absolutely impossible, to obtain full sets of the various issues for the Spanish Dependencies, if it is true that each of them, that is Morocco, Tangiers, Cape Juby, Sahara and Guinea was favored with a set of their own in different colors, as has been reported from abroad, and I, for one, shall be perfectly satisfied with the stamps issued for the mother country, of which I had the good fortune of securing a complete set, postally used, during the three days, from Sept. 15th to 17th, when these stamps were authorized to be used for postage without any surtax whatsoever of regular postage stamps, and it is this latter set which I now wish to bring to the acquaintance of those of our American collectors, who may take an interest in the issue.

The set, as previously reported, has been engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. of London, and consists of 13 regular postage stamps and one value for special delivery; in some papers I have seen a reproduction of a 60 centesimos value, with portrait of the King, of the same design as the 25c and 10 Pesetas values, but I have not seen the actual stamp and have my doubt about its existence, as the value is not included in the price lists of European dealers, nor is it included in the present issue of regular postage stamps.

All stamps are perforated 12½ all around, and as stated before, are of an exceptionally attractive appearance, the prize for being the prettiest going perhaps to the lowest value, the 1 centesimo, black with portraits of the two Royal Princesses, which reminds me of the ½ cent black of the Jubilee issue for Canada of 1897, the design being very similar.

I now wish to report the different values as follows:

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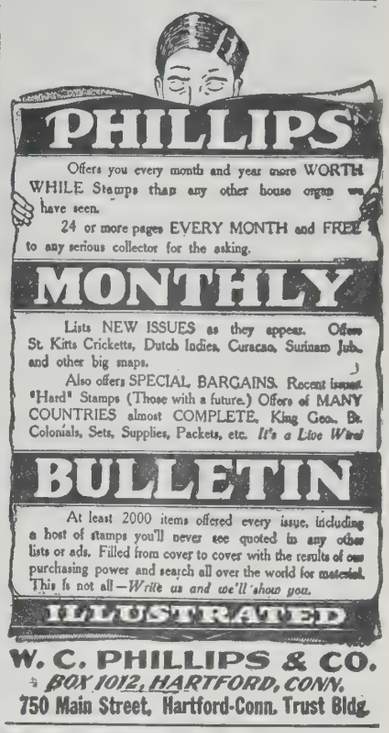
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From Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, proprietor of the Publishing House of Francis Hodgson, London, "The Stamp of Denmark," No. 35 of the *Stamp Collecting* handbooks has been received. The author is H. L. Friis, who brings to his studies an enthusiasm that is apparent and we may easily believe that he has striven for accuracy in his history. An interesting feature of the book is "The Danish Postal History Through the Ages" down to the present, presented as a fore-word. Beginning with the alluring No. 1 of the catalogue, the 2rbs, blue, which was designed as a local stamp for the city of Copenhagen, the 4rbs, brown, which antedated the 2rbs by four weeks in April, 1851, having been issued for the country letter-rate, the book exhaustively reviews the issues down to the present. For instance, the puzzling small and large numerals of the 1882-85 issues are described carefully and there is no paucity of details generally. Mentioning the somewhat curious 300th anniversary stamps of 1924, Mr. Friis says: "A mistake has been discovered in the picture of King Christian X in all the issues, as the King has his hair parted on the left in the picture facing right, while on the picture facing the left, the parting is on the right side of the head. The correct way is that the King parts his hair on the left. As the same drawing was used for both pictures, the print must have been reversed when produced, and this accounts for the interesting mistake." Obviously, the statistical and postal details are a setting that does much to give value to a work of this kind; and Mr. Friis' book provides a proper background for the study of the stamps themselves. Fortified by the knowledge that the book conveys, the student will be able to appreciate the attractions of the stamps of Denmark that enjoy no small popularity. The author in speaking of the provisionals of April, 1926, deplores the somewhat wayward tendency of a country, "which before the war was always looked upon as a clean philatelic country" to multiply issues and resort to surcharges on slight provocation in later years; and of the "27 Ore" surcharges, he minces no words in saying that they were speculative "as the majority of these stamps have never been used as postage, but bought up by dealers and collectors." Cuts of some of the early cancellations are shown and a list of the post office numbers. The book is tastefully prepared and is bound in boards; price seven shilling, six pence, net. Published by F. Hugh Vallancey, 89 Farringdon Street, E. C. 4, London, England.

That India has been a decided factor in the postal records of the air mail service of the world may not be realized fully until one has had the privilege of reading "Indian Air-Ways," by Stephen H. Smith, an active and honored philatelist of Calcutta, India, who is in a position to speak authoritatively of the aerial adventures of the postal messengers of that great colony. Particularly in relation to the stories of the earlier flights in India are the efforts of Mr. Smith of value, because as he says in his preface, the earlier flights are soon forgotten, in the light of recent attempts. In the "Tabulated List of Flights, Pilots and Machines Used," the chronology ranges from 19 to 1926, and the number of flights placed at nineteen. The flights embra both local and international ventures a are described in graphic style by o who knows his subject. Different a covers with their interesting markin are illustrated and numerous maps sh the objectives of the air service. Pra tically all of the details in connecti with the stamps and their distinct cancellations are pictured on the pag and thereby the philatelic and the histo cal phases of the subject are well dev oped. The air mail cover collector w receive instruction and even, inspiratio from an unhurried perusal of the w come little book of fifty pages, which Part I, the inference being that a furth compilation will be made when new aeri history is made.

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Scott's No.		Scott's Cat. price.	Our price
	UNITED STATES		
28	o1847, 5c	$ 7.00	$ 3.50
48a	o1857-60, 5c, type 2	10.00	5.00
51	o " 12c	5.00	3.00
53	o " 30c	20.00	11.00
76	o1861, 5c	2.50	1.25
101	o " 90c	35.00	15.00
117	o1869, 12c	3.00	1.50
119	o " 15c	3.25	1.60
120	o " 24c	9.00	4.50
121	* " 30c	32.50	12.00
122	o " 90c	45.00	22.50
124	*1875, 2c	8.00	4.00
293	*1902-03, $2	13.50	6.00
312	o " $2	3.00	1.50
313	o " $5	10.00	5.00
571	*1922-25, $1	1.50	1.10
572	* " $2	3.00	2.10
573	* " $5	7.50	5.30
1511	o1873, 3c	12.00	3.00
1538	o " 7c	12.00	6.00
1563	o " 5c	5.00	2.50
1564	o " 24c	10.00	5.00
1566	o " 90c	13.50	5.00
2002	*1865, 10c	6.00	3.00
2003	* " 25c	6.00	2.50
	DENMARK		
2	*1851, 4rbs	13.50	10.00
5	*1853-57, 8s	5.00	3.00
8	*1858, 8s	12.00	5.00
10	o1863, 16s, rouletted	25.00	12.00
11	*1864-65, 2s, block 4	7.00	4.50
12	o " 3s, block 4	10.00	6.25
18	*1870-71, 4s, block 4, perf. 14x13½	6.00	3.25
20	* " 16s, block 4	24.00	15.00
24	* " 48s, block 8	144.00	150.00
24	o " 48s	10.00	6.00
67	*1904-05, 100ö, block 4	4.00	2.00
105	*1918, 27/1ö, wmk. crown	4.00	1.50
106	* " 27/5ö, wmk. crown	3.00	1.25
107	* " 27/7ö, wmk. crown	4.00	1.25
108	* " 27/10ö, wmk. crown	4.00	1.50
	NORWAY		
1	o1854, 4sk	3.50	2.00
2	o1856-57, 2sk	2.50	1.50
6	o1863-66, 2sk	6.00	2.00
8	* " 4sk	5.00	2.00
10	* " 24sk, block 4	3.00	2.50
13	*1867-68, 3sk	10.00	3.25
38	o1883-84, 12ö	10.00	4.00
42b	o " 25ö	10.00	4.00
	ICELAND		
2	o1873, 4s	1.50	1.25
3	* " 8s	3.00	2.00
7	* " 16s	2.00	1.50
4	* " 16s, imperf.	5.00	4.00
5	* " 3s	4.00	2.25
14	o1876, 40a	1.75	1.25
352	*1873, 8s	6.00	3.50
355	*1876-95, 5a, imperf.	4.00	2.50
	FINLAND		
21c	o1875-82, 20p, tête bêche	50.00	25.00
33b	o1885, 20p, tête bêche	50.00	25.00
31b	o " 5p tête bêche	60.00	50.00
36	* " 5 mark, block 4	60.00	50.00
37	* " 10 mark, block 4	60.00	50.00
	BADEN		
1	o1851, 1kr	15.00	9.00
14	o1861, 9kr	4.00	1.80
	BAVARIA		
18	o1867, 9kr	4.50	2.25
21	o " 6kr	2.50	1.25
	BRUNSWICK		
4	o1853-61, 1sgr	4.00	1.75
5	o " 1sgr	4.00	2.00
6	o " 2sgr	3.50	1.75
9	o1856-57, ⅓sgr	15.00	8.00
	DANZIG		
164-167	*1923, 1g-5g complete.	12.50	5.00
177-181	*1924, 1g-10g complete	13.80	6.00
	GERMANY		
836	o1920, 1frcs	.75	.35
837	o " 2frcs	1.00	.50
838	o " 5frcs	2.50	1.25
839	o " 10frcs	5.00	2.50
860	* " 1frcs	.75	.35
861	* " 2frcs	1.50	.75
862	* " 5frcs	2.50	1.25
863	* " 10frcs	5.00	2.50
	HAMBURG		
3	o1859, 2s	7.50	4.00
	HANOVER		
1	o1850, 1 g. g.	8.00	4.00
	HELIGOLAND		
1a	*1867-68, ½sh	20.00	8.00
	LUXEMBURG		
69	o1891-93, 5frcs	2.50	1.20
90	*1906-08, 2½frcs	3.00	1.50
91	* " 5frcs	3.25	1.60
467	o1891-93, 37½c	.60	.30
468	o " 50c	.50	.25
469	o " 1frcs	.60	.30
470	* " 2frcs	2.00	1.00
470	o " 2frcs	2.00	1.00
471	o " 5frcs	2.50	1.25
496-507	1908, 12 var.	11.03	5.00
	MARIENWERDER		
28	o1920, 50pf	15.00	6.00
30	o " 80pf	6.00	2.50
	MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN		
1	o1846, 4-4s	24.00	10.00
5	o1864, 4-4s	8.00	4.50
	MECKLENBURG STRELITZ		
2	*1864, ⅓ s. g.	6.00	3.00
	OLDENBURG		
1	o1852-55, 1/30th	3.00	1.75
3	o " 1/10th	10.00	5.50
	PRUSSIA		
21	*1866, 10 s. g.	4.00	2.00
22	* " 30 s. g.	6.00	3.00
	THURN & TAXIS		
32	o1867, 3 s. g.	3.50	1.50
	WURTEMBERG		
1	o1851-52, 1kr	5.00	3.00
	GERMAN COL. CHINA		
35	*1900, 5m, Type I	8.00	5.00
	KIAUCHAU		
10	o1900, 1m	3.00	1.90
11	* " 2m	2.50	1.50
12	* " 3m	4.00	2.00
13	* " 5m	12.00	5.50
	MOROCCO		
30	o1905, 2p 50c on 2m	3.50	1.75
32	o " 3p 75c on 3m	5.00	2.00
31	o " 6p 25c on 5m	9.00	6.00
	TURKIES		
2	o1884, 20pa on 10pf	4.00	1.75
4	o " ¼pi on 25pf	10.00	6.00
6	o " 2½pi on 50pf	12.00	6.00
24	o1900, 15pi on 3m	4.00	2.00
30	*1903-05, 25pi on 5m	22.00	10.00
53	o1906-12, 25pi on 5m	2.50	1.20
	S. W. AFRICA		
25	o1900, 5m	4.00	2.30
	AUSTRIA		
127-143	o1910, complete set	43.40	20.00
769	*1915, 3 kr	7.50	3.00
770	* " 5kr	4.50	1.75
771	* " 10kr	20.00	7.00
1160	*1918, 40h	6.00	2.00
1166	* " 2kr	8.00	3.00
1168	o " 4kr	15.00	6.00
1171	o " 3kr	12.00	5.00
1227	* " 40c	2.50	1.15
1228	o " 45c	1.50	.65
1229	o " 50c	1.50	.65
1230	o " 1 lire	2.00	.75
	BELGIUM		
161	*1921-23, 10frcs	2.00	1.00
270-283	*1918, complete set	44.37	20.00
280	*1918, 1frcs+1frcs	1.75	.90
281	* " 2frcs+2frcs	3.50	1.75
282	* " 5frcs+5frcs	13.50	6.50
598	*1920, 5frcs	2.25	1.00
599	* " 10frcs	3.00	1.25
723-25	*1916, 3 pieces	8.75	3.50
	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA		
85	*1912-14, 10kr	9.00	4.50
	BULGARIA		
1	o1879, 1c	2.00	1.00
4	*1879, 50c	6.00	2.50
5	o1879, 1frcs	1.75	.90
9	o1881, 15s	1.00	.50
10	o " 25s	2.00	1.00
11	o " 30s	.75	.40
19	o1884-85, 3s on 10s	5.00	3.00
22	o " 50s on 1fr	10.00	6.50
	CRETE		
56	o1900, 1dr	4.00	1.75
58	o " 5dr	12.00	5.00
62	o " 2dr	3.50	1.50
69	*1901, 1dr	3.00	1.50
70	* " 2dr	4.00	2.00
71	* " 5dr	15.00	6.00
79	*1905, 5l	1.50	.75
80	* " 1dr	3.00	1.50
81	* " 3d	6.00	3.00
82	*1905, 5d	9.00	3.50
84	o1907, 1dr	3.50	1.50
92	*1908, 1dr	2.50	1.25
93	*1908, 2d	3.50	1.75
94	*1908, 3d	6.00	3.00
95	* " 5d	8.50	4.25
97	*1909, 5l on 20l	10.00	3.50
109	* " 3dr	9.00	4.00
110	* " 5dr	10.00	4.50
120	*1909-10, 5dr	10.00	4.50
174	*1901, 40l	.75	.35
175	* " 50l	1.25	.60
176	* " 1dr	2.25	1.00
177	* " 2dr	3.00	1.50
178	* " 1dr on 1dr	2.00	1.00
	FIUME		
20	o1918, 10kr	10.00	3.50
100	*1920, 5c	3.00	1.50
117-121	o1920, 1l/10c-101/20c	29.45	10.00
	GIBRALTAR		
3	o1886, 2p	7.00	3.25
5	o1886, 4p	8.50	4.50
12	o " 4p	7.50	3.75
13	o " 6p	7.50	3.25
14	o " 1sh	15.00	7.50
19	*1889, 40c on 4p	2.50	1.50
20	o1889, 50c on 6p	2.50	1.50
21	* " 75c on 1sh	4.00	2.25
21	o " 75c on 1sh	4.00	2.00
28	o " 1p	2.50	1.50
29	o " 5p	3.00	1.50
35	*1898, 6p	2.00	1.10
36	*1898, 1sh	2.50	1.25
43	*1903, 1sh	2.50	1.25
	GREAT BRITAIN		
3	o1840, 2p. piece of letter	5.00	3.00
83	*1880-81, 3p	2.00	1.20
176	o1913-18, £1	20.00	10.00
	ITALIAN OFFICES IN CHINA		
1	o1917-18, 2c on 5c	5.00	2.00
3	o " 4c on 10c	10.00	4.00
5	o " 6c on 15c	18.00	7.00
	ITALIAN OFFICES IN TIENTSIN		
1	o1917-18, 2c on 5c	8.00	3.00
2	o " 4c on 10c	15.00	5.50
4	o " 6c on 15c	18.00	6.50
13	*1918-19, 5l	3.00	1.00
14	* " 10l	6.00	2.00
23	* " $2 on 5l	10.00	3.25
	ITALIAN OFFICES IN PECHINO		
20	*1918-19, 5l	3.00	1.00
21	* " 10l	6.00	2.00
29	* " 40c on 1 lire	1.50	.65
30	* " $2 on 5l	7.00	2.50
	MALTA		
14	o1886, 5sh	4.00	2.00
14	* " 5sh	5.00	2.75
17	*1899, 2s 6d	3.00	1.50
18	o " 10sh	15.00	7.00
	MONACO		
5	o1885, 15c	1.75	.80
8	* " 75c	2.50	1.25
9	* " 1frs	18.00	8.50
21	o1891-94, 5frs	2.25	1.10
40	*1922, 25c	3.00	1.50
42	* " 50c	2.00	1.00
47	* " 5frs	7.00	3.00
48	* " 10frs	5.00	2.50
302-308	*1919, complete set	60.65	25.00
309-317	*1920	12.65	5.00
457	o1909, 10c	7.00	3.25
	ROMAN STATES		
14	*1852, 1sc	20.00	10.00
	ROUMANIA		
30	o1866-67, 5pa	3.00	1.80
162-68	o1903, complete set	9.25	4.25
	SAN MARINO		
22	*1892-94, 5l	2.00	1.00
25	*1895, 1l	17.50	8.50
	SERBIA		
117	*1911-12, 1d	3.00	1.50
118	* " 3d	4.00	2.00
119	* " 5d	3.50	1.75
130	*1914, 3d	8.00	4.00
	SPAIN		
2	o1850, 12c	17.50	10.00
3	o1850, 5r	15.00	7.50
11	o1851, 19r	30.00	15.00
17	o1853, 1c	25.00	10.00
20	o1853, 12c	10.00	5.00
22	o " 5r	8.00	4.00
38a	o1855, 1r, block of 6	3.60	2.50
39	o " 2r, strip of 4	2.00	1.50
294	o1905, 1p	2.50	1.90
318-330	o1921, complete set	12.15	7.25
	SWITZERLAND		
48	o1862-63, 60c	2.00	1.10
276	o1920, 30c	4.00	2.25
	TURKEY		
269	o1913, 100pia	4.00	2.00
270	* " 200pia	30.00	15.00
552	*1919, 2½pia	4.00	2.00
553	* " 50pia	4.00	2.00
564	o " 25pia	3.00	1.50
598	*1920, 50pia	2.00	1.00
621	o1923-25, 50pia	1.25	.50
622	o " 100pia	3.00	1.25
623	o " 500pia	9.00	4.00
	ARGENTINA		
33	o1876-77, 5c	15.00	7.50
173	o1910, 5pe	6.00	3.00
563	o1884-87, 60c	4.00	1.85
	AZORES		
76	*1894, 500r	2.50	1.25
77	o " 1000r	3.00	1.50
	BARBADOS		
78	*1892-96, 2sh 6p	4.00	2.00
83	*1897, 5d	2.00	1.00
84	* " 6d	3.00	1.50
86	* " 10d	4.00	2.00
89	*1903, 2sh 6d	6.00	3.00
105	*1905, 6d	2.50	1.25
106	*1905, 1sh	2.50	1.25
	BRAZIL		
526	*1913, 5000r	7.00	3.50
527	* " 100,000r	10.00	5.00
528	* " 500,000r	25.00	12.50
	BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA		
29	o1895, £1	25.00	15.00
65	o1903-04, 2s 6d	4.00	2.20
67	o " 10sh	10.00	5.00
	BRITISH EAST AFRICA		
83	*1896, 2r	4.00	2.00
84	* " 3r	5.00	2.50
85	* " 4r	5.00	2.50
86	* " 5r	6.00	3.00
102	o1898, 1r	3.50	1.75
103	* " 2r	6.00	3.00
104	* " 3r	7.00	3.50
	BRITISH HONDURAS		
32	*1888, 50c on 1sh	4.00	2.00
47	*1895-98, 25c	3.00	1.50
52	o1899, 50c	2.50	1.25
	BUENOS AIRES		
9	*1860, 4 real	35.00	18.00
9	o " 4 real	25.00	12.00
10	* " 1p	6.00	3.00
10	o " 1p	6.00	3.00
12	*1862, 1p	12.00	6.00
12	o " 1p	8.00	4.00
13	* " 2p	22.50	11.00
13	o " 2p	6.00	3.75
	CAYMAN ISLANDS		
11	*1905, 6d	3.00	1.50
12	* " 1sh	4.00	2.00
13	*1907, 4d	4.00	2.00
14	* " 6d	4.00	2.00
15	* " 1sh	5.00	2.50
17	*1907-08, ½d on 1d	4.00	2.00
25	*1907-09, 4d	6.00	3.00
28	* " 4sh	5.00	2.50
30	*1908, 10sh	12.50	6.00
	CANADA		
4	o1852, 3p	3.50	1.75
5	o " 8p	35.00	15.00
16	o1859, 10c	2.00	1.00
	CEYLON		
2	o1857, 6p	30.00	15.00
4	o " 2c	6.00	3.00
6	o " 5c	22.50	10.00
50	o1863-67, 4p	3.50	1.75
55	* " 9p	5.00	2.50
83	o1882, 16c on 24c	3.00	1.50
95	o1885, 5c on 48c	6.00	3.00
101	* " 10c on 64c	10.00	5.00
104	* " 25c on 32c	2.50	1.25
144	o1891, 15c on 28c	2.00	1.00
151	*1898, 2r 50c	5.00	2.50
153	*1899, 1r 50c on 2r 50c	4.00	2.00
162	*1900, 1r 50c	4.00	2.00
163	*1900, 2r 25c	5.00	2.50
	CURACAO		
28	*1899, 1guld 50c on 2g 50c	10.00	5.00
41	*1905, 1½guld	3.00	1.50
42	* " 2½guld	3.00	1.50
	CYPRUS		
17	*1882, 30p on 1pia	3.00	1.50
57	*1904, 45p	5.00	2.50
	DANISH WEST INDIES		
2	*1867, 3c	5.00	2.50
4	*1872-73, 4c	11.00	5.50
13	o1873-76, 50c	3.00	1.50
14	o1887, 1c on 7c	2.25	1.10
37	*1905, 1frc	1.00	.50
38	* " 2frc	2.00	1.00
39	* " 5frc	4.00	2.00
	DOMINICA		
12	o1882, ½d on ½d	2.50	1.25
15	o1886, 1p on 1sh	1.75	.90
16	o1883-90, ½p	1.50	.75
23	o " 6p	2.50	1.25
	FALKLAND ISLANDS		
21	o1898, 5sh	10.00	5.00
26	o1904-05, 6d	2.50	1.25
27	o " 1sh	2.00	1.00
28	o " 3sh	4.00	2.00
29	o " 5sh	8.00	4.00
	FRENCH CONGO		
28	*1892, 50c	2.00	1.00
45	*1900, 5frcs	3.00	1.50
52	o1903, 5c on 30c	7.50	3.75
	GRENADA		
25	*1883, 8d	3.00	1.50
45	*1895-99, 8d	2.00	1.00
46	* " 1sh	2.00	1.00
56	*1902, 5sh	6.00	3.00
71	*1906-11, 2½d	3.00	1.50
73	* " 6d	4.00	2.00
86	*1913, 2sh	1.75	.90
	INDIA		
4	o1854, 1a	3.50	1.75
5	o " 2a	4.00	2.00
72	*1902-09, 3r	2.50	1.25
73	* " 5r	5.00	2.50
	INDIA FARIDKOT		
109	*1886-93, 1r	4.00	2.00
206	*1886, 6a	2.00	1.00
	INDIA GWALIOR		
26	*1896, 2r	2.50	1.25
27	* " 3r	4.00	2.00
28	* " 5r	6.00	3.00
39	*1903-07, 2a 6p	5.00	2.50
	JAMAICA		
15	*1875, 5sh	7.00	3.50
44	*1905-09, 4d	7.00	4.00
	LEEWARD ISLANDS		
4	*1890, 4d	2.00	1.00
6	* " 7d	2.00	1.00
8	o " 5sh	10.00	5.00
12	*1897, 4d	5.00	2.50
13	* " 6d	6.00	3.00
14	* " 7d	6.00	3.00
15	* " 1sh	12.00	7.00
27	*1902, 2s 6d	2.50	1.25
28	* " 5sh	5.00	2.50
42	*1907-11, 6d	2.00	1.00
43	* " 1sh	2.00	1.00
44	* " 2s 6d	4.00	2.00
45	* " 5sh	7.00	3.50
	NATAL		
112	*1908-09, 2sh	3.50	1.75
113	o " 2s 6d	2.00	1.00
115	* " 5sh	8.50	4.25
	NEWFOUNDLAND		
1	o1857, 1p	7.00	3.50
	NEVIS		
22	o1882-83, 1d	4.00	2.00
23	o " 2½d	6.00	3.00
24	o " 4d	6.00	3.00
26	o1883, ½d	9.00	5.00
31	*1884-90, 6d	2.50	1.25
32	* " 1sh	9.00	6.00
	NORTHERN NIGERIA		
3	*1900, 2d	1.75	.90
4	* " 2½d	2.50	1.25
5	* " 5d	2.50	1.25
6	* " 6d	3.00	1.50
7	* " 1sh	5.00	2.50
17	*1902, 1sh	6.00	3.00
18	* " 10sh	25.00	12.00
37	*1910-11, 5sh	4.00	2.00

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RHODESIA

8	o1896, 1sh	6.00	3.00
4	o1901, 5sh	2.50	1.25
5	o " 7sh 6d	4.50	2.50
8	o " £1	10.00	5.00
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T the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, November 16, J. W. Pre- showed his collection and the dal which he won at the New York hibition. The following candidates membership were elected:—Charles French, Richard Roberts and Frank dden.

F. MERELL of San Francisco, Cal., has just observed his first iversary in connection with stamp ks over KFRC, the local radio station. le work Mr. Merell has done has re- ted in a stamp club of nearly one usand members. From the number of w subscriptions that Mr. Merell has t to the WEEKLY, we are convinced t great good is being done our hobby ough his talks.

VERY fine stamp story appeared in the St. Petersburg (Fla.) *Times* of nday, Nov. 7. A full page was given an article by Alfred E. Newman, who advertising manager of the *Times*, and e president of the St. Pete Stamp & in Collectors Society. Mr. Newman, o submits this clipping, is well satisfied th the display given this article and he y well be. A large halftone of thaniel Brophy, president of the So- ty, is shown and a story of his trip on 18,000 mile globe tour is written in an eresting manner. During Mr. Bro- y's absence of nearly a year, over 000 stamps were acquired. We con- atulate Mr. Newman upon the pub- ity which he has been able to give ilately through his local paper.

C. LYON, 44 Elton St., Providence, R. I., would like the present address H. D. Pierce, formerly P.O. Box 77, omestead, Pa. Mr. Lyon has just re- ved a letter from the Dead Letter fice which had been forwarded to neral Delivery, Chicago. Interested rties will please write Mr. Lyon.

PHILATELIC society was formed Nov. 8, in the Y. M. C. A., Long ach, Cal. About fifty members med the charter membership. Com- ttees were appointed to furnish pro- ams and entertainment. The ages of members range from eleven years wards. A fine spirit prevailed that ll make this ambitious organization bigger and better in the following months. It will meet bi-monthly and our readers living in and around Long Beach, Calif., should write Carlton Benson, 1702 Cherry Ave.,

A PRICELIST of first flight air-mail covers has been received from Erwin Strasser, 910 Lakeview Road, Cleveland, O. It is a very comprehensive list and will no doubt be sent to any address upon request.

OUR advertised book agencies are supposed to carry all our books in stock. If you are unable to procure any desired book kindly advise us. The Dictionary is now $2. It will not be reprinted.

THE New York *Times* of Nov. 14, states that Great Britain has called a halt upon its plan to raise revenue by the sale of cancellation slogans. Clipping from Julius Sachs.

PHILATELIC BRIC-A-BRAC

By ALBERT W. DRAVES

We are amid the Red Cross slogan season, and "Air Mail Saves Time" has been relegated to the better weather. On November 11th, generally, die hubs changed to prepare everyone to be a Red Cross member. No doubt, by this time, each has his Red Cross seals, and has saved his block of four.

One wonders if all the "Mail Early for Christmas" hubs are broken. The admonition is well worth the die.

Great Britain, in particular, Glasgow has a franker with auxiliary box cautioning one to "Say it by Telephone." The anomaly is just, but in France, it would be irony.

Meters topped the 6,000 mark and of course, Funk & Wagnalls, permit 55, had to do it. They always do!

One meter had a short but industrious life. The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, Inc., aspirated a week and election day gasped over to mortgage loans.

Embarass, Wisconsin, is using a rubber E to cancel packages. It rates like the Glastonbury G, only different. Cancellations on the 2c red are de trop—at present!

For those who yearn for original stamp subjects, one finds the MEKEEL'S cut of the White Plains picture satisfactory for all intents. The Liberty Bell subject is well represented in advertisements of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The huge bell at the Exposition is shown. Our Long Island Railroad commuters may snick off a few betimes. The Ericsson subject was well pictured in the *American Magazine of Art*, and also the *New York Times Magazine*. The latter carried a comprehensive description, which is helpful to art lovers. This includes stamp collectors.

Collectors of platemen's initials have cause to rejoice at the White Plains issue. Every plate a new beginning! Every plate a joy made new!

The current 2c flat plate is running about 26% perfect condition. The 2c brown rates only 2% perfect, all of which just goes to show! M. T. Dome said that "guaranteed unpicked" means that only a shovel has been used! Many times, we find evidences of picks, posts hole diggers, dibbles and pruning shears.

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The volume of publicity that is following in the wake of the International Philatelic Exhibition is of a magnitude that must surpass expectations, and if all of these printed references were kept, they would be an impressive object lesson of the value of the great occasion that now lives only in the memories of those who attended the exhibition. Philately's coming out party was a success, and in the chorus of commendation that is the aftermath of the debut, there are but few discordant notes. The tenor of the opinions as expressed by the outside world is amiable, generally speaking, and, indeed, there is reason to feel pleased that the comments are friendly and sympathetic, in the main. Here and there, however, there is a recalcitrant scribe, who kicks over the traces and professes to feel that the ado over stamps is one of the inexplicable twists of human nature. These marplots are few in number and are hopelessly outvoted by the scores of writers who have admitted that they were much impressed by the display, even though they realized that they did not have a full understanding of the subject of stamps. In the seemingly critical observations, the writers make no allowance for the collecting instinct that is in many of us and their remarks would apply to any other line of collecting endeavor. Nothing that equalled in vigor the scathing indictment of philately that a New York weekly was guilty of years ago, when the American Philatelic Society held a convention in that city, has been encountered.

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The magazine, "Time" devoted over a column, in a recent issue, to "Stamps," and reviewed the Exhibition in some detail after introducing the subject through the medium of a woman, that exists only in the imagination of the editor, we wager. She is made to speak disdainfully of the "hundreds of thousands of silly little squares of paper, etc.," after the time-honored custom of the person who "sees nothing in stamps." The aforesaid woman is represented as getting a taxi in more or less dudgeon "that would take her away as quickly as possible from the Grand Central Palace, Manhattan." Temperamental Tessie! *Time* said after dismissing its first character that if all the stamps on view were made into a pile and then burned, the resulting scene would be a blaze, rather than a conflagration, "but the resultant damage would have been in excess of twenty million of dollars." At any rate, philately is now playing big time engagements.

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Baron J. Rudbeck, Superintendent at the Royal Swedish Postal Administration, Director of the Postal Museum, Stockholm, Sweden, was in charge of the Swedish Government exhibition and he was courteous and competent, indeed. He was a worthy representative of the best postal and other traditions of his good country and his exhibit, entered by the Royal Swedish Postal Administration, was an attractive one that had a prominent place in the hall. We are indebted to Baron Rudbeck for a copy of the Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of Sweden, Issued 1920-1926, and Exhibited at the International Philatelic Exhibition, New York, 1926, by the Royal Swedish Postal Administration, the edition of which was limited to fifty copies on hand-made paper. This souvenir is a typographical delight and the eight pages of stamp illustrations are superb examples. On the cover of the book is an enlarged reproduction of the three ore copper red of 1920. From the "Preface" we quote: "The year 1920, is renowned in the history of the Swedish stamps, because the Royal Swedish Postal Administration then overtook the stamp-fabrication, which was before executed by private printers. For the above mentioned purpose, the Postal Administration bought in U.S.A. several modern machines, constructed by B. R. Stickney, mechanical expert and designer in Washington." As is known all the issues of Sweden, beginning with 1920, are steel-engraved and products of the rotary press. There is a wealth of information in the pages of this handsome booklet.

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One of the most delightful adjuncts of the great stamp week in New York was the reception given by Messrs. J. Brace Chittenden, John H. Hall, Jr. and George Walcott at the Havard Club, on October 22, 1926, to distinguished philatelists. Many philatelists of familiar names, as well as others of established reputation, thronged the spacious rooms and a list of those present would be a veritable "Who's Who" of the stamp world, almost. Every opportunity was given to the guests to meet kindred spirits and the contact was certainly enjoyable. The culinary attractions vied with those of a philatelic kind, and the generous hosts may know that their hospitality was appreciated to the utmost. The informality of the reception added to the spirit of friendliness that pervaded the reunion, and those who attended have a pleasant memory of one of the happiest events of the crowded days.

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The news of the death of Joseph Trauner, owner and manager of the Excelsior Stamp Company of New York City, is received with feelings of deep regret, coming as it does, so soon after the mementous occasion at New York. The personal friends of Mr. Trauner, as well as those who knew him through correspondence, will realize that their circle of philatelic associates has been narrowed by the death of this gentleman, who was affiliated with the American Philatelic Society, the New York Philatelic Society and the Boston Philatelic Society. Mr. Henry C. Thiel is now in charge of the Excelsior Stamp Company and we understand is to continue it for time to come.

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Some weeks ago, the death of Dr. Alfred Dahlberg of Chicago was reported at the advanced age of eighty years. Dr. Dahlberg, who began to collect in the earliest days of philately, retired from practice fifteen years ago, but we believe that he never relinquished his interest in stamps. He was one of the leading collectors of Chicago thirty-five years ago, and met many of the visiting philatelists who came to his city at that period. We remember his first issue of Sweden, complete, and his Swedish error, as bright spots in his large collection, and we wish to pay tribute to his courtesies as extended in those remote days.

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Here is an interesting side-light that is submitted by the Reverend Lloyd C. Walter of Oklahoma City, Okla.: "Some time ago I met a family who told me that President McKinley was a stamp collector. These folks said that they had friends who lived next door to the McKinleys in Canton, Ohio, years ag and that the collection sometimes w left with these neighbors when t McKinleys were away from home. T folks whom I met said that they had se the collection and described it as bei quite extensive. This bit of gossip m be old, but I had never seen ment anywhere that President McKinley w a stamp collector." We have a vag recollection that it has been recorded th McKinley had some knowledge of stam but we are unable to confirm any pa ticulars.

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In sending a copy of the new 1½d the permanent set of Malta, Mr. Forbes-Bentley, Birchircara, Malta, sa that its date of issue was October 7, 192 The values of the set still to be issue are 1, 2, 2½, 3 pence and 10 shilling The stamps are printed in sheets of 2 and issued by the post office in panes 120 stamps.

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THE BOY AND THE EXHIBITION

(We are indebted to J. W. Thom for the following editorial which appeared in the Indianapolis "Sunday Star" of Nov. 14. We recommend its perusal to our host of boy subscribers. Indeed, those of more advanced years will find some things here that will prove of educational value.—Ed.)

If the small boy collector of postage stamps needs arguments with which to convince his parents of the importance of his collection, and the need for funds with which to keep it up, he might have found them in plenty during the recent international philatelic exhibition in New York. Millions of dollars' worth of stamps were on exhibition.

The United States Post Office Department has recognized the educational value of stamp collections and has established a bureau known as the philatelic agency, where collectors may obtain perfect specimens of postage stamps. This department also has issued from time to time commemorative series of stamps on the anniversaries of important events in American history, the most recent of these commemorating the 150th anniversary of the battle of White Plains having been issued just at the time of the international philatelic exhibition in New York.

The first commemorative stamp series was issued at the time of the Columbian exposition in 1893. Sixteen denominations of stamps, ranging from 1 cent to $5, were put out, each presenting a scene from the life of Columbus connected with the discovery of the new world. "Columbus in Sight of Land," "The Landing of Columbus," "Soliciting Aid from Isabella" and "Welcomed at Barcelona" were among the subjects.

The next series issued was the Trans-Mississippi series in 1898, the stamps showing "Marquette on the Mississippi," "Farming in the West," "Indian Hunting Buffalo," "Hardships of Emigration" and others. The Pan-American issue in 1901 showed the advance of invention in engravings showing "Fast Lake Navigation," "Fast Express Navigation," "Fast Ocean Navigation." The Louisiana purchase issue of five stamps in 1904 showed the faces of Livingston, Jefferson, Monroe, McKinley and a map.

The three stamps of the Jamestown exposition issue in 1907 show Capt. John Smith, the founding of Jamestown and Pocahontas. The steamer Clermont adorns the stamp of 1909, issued in honor of the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The Panama-Pacific issue of 1912 shows Balboa, the Panama canal, the Golden Gate and the discovery of San Francisco bay.

The more recent issues are the Pilgrim tercentenary of 1920, the Huguenot-Walloon tercentenary of 1924, the Lexington-Concord issue of 1925, the Norse-American centennial issue of 1925-26 and the sesqui-centennial exposition issue of 1926.

When it is recalled that the collector studies the minutest detail of the stamp for any defect or peculiarity, it is understood that he must become familiar with the subject thereon portrayed. No further argument as to the educational value of stamp collecting should be needed. Enthusiastic collectors point out other information to be acquired. Geography, of course, is to be learned through collecting the stamps of other nations, but who would suppose that ornithology could also be studied in this way? Several countries adorn their stamps with pictures of native birds; the Somali ostrich is found on the stamp of Abyssinia, the emu on that of New South Wales, the cassowary on North Borneo's stamp and the kiwi on that of New Zealand. The young collector may learn valuable lessons in art from the frequent discussions by connoisseurs on the most beautiful postage stamp designs. In fact, it would seem that there is no limit to the educational value of stamp collecting.

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Gossip

Jesse E. Baker.—The variety described by you duplicating Mr. Ward's chronicle of Nov. 8 is an interesting one. It is a problem as to its value and we suggest that you watch our columns for quotations.

Kenneth Welch.—U.S. stamps with letters punched in them indicate that their use is being safeguarded by some business firm. These perforated initials are interesting, but the stamps possess no special value.

A subscriber wishes to know whether the value of a precancelled stamp is increased by the precancelling being upside down. While sometimes there may be an increased value for the inverts, ordinarily they are as common as the regular precancelled stamps.

Tannou-Touva—A New One

Whitfield King's *Monthly Circular* tells us of this new stamp issuing country. There are ten values, seven ranging from 1 to 50 kopecs, and 1, 3 and 5 rubles. The description of the country is as follows:—

Tannou-Touva is situate between Mongolia and Siberia and was formerly called "Urjanhanski" and is not a part of Mongolia but a separate republic. The central design is a religious symbol called the "Wheel of Happiness." The four letters at the top of the stamp are TTNR, signifying "Tannou Touva People's Republic." The inscription on the left is "Postage" and on the right "Stamp." The figures of value appear at the foot of the stamp and the words "kopecs" or "roubles" at the sides, these being the currency of the Republic, whereas in Mongolia dollars and cents are used. The stamps are available for international postage.

Canada My Favorite

Howard Bay writes that he is fourteen years old and specializes in Canada mint, U. S. and precancels. His preference is for Canadians and he gives us this little story:—

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Good for Howard.

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This is all very well, Ivan, where one has a multitude of common stamps at his disposal and lots of time in which to arrange them. It should not be a substitute for the "real thing" in stamp collecting.

Uruguay to the Fore

Rinaldo Wren of San Jose, Cal., writes us as follows:—"Of all the interesting things I saw at the Exhibition the collection of Uruguay, shown by Mr. Alfred Lichtenstein, seemed to be *par excellence*. The stamps were superbly mounted and in such perfect condition as to command attention. If any exhibit deserved the highest award at the Exhibition it certainly belonged to the one made by Mr. Lichtenstein." Without a doubt, Rinaldo is right. At least the Exhibition judges thought so.

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During the visit of the Managing Editor to the New York Exhibition he had the pleasure of meeting Charles Wennberg, of the well-known firm of Harry Wennberg of Stockholm, Sweden. The full page advertisement elsewhere in this issue is the result of a brief conversation. Mr. Wennberg is located during November and December at 129 E. 46 St., N. Y. City, and we are very glad to give this old and reliable firm a hearty welcome to our columns. The standing of this firm is of the best and we trust our readers will take advantage of the numerous offerings which this large advertisement describes.

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MORE ABOUT THE WHITE PLAINS

By David O. Plotz.

There was another postoffice that had the new White Plains stamp on sale October 18, 1926. That postoffice was North White Plains. It was very odd that those enthusiasts in White Plains overlooked the one logical place that should have the stamps.

But many collectors did not know that only a short distance from the postoffice in North White Plains is the building used by Washington as his headquarters. The building is still standing and is today used as a show-place and contains many relics of Revolutionary days.

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BANQUET OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The banquet held on the evening of October 20, 1926, at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, brought the festivities, so far as they affected the convention of the American Philatelic Society, to a close. The beautiful hall was filled by a representative gathering of members and friends; it is needless to say that the presence of philatelic dignitaries from abroad lent distinction to the occasion. The menu was excellent and was supplemented by addresses that were of singular interest. Mr. Wilhelm, president of the American Philatelic Society, was honored as the first speaker; and he was followed by Mr. Dorning-Beckton, Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack president of the New York International Exhibition, both of whom were generous in their expressions of philatelic amity. Dr. Emilio Diena, Rome, who stands so high in the affections of philatelists, universally told of his pleasure in affiliating with American Philately, and Dr. Herbert Munk, Berlin, editor of the monumental "Kohl's Briefmarken Handbuch. said that he was glad that he was chosen to represent Germany at New York. Mr Nils Strandell, Stockhom, told of his impressions in an interesting manner and remarked upon the giant strides taken recently by American philately. The final speaker was Mr. Charles J. Phillips New York, who gave an absorbing ly interesting account of philately in its international aspect and was followed intently by his auditors. Several professional dancers enlivened the program, which was concluded by dancing, until literally the day was well done. Dr. Brace Chittenden, whose attainments as an orator are such as to make him a charming figure as a toastmaster, carried along the program with great good cheer. As a raconteur, scholar and what you will, Dr. Chittenden has kinship with genius. This banquet will have the place of honor in the social annals of the Society and it was a most happy ending of the convention story.

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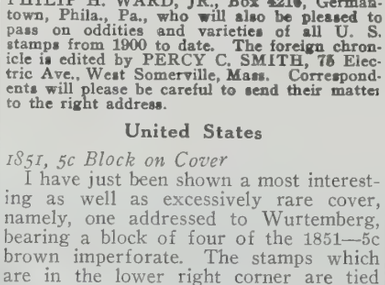

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

1851, 5c Block on Cover

I have just been shown a most interesting as well as excessively rare cover, namely, one addressed to Wurtemberg, bearing a block of four of the 1851—5c brown imperforate. The stamps which are in the lower right corner are tied to the cover by a black Wilmington, Del., cancellation, in addition to a red "N. York Br. Pkt. 7 Paid Oct. 1," cancellation. Two additional stamps making a 30c rate have evidently been removed from the top portion of the cover. The cover also shows a red rectangular postmark reading. "Aachen 15-10 Francko." On the back of the cover we find two postmarks in black, one reading, "Stuttgart 17 Oct. 1856" and another undecipherable dated the following day.

Blocks of this stamp are exceedingly scarce and offhand I can recall but few in either used or unused condition. Mr. Hind has a mint block from the Duveen collection, Mr. Walcott has a block of five on cover which I acquired a couple of years back, also addressed to Germany, Mr. Filstrup has a block of eleven pen cancelled and I recall a damaged block in the Eagle sale, which was later repaired. With the exception of one other block, of which two stamps are partially gone, I do not recall any other large pieces of this variety.

1875, 2c Vermilion

The earlier postage stamps of the United States are frequently met with, with revenue cancellations, especially those during the 60's used on bank checks Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has recently shown me an item that I have not seen heretofore, namely, the 1875—2c vermilion, on hard paper with a printed black cancellation in three lines reading, "Piso's Cure for Consumption". This postage stamp was no doubt used as a Proprietary revenue.

Bureau Notes

In my recent list of plate numbers, there were listed four plates of the Norse-American series of stamps, namely, numbers 18676 to 18679 inclusive. The appearance of these four plates at this late day has resulted in a number of inquiries. I am officially informed by the Bureau that the plates although numbered were not completed, consequently no printings have been made therefrom.

In the same list, plates numbers 18759 to 18762 inclusive were listed as 1½c curved plates of one hundred subject size. This was a typographical error and should have read one hundred seventy subjects.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of November 15th, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, issued advertisements inviting proposals for the transportation of air mail over the transcontinental and over-night New York-Chicago routes. Bids are returnable at noon on January 15, 1927. This action carries into effect the policy of the Department to relinquish control of its air mail lines as soon as practicable. The Department is well pleased with the efforts of the fifteen contractors now transporting mail by air between the various points in the United States and it is expected that the present routes now being covered by the Department direct may be split up among several of the present contractors. It is expected that such contracts will be let in two sections. The first will include the New York to Chicago leg of the transcontinental route and the overnight route both of which will run via Bellefonte, Pa., and Cleveland and Bryan, Ohio. The second section will be the Chicago to San Francisco leg, which runs via Iowa City and Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha and North Platte, Nebr., Cheyenne and Rock Springs, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Utah, Elko and Reno, Nevada, and Sacramento, Calif. Contractors are entitled to a maximum revenue of $3.00 per pound for the first thousand miles and not to exceed 30c per pound for each additional one hundred miles. If bids are returnable the early part of the year, no doubt arrangements will have been made by February or March, for the carrying of this mail privately. No

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58		25c	8c
63		20c	8c
67		20c	4c
76		15c	6c
	CYPRUS		
28		$1	45c
46		$5	$2.50
72, 74, 75		80c	36c
89		25c	6c
	CAYMAN ISLANDS		
26		75c	36c
106		20c	10c
	CEYLON		
212		$1.50	70c
322		$1	40c
323		$1	40c
325		$1.75	70c
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8, 9		$1	30c
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102		$5	$2.50
136a		75c	36c
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166a		$15	$6
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46		$3	$1.50
53		$12	$2
54		$5	$1.50
56		$6	$1
58		$5	$1.25
59		$7.50	$1.75
60		$15	$4
93		$9	$4
104		$2.50	$1
105		$2	60c
107		$2	$1
120		75c	30c
306 to 311		$3.60	$1.60
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19		$1	30c
59		40c	20c
60		$3	$1
	NAURU		
11		$5	$2
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301		$1	40c
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70		$1.50	60c
154a		60c	18c
156b		$2	75c
163		20c	8c
170		20c	8c
171		75c	25c
	COOK ISLANDS		
54		$4	75c
55		50c	20c
56		60c	30c
58		$1	45c
	NEW ZEALAND		
172		$1	36c
669		75c	30c
	AITUTAKI		
20		25c	6c
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I am further informed that the supply the 2c Sesqui-Centennial is practically hausted. Relative to the latter stamp, error of importance has been located far as I can learn, although minor icings in the relation of the "Canal" the "Zone" may be found.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman has own us a 75c current type, which has st been issued in dark violet.

COLOMBIA.—Further to our paragraph fortnight ago, on the continued use of 5 and 10 pesos stamps of 1917, we now informed that these are shortly be issued in violet and dark green, rectively, instead of the present grey d dark brown; the quantities ordered om the printers are 50,000 of the 5 sos and 30,000 of the 10 pesos.—*Stamp llecting.*

COSTA RICA.—The Economist Stamp send for chronicle a set of ten values a new official set. They are the work Waterlow & Sons Ltd. of London, l all of the same design. Across the ter of the stamp in a curved frame is "OFICIAL" with "Correos de Costa Rica" at the top. Just below at the left is the usual coat-of-arms of the country. The figures of value are all in black in the lower right corner with the word "Centimos" or "Colon" at the bottom left. Colors and values are, 2c blue, 3c rose red, 4c ultramarine, 5c green, 6c yellow, 10c rose, 20c olive green, 30c orange, 45c brown and 1 colon violet.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin* prints the following:—An official notice has been published that the following changes are to take place, but the new stamps will only be placed on sale as the old ones are exhausted:—

Postage stamps, new colours, 20c sepia, 25c green, 30c blue, 50c green; new values, 75c red, fr.1.05 claret, fr.1.40 dark red, fr.1.50 blue, fr.3.00 carmine.

Air Mail stamps 5c orange, 80c claret, fr.1.40 dark red, fr.1.90 pale blue, fr.3.00 dark grey.

Postage Dues, 1 franc claret, 2 francs violet.

GERMANY.—Mr. Wagner writing under date of Nov. 1st last, sends copies of the new German stamps. Figures of value are in each upper corner while the familiar "Deutsches Reich" is at the bottom. The values so far received are the 3pf brown, portrait of Goethe; 5pf green, Schiller; 10pf red, Frederick the Great; 25pf blue, Goethe. There are also a 15pf vermilion, 30pf olive green, 40pf deep violet, and 50pf violet brown. The Edward Ludwig Stamp Co. send additional information regarding this issue and advise that the 15pf bears the likeness of the philosopher, Kant, the 20pf Beethoven, the 30pf Lessing, the 40pf Leibniz, the 50pf Bach, whereas the 80pf brown pictures the great artist, Albrecht Durer.

KEDAH.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that he has received the following new items for this country: 4c purple and 6c red, type of A1, 12c black and dark blue and 35c plum, type of A2, all on script watermarked paper.

LUXEMBURG.—*New Series.*—It is officially announced according to "Rufus," that the 2, 3, and 6c values will not appear in the new set. The new series will not appear before November. It is not intended, at present, to change the design of the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 franc values. —*Philatelic Magazine.*

NICARAGUA.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. informs us that they have just received a new set of official stamps, and while they are surcharged on the types A24 and 25 they were probably printed by the American Bank Note Co. for this purpose as the colors vary somewhat from the original issues. Each bears the overprint "Oficial" in small thin capitals and are all in black surcharge. The colors are ½c green, 1c violet, 2c carmine rose, 3c olive, 4c red orange, 5c black, 6c brown, 10c yellow, 15c brown, 20c olive brown, 25c orange and 50c blue.

PORTUGUAL.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin* announces that an entirely new set of postage stamps will be put on sale Nov. 15th. These stamps are of the Ceres type and have been engraved and printed in England. The values and colors are 2c chocolate, 3c blue, 4c yellow, 5c brown olive, 6c brown, 10c brown red, 15c black, 16c blue, 25c grey, 32c deep green, 40c green, 48c deep rose, 50c yellow, 64c blue, 80c violet, 96c red, Esc. 1.00 dull carmine, Esc. 1.20 yellow buff, Esc. 1.60 blue, Esc. 2.00 deep green, Esc. 3.20 sage green, Esc. 4.50 yellow, Esc. 5.00 brown and Ecs. 10.00 pink.

TRAVANCORE.—*Whitfield King & Co's Bulletin* prints the announcement that they are informed officially that the stamp 1 cash surcharged on 5 cash bistre, which was chronicled in several journals, has never been issued.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Our Johannesburg contemporary is informed on reliable authority that no further printings of ½d South African and S.W. African postage due stamps are being made. Present stocks will be used up. There is very little demand for this value.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Italy, 1¼ lira, new large blue, portrait .08
Kelantan, new 2c, Malay States, new 2c, both ..... .04
Kelantan, 30c script wmk. ..... .25
Leeward Islands, new 1½d red script.. .05
Luxemburg 1926, 1 & 2fr, new colors .. .15
Luxemburg, same surch. "Officiel" ... .15
Malta 1921, #90, 2½d Self Govt. ..... .15
Malta 1922, #98-102, 5 var., getting scarce .50
Malta 1922, #103, 4d, gone up ..... .50
Malta 1922, #106, 2sh also gone up 3.50
Malta 1926, #113, 2½ on 3d ..... .15
Malta 1926, #116-122, 7 var. "Postage".. .70
Malta 1926, #131-38-39-40-41, 5 var. .... .75
Malay States, new $2.00 script wmk. .. 1.45
Morocco Agencies, new 15 centimos ... .04
Morocco Agencies, new wmk., 10, 15, 50, 75c & 1fr ..... .12
Morocco Agencies, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c, 1fr, 3fr, Bold face are script wmk. 1.00
Morocco Agencies, Spanish currency, #26-30 ..... .40
#33, 1 peseta, cat. 75c ..... .35
#35, 3 pesetas, cat. $4.00 ..... 1.50
All will be shortly obsolete.
Monaco, new colors, 1c, 20c, 20c, 75c, 1¼fr ..... .15
Oltre Guiba 1925, #1-8, 11 & 12, 10 var. .40
Sierra Leone, 10d Script, #135 ..... .28
Tanganyika 1922, #10-15, 6 var. ..... .55
Tanganyika 1922, #10-19, 10 var. 2.00
Zanzibar, 1c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 6 var. .. .25
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STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF

British Empire.

Antigua.—The 2½d is reverting to the old blue colour. Fortunately most of these Colonial reversions are in a different shade, so that no slump is caused in the price of the earlier printings. One or two, however, are so similar that they cannot be listed separately.

Bermuda.—Rev. W. G. Iremonger shows us the latest shade of the 2½d, which has a less yellow shade of green. He also has the 3d, blue, with inverted watermark.

British Honduras.—The colour of the 2c is to be changed to red. Booklets will be issued containing 100 of this stamp.

Ceylon.—The new 9c value will be printed in red on yellow paper.

Fiji Islands.—Mr. John E. Toy informs us that the ¼d value is no longer obtainable. He thinks that further printings are unlikely.

Mr. W. McCreake states that the reasons given by a correspondent (in the July *M.J.*) for the issue of 1½d and 2s stamps are wrong. The former is needed because the postal rate on letters within the city of Suva is to be 1½d, while the 2s is needed for parcel post purposes, These reasons have been given by the Colonial Postmaster.

Kenya.—The 5c and 10c are to be printed in green and black respectively.

Leeward Islands.—Rev. W. G. Iremonger shows us the 3d King George, old CA watermark, on what appears to be undoubtedly the pale yellow paper, so that this variety must be reinstated in the catalogue. He considers that this paper must have been mixed with the orange-buff, as he received first the latter, then the pale yellow, and later the orange-buff again. Both papers were used to print from Plate 8.

Mauritius.—The 10c and 20c are to be printed in the King's Head design in future, the colours being red and purple respectively. The 12c K.G. is to revert to its previous colour, grey. This value has changed, on the average, once a year since 1921.

Montserrat.—The 3d is to revert to its old colour, purple on yellow, but has not previously appeared on Script watermarked paper in this colour.

Nyasaland.—The 10s is being printed on Script paper.

St. Kitts-Nevis.—The 2½d is reverting to its original blue colour. The 3d becomes purple on yellow.

St. Vincent.—The 3d is to be printed in purple, on yellow Script paper.

Seychelles.—The 3c and 12c are reverting to green and grey respectively.

Straits Settlements.—Federated Malay States.—The 3c is being printed in brown.

Virgin Islands.—The 1d is being printed in "blue-purple." A new value, 1½d, red, is also being prepared.

Other Countries

Argentina.— Firms of good standing are now permitted to use automatic franking machines. Messrs. A. H. Davis and H. G. Spanton send us specimens of the new frank.

Mr. Davis tells us that he was misinformed as to the discontinuance of the practice of overprinting current postage stamps for the use of various Government departments. This practice still continues.

Mr. Justo Roth kindly sends us specimens of the specially inscribed envelopes, post cards and letter-cards issued in connection with the Philatelic Exhibition held in Buenos Aires in commemoration of the Argentine Postal Centenary. The special cancellation reads "EXPOSICION FILATELICA CONTINENTAL (B.A.)" in a double circle, enclosing the date. The letter-cards and envelopes, in addition to a special announcement of the Exhibition on the front, have various notes about Argentine postal history and progress on the back.

Mr. H. G. Spanton states that the quantities of the Postal commemorative series which were to be tendered were as follows: 3c, 5,000,000; 5c, 30,000,000; 12c, 15,000,000; 25c, 10,000,0 He does not know whether these qua tities were actually printed.

Bolivia.—The "Sun Gate" issue, abo which so much ink has been spilt, is de Public opinion in Bolivia has been arous by the fact that sets of these stamps w put on sale in Europe before they arriv in Bolivia, and so great an outcry h been made that it has apparently be decided to drop the issue altogeth Sets now on the market therefore f into the "prepared for use but not sued" class.

We think that Bolivia and other cou tries should take warning by the fate this issue and of the 1c and 2c of t Centenary issue which no catalogue w list, and henceforth avoid the practice handing over part of an issue to priv persons or firms in payment for wo done in connection with the production stamps.

China.—Mr. R. F. Strange writes th owing to the continued depreciation the Yunnan dollar the postal authoriti have decided to overprint all stamps f sale in Yunnan with an inscription ve similar to that applied to stamps issu in Chinese Turkestan and differing on in the last character but one. It wi however, be applied horizontally inste of vertically. This is an entirely nece sary overprint in order to prevent spe ulative operations based on the differe value of the dollar in various parts China.

France.—Prof. F. P. Renaut tells that the 35c, 45c, 60c, 65c, 80c, 85c, 1fr 0 1fr 25 and 1fr 40 have been withdraw as from September 6th. Owing to temporary shortage of 50c stamps special emergency printing in da bronze-green was made just before th issue of the 50c red.

French Colonies.—The 60c stamps twenty-two Colonies will be withdraw from circulation in October and the 1 25 value will be withdrawn in twenty-fi Colonies. We are indebted to Messr M. Fischer for this news.

Grand Lebanon.—Owing to the chan in the name of this country to "Repu lique Lebanaise" Mr. Omar Farrouk thinks a new issue probable, but wheth the present stamps will be overprinte or not he does not know.

Greece.—"Viator" tells us that the and 3dr stamps are now coming altered shades. The 3dr is now in shade of scarlet hardly distinguishab from the previous colour of the 2d while the latter is now considerably pal and nearer to vermilion.

Jugo-Slavia.—Stamps from 25 para t 10din are to be surcharged and thu rendered subject to a charity premium aid of flood victims. They will be cu rent till the end of this year, when separate charity issue is to appear. M I. Steiner is our kind informant.

Liechtenstein.—An entirely new pict rial is to be issued next year.

Luxemburg.—Mr. W. R. Hendrik states that a new series is in preparatio printed by the American Bank Note C The stamps will be line-engraved and wi bear the portrait of the Grand Duche Charlotte.

Persia.—Mr. R. W. Gray gives t some details concerning the productio of the new portrait stamps. The desig is by Mokhber es Saltaneh, the fram being a poor copy of that of the 1907 issue. The engraver is Sani us Sultan and the printers, the Mejliss Pres Teheran. All low values of the 1909 is sue with the recent overprint are ex hausted in Teheran. Messrs. Enschéd & Co. are preparing a new regular issu which is not expected for some months.

Poland.—There are two types of th current 15 gr. pictorial, says *Die Post marke.* The shading behind the figure of value has been lightened, and the out line of the cloud, which formerly cu through the "r" of "Gr.," no longe does so. This alteration has been made in order that the value may be more clearly legible.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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51.	40-45	8.62	3.75
52.	46-48	6.25	2.75
53.	66-73	3.18	1.50
54.	74-81	4.22	1.75
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98.	8 (used; cut into)	30.00	9.00
99.	11	20.00	9.00
100.	15	10.00	4.25
101.	17 (used)	20.00	9.00
102.	18	1.25	.60
103.	18 (used)	7.50	3.00
104.	7	100.00	65.00
105.	20 (used)	5.00	2.25
106.	21	5.00	2.50
107.	22	6.00	3.00
108.	25	30.00	12.50
109.	25 (used)	20.00	9.00
110.	31	10.00	4.25
111.	31 (used)	6.00	2.75
112.	33	17.50	8.00
113.	33 (used)	15.00	6.75
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SHE SPEAKS OUT

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I tried conscientiously enough for many years to become interested in stamp collecting but my efforts were all in vain. I could see nothing in a stamp other than a means of sending a piece of mail. I went to the Great Exhibition in New York, really curious to see what sort of show an exhibit of stamps could make, and how many people would be attracted by it. The first day I was interested in the people,—the great number of them and the high type that they represented. As a result I have become a collector, and since have read as much as time permitted. I have seen accounts of the Exhibition and the convention, but have failed to find anything about the entertainment that the New York women planned for the visiting women. I think any account without mention of the kind is very incomplete.

Starting with the reception at the Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday evening, the next event was the luncheon at the Swan Russian tea-room. Then came the tea given by Mr. and Mr. Steinway, on Monday afternoon and the trip to the Crescent Athletic Club for cards, dinner and dancing on Tuesday. Shopping expeditions and trips to points of interest and an afternoon tea on an ocean liner were enjoyed. Such hospitality should not go unnoticed. I am sure that all the visiting women will join with me in a vote of thanks to the New York women.

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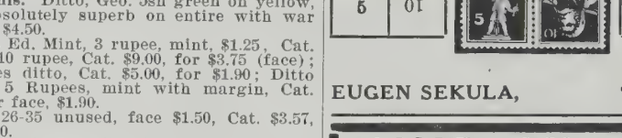

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The Boston Book gives the following data:

Die approved, October 10, 1866.
First issued, October, 1866.
Last issued, December, 1867.
One stamp per sheet.
3,575,000 issued in all.

The stamp was printed from a wood block upon sheets of manila tissue paper measuring about 6x4 inches. The design measures 80x50 mm, which is a little more than three inches by a little less than two inches. The design is composed of three segments, the central one being nearly square. In the center is an oval bearing a portrait of Mr. Willard T. Brown like that on the adhesive stamp used by this firm. In each of the four corners of the central segment is a colorless circle bearing a colored numeral "1". Colorless letters "U" and "S" are placed in ovals, "U" at the left of the portrait and "S" at the right. The remainder of the central segment is filled with curved labels reading "Manufactured By The" at the top and "Portland Match Co." at the bottom. The space between these labels and the border oval contains "No. 86 Commercial St. Portland, Me." above and "Internal Revenue—One Cent" below. At either side of the central segment is a rectangular panel. The panel at the right contains the following inscription in small italic letters reading upward "Our Matches are warranted superior to any— others for the immediate production of fire.—They are not impaired by Age or Dampness,—and for that reason are preferred by Shippers— and Sea Captains to any others. P. M. Co." The panel at the left contains four lines of colored capitals reading downwards, viz., "Portland Match Co.—Manufacturers Of— Newly Improved Card and Box— Matches."

Near the bottom of the central segment directly below the base of the portrait a small rectangle was cut out of the wood block and in this opening three lines of type were inserted. The upper line reads "P.M.Co." the second line contains the month, such as "Dec.", and the third line contains the year, such as "1866" or "1867". This device enabled the printers to change the date each month merely by inserting different type.

The Portland Directory lists W. T. Brown & Co. at Welchville in 1865, and the Portland Match Co. at 24 Fore Street in the same year. Later W. T. Brown & Co. or Willard T. Brown & Co. are listed at the Fore Street address, but during the period when the stamp was in use no mention of the Commercial Street address given on the stamp is contained in the Portland Directories. Perhaps the two addresses were different entrances to one building, or to a group of buildings.

This die and the die of their adhesive stamp was transferred to Byam, Carleton & Co. of Boston, and Butler & Carpenter were notified of the transfer in a letter from W. T. Brown & Co. dated May 31, 1867. The Boston Book states that Byam, Carleton & Co. never ordered or used stamps from the die for the adhesive, but also states that both the adhesive and the wrapper stamp were last issued in December, 1867. As Willard T. Brown had sold out the Portland Match Co. business to Byam, Carleton & Co. before June 1, 1867, it would be interesting to learn who did use the stamps issued after that date.

Nearly all known copies of the wrapper are dated "Dec. 1866." They are usually in excellent condition and often show no indication of having been used. Probably this is why there has been some doubt as to whether any of these wrappers ever were used. The quantity issued as given in the Boston Book, however, and other facts now placed before the reader should dispel any doubt as to the legitimate use of the Portland wrappers. It may well be most of the copies in existence came from a small lot of the December, 1866, dating, which for some unknown reason were not used.

The only specimen dated earlier than December, 1866, known to the present writer is dated "October—1866". Reading downwards on the left hand margin is a pencilled notation "This is the stamp Ret'd by W. T. Brown & Co.—with letter of Nov. 14-66. Return the other one." The words "letter of Nov. 14-66" are underscored and the note is signed with initial "L". This note is believed to have been written by Mr. Lamasure, who was then the foreman with Butler & Carpenter, and is signed with his initial.

In E. B. Sterling's revenue stamp catalogue of 1888 two dates are listed for the Portland Match wrapper, viz., December, 1866, and February, 1867. The present writer has seen one copy dated "Feb.— 1867." On this specimen all the margins have been cut away, but the design itself is practically complete and the date is clear and legible. Another specimen dated 1867 has had all the margins and both of the rectangular panels cut away, leaving only the central segment bearing the portrait, address, date, etc. On this specimen the date, "May 1867" is clearly printed. Both of these specimens dated "1867" appear to have been used and are believed to be genuine beyond question.

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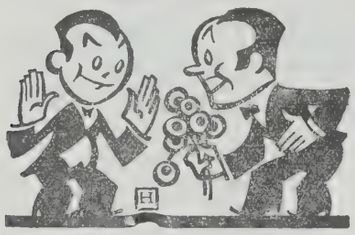

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DEATH OF G. HAMILTON SMITH

By C. J. PHILLIPS.

With the very deepest regret, I have received a cable to the effect that my old partner and present head of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, passed away on Wednesday, November 17th, dying suddenly from a stroke.

G. Hamilton Smith was born on January 30, 1870, at Clifton near Bristol, and was educated privately. He first started collecting in 1882 while a schoolboy, but not in a serious manner. He left Bristol about 1890, and removed to London, and there commenced dealing in stamps, and shortly afterwards joined T. W. Cheveley to manage his stamp-dealing department, as Mr. Cheveley found all his time occupied with the stamp auctions.

After about seven months at this work, Mr. Hamilton Smith thought he could do better on his own account, and in 1894 took an office in London Street, off Fenchurch Street, where he was in business for about six months, and left there on meeting S. E. Gwyer, when they decided to go into partnership, and took premises in the name of G. Hamilton-Smith & Co., at 158 Regent Street, W., and remained there, doing good business, for some time, but eventually found that they were not able to buy in that quarter, and so removed to the City, to 10 Bishopsgate Street Within, in 1895, and remained there until they sold their business to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., in January, 1905.

In 1922, when I decided to retire from the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., in which I held the majority of shares, I discussed the matter with my co-director, Mr. Smith, and eventually he decided to buy me out and become the holder of the great majority of the shares of this well known corporation.

Since I settled in America, I have been in constant communication with my old friend, and have done all I could to help him in revising and correcting the catalogue with innumerable notes sent almost every month.

I have had no intimation of any illness. On the contrary, he wrote in the best of spirits and I think his death must have been very sudden.

Mr. Smith had an extremely good knowledge of the older postage stamps. He had specialized in a number of lines prior to joining the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., but we mutually decided that it was a bad principle for any partner in the firm to collect stamps, and he then turned his attention to collecting coins and war medals.

In coins he specialized in the very interesting and numerous issues in the reign of Charles II, in which he held one of the great collections. In war medals he was a recognized expert and possessed a very fine collection.

Mr. Smith's home was in Bristol in the West of England, to which he used to go down on all week-ends.

His loss will leave a very great gap in the stamp dealing fraternity of London. Personally, I feel that I have lost one of my oldest and best friends, and I regret most sincerely his passing on at such an early age.

of any particular issue that would be saved would be a much smaller percentage than the percentage of adhesive stamps saved out of any particular issue. The adhesive stamps were small, occupied little space and could easily be tucked away in a small receptable or pasted in a book, while the wrappers were large enough to be somewhat cumbersome, and never had quite the same appeal to collectors. Not being adhesives the wrappers perhaps were not regarded as being "really truly stamps." Today, of course, we realize they were just as much stamps as were any adhesives but in the old days it is likely they were thought of as being only "half-brothers," or even more distantly related, to what were considered real stamps.

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While the review that has been prepared of Dr. Chittenden's work, "Stolen Stamps," a philatelic romance, will have to await publication until next week, we wish to say that the good Doctor has done himself proud in the field of fiction. The book was written for the International Philatelic Exhibition and marvelous to relate, it actually made its appearance on time. In response to a request by the Exhibition friends for a piece of special philatelic literature, Dr. Chittenden was gracious enough to respond; and with good results, as we shall see.

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DR. WM. EVANS, *Editor*,
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(Any letter requiring a reply must have a self-addressed stamped envelope. No attention can be given matters that do not belong to the years indicated. What can you contribute of interest?)

A white hand on 3c green which recently floated in from a dealer who sent a lot of "cheaps" on approval, Sleeper. No. 2, star used at Profile House, N. H. No. 3, another star used at Glade Mills, Pa., on a 2c 1887 in purple. A gorgeous combination, and the only star of this design that I have seen. No. 4, another unusual star, with its two circles. Plenty of them with one circle, but two is very unusual. No. 5, sun setting behind a hill with the sea in the foreground. No. 6, a flower. The last named three in black on 3c green from K. N. Woodward. No. 7, an anchor, also from Mr. Woodward, on 3c green. Maybe used at Chicago, Ill. No. 8, horse head on 2c red brown from Dr. H. A. Robinson. Don't know where it was used, but it ought to have been at Horseheads, N. Y.! No. 9, initials, used at Carthage, Mo., on 3c green stamped envelope sent by R. J. Tarpy. No. 10, and another skull and bones sent by Otto Arco, on 3c re-engraved.

C. W. Haynes has sent a few copies of 2c 1890 with star cancellations which do not come along very frequently. Two copies had a solid star in a circle. Then there was one made of lines only with a letter H in the center, a small solid star in the center of a larger one, and one in which the lines forming the points crossed each other, forming a pentagon in the center.

In the same lot was a 2c 1883 cancelled by a large N with several small stars in each stroke of the letter, and a 6c War Dept. cancelled by a flying eagle.

Francis Wheeler has sent some interesting covers: A strip of four 3c green and a 1c of the Continental crop struck four times by a blue ticket agent's canceller of the Pitts Titusville & Buffalo Ry. Hickory.

Two covers each bearing a 3c Continental cancelled O. C. & A. Railway via the blue ticket agent route, and another with a black O. C. & A. R. R. postmark and the stamp tied by a three-ring target.

A cover from Pekin, Ill., shows a pair and single 1c Continental cancelled by a large circle inside which is a quartered grid, the upper left and lower right quarters showing three horizontal and the other two quarters three vertical lines. A neat cancellation in blue. Another cover from this town has a 3c Continental cancelled by a large square grid, blue.

A 3c Continental is tied by an indistinct cancellation the same color as the postmark, reddish brown, or brownish red.

Nebraska, Forest Co., Pa., can be put into the list of County postmarks. 3c green.

A 6c Continental is tied by a square grid of seven bars and this and the post-

mark are in purple ink, and make a very pleasing appearance.

Then there is a cover which, so far as the cancellation is concerned, beats anything that has yet come into the range of my observation. The stamp is a 3c Continental and is placed on the upper left corner of the envelope sidewise. Below it is this card, in six lines: "Persons Wanting Printing Done Should call on A. H. Siggins, West Hickory, Pa. who is prepared to do all small jobs neatly, quickly, and cheap. And this is printed diagonally across the stamp, which is cancelled in no other way. The letter is addressed to Edinboro, Pa., which eliminates the idea that it might have been received uncancelled and conscientiously retired from active service by striking it with an advertising stamp. Mr. Wheeler says that Mr. Siggins owned the only printing press in the village, and may have been the postmaster at this time.

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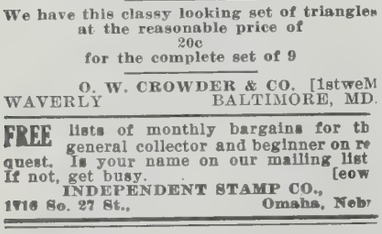

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Mr. Walton also reports a cover with 3c green stamp tied by an eagle with wings raised and postmarked Rut & Wash R. R. He states that this Railroad runs from Rutland, Vt., to Eagle Bridge, N. Y., a distance of 63 miles, and is now a part of the Delaware & Hudson. A third cover in Mr. Walton's reports is postmarked Profile House, New Hampshire, Aug. 6, 1883, cancelled by a neat and attractive little compound star. The Profile House, Mr. Walton says, was located in the heart of Franconia Gap in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, less than a quarter of a mile from the "Old Man of the Mountains." It was a celebrated hostelry for many, many years, and was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

This same cancellation Mr. Walton has on a 3c 1861 cover. It must be a rarity on either stamp. No. 2.

I looked over my stars for one like it. Missing except on a 2c War Dept. Query. Did any other Post Office use this particular little star? One would suppose so.

And Mr. Walton includes some postal cards that are interesting. Schenectady, N. Y., magenta, colorless star in a round block surrounded by a circle; North Adams, Mass., magenta, four ring target; Vergennes, Vt., the same; Bridgport, Vt., blue, same target; West Henrietta, N. Y., brown, same target; Amsterdam, N. Y., magenta, small solid star in circle, and Shoreham, Vt., red.

star and cerise ink as shown on covers. This is a peculiar shade of ink, doubtless called red, but Wheeler calls it cerise, and that is satisfactory to me. It must have been used in very few post offices. The date of this cover is Jan. 27, 1879. Smithfield, Va., used the same color in 1879.

A colorless star in a round block was used at Spartanburg, Pa., on Feb. 25, 1880.

Richard Walton reports a cover postmarked Theological Seminary, Va., which makes at least three Virginia Colleges that had their own postmarks, the other two being University of Va., and Hampden Sidney College. Can any one add to this number?

JARRETT'S BOOK COMMENDED

By Frank L. Coes

I want to say a little word about Fred Jarrett's British North America book. If ever an effort deserved to be sold out on issue, and put on the "double catalog" list at the same time, this is the book. No matter how good past efforts of students have been along these lines, and I think I own the whole list of publications, there is a clarity, precision and handiness about this now wholly up-to-the-hour job, which shows the hand of a real craftsman.

Compliments on typography, form, and the makeup of the books are deserved indeed, but the contents, descriptive data and word selection show the compiler to have been imbued with the idea that the book was and should be informative, and not rhetorical or partially a narrative. Positive, clear and precise information in such a place is worth ten times the same acreage of mere words.

The data on cancellations, and the appendages of revenue and other often lacking information make it a hand book that will not get far from many elbows.

What we want now, is to have the same student author, in the same way, write up the balance of the Colonial areas, and finally boil out all the data on the New Foundland efforts of the last decade. I confess to a little disappointment in not finding that at first, but not now. What has been done is worthy of much greater commendation than I can write.

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" 4d orange, 3 unused, 2 used
" 6d orange, 8 used.
" 1sh orange, 3 unused.
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Mr. Jarrett is to be greatly congratulated.

CANTON, OHIO, ORGANIZES

On Thursday, Nov. 4, there was organized in Canton, the McKinley Stamp Club. Twenty charter members were enrolled, the charter to be held open until Jan. 1st. Weekly meetings are to be held, with one meeting each month a business meeting.

The following officers were elected: W. G. Saxton, Pres.; Edwin I. Baer, Vice Pres.; J. D. Cathon, Sec.-Treas. In addition, a Board of Directors was appointed: A. H. Anthony, Mrs. Emma B. Wittmer and H. C. Crowl.

O. S. Hart and O. H. Wolcott, stamp collectors from Akron were present and gave interesting talks. W. G. Saxton, the new President, is Vice President and cashier of the First National Bank, very kindly offered to take out a life membership for the Club in the A. P. S.

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We have had occasion to frequently mention the name of Frank L. Coes of Worcester, Mass., as keenly interested in all that tends to promote the welfare of philately. He wields a caustic pen and always gets at the very heart of the problem confronting him. He is proprietor of the Coes Wrench Co., is a warm supporter of the Worcester Stamp Club, and believes in the WEEKLY. After completing four years of membership in the Honor Club, and with a year to spare, he renews his membership for five years and in addition sends in a new yearly subscription for a local collector. We quote: "I seen ol' Bill Lycett has jined the five Year Club and just to be sure I'm paid in advance here's $5 more which would push me up to six years. Got to keep ahead of Bill." The Worcester Stamp Club now has sixty-five members.

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The second annual "junior night" under the auspices of the Keene Philatelic society at Y.M.C.A. hall, Keene, was a greater success even than the first party given by the older collectors of adhesives for the youthful enthusiasts. More than 40 boys and girls interested in the collection and study of stamps were present to take part in the program planned for them.

Robert T. Kingsbury, president of the society, welcomed the young people and introduced Prof. Chester H. C. Dudley, secretary of the club, who gave a talk on three recent stamps the United States government has issued, the Ericsson stamp, Liberty Bell and White Plains commemorative stamps. Prof. Dudley exhibited each stamp and sketched in an interesting way something of the history represented by figures on the gummed pieces of paper.

Three stamp contests which served to sharpen the young collectors' wits and reveal their knowledge of stamp collecting were held. Edward C. Merrill was the only double winner. Other winners were: Lyle Beal, Howard Wheelock, Alfred Johnson, Robert White, Putnam Kingsbury, Ralph Huse and Frederick Lane. Attractive folders containing stamps were given for prizes. Each boy and girl present received a packet of stamps as a favor.

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It is advisable in view of inquiries that have been made to speak of certain developments related to the Philatelic Agency, Washington. In the Agency bulletin, No. 17, dated Washington, October 16, 1926, the following reference appeared under: "White Plains, 1926, 2c Red, Hamilton's Battery: (This stamp may also be obtained in the souvenir blocks of 25, printed especially for the International Philatelic Exhibition, New York, N. Y., Oct. 16 to 23, 1926. Complete block must be purchased.)" The statement is that 100,000 sheets of these stamps was the total output and that the sheets sent out to applicants by mail were from this number. Under "Surcharged Stamps" is the explanation: "United States stamps surcharged for use in the Canal Zone are not carried by the Agency. They may be procured from the postmaster, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. Stamps surcharged 'Shanghai, China,' are no longer on sale at the Agency. Philippine Stamps. — These stamps are not carried by the Agency. They may be procured from the director of posts, Manila, P. I."

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In the "Revista Filatelica Filipina," for October, we find the following letter from the Hon. Jose Topacio, Manila, director of posts, inspired by remarks in the WEEKLY that were based on the difficulty that some patrons had in securing the surcharged Manila-Madrid Air Mail stamps, because of the relatively small supply. The letter is addressed to Mr. Joaquin Ortiz of Manila: "Replying to your letter of the 18th instant calling attention to an article published in a certain weekly called MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, I beg to state that the undersigned is not aware of any speculation by any postal employee in connection with the sale of Manila-Madrid Air Mail stamps. I realize that in view of the big demand for the stamps, some patrons might not have been able to select the kind they wanted. This is regretted, indeed, as it was my desire to sell as many stamps as possible. The supply was, however, limited, this office having underestimated the demand for the stamps. I can assure the public that there was no favoritism at all in the sale of the stamps. What happened was those collectors who were more interested naturally succeeded in purchasing the better ones." Too, Mr. Juan Mencarini, long a student of far eastern issues, comes to the rescue of the surcharges and details how they came into being; and he says in the course of his remarks: "I may agree that the issue could have been much larger, but no doubt the postal authorities here had no idea of the keen interest attached to philately in these Islands." Here is the cross of the case and even the most tolerant on-looker cannot become enthusiastic over limited issues, especially when he is left out in the cold.

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To continue our quotation from the article of Mr. Mencarini, who is life honorary president of Associacion Filatelica Filipina: "The surcharging die (used on the converted air mail) was duly destroyed in the presence of five witnesses, after the printing had been executed, and likewise not to repeat the regretful error committed with the last unperforated issue, which was sold to one privileged individual, the local post office authorities had the surcharged stamps sold in the postal building through its stamp-selling window, with strict instructions that only one set could be sold to each purchaser presenting himself at the window." Incidentally, we have had some particulars concerning these imperforate current issue Philippines referred to, the character of which is well sketched by the note in the catalogue, under the issue. Further than to present all the information available on the subject of these two Philippine issues, we cannot undertake to go.

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Our attention has been called to a discrepancy in the design of the Norse-American stamps that is in the nature of a fault in handling the United States shield in its heraldic aspect. In the Norse-American stamps, the American shield is on the observer's right while on the Ericsson commemorative, it is on his left, as it should be. Mr. Henry Foster, San Francisco, is the discoverer of this deviation from the line of custom.

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In China, there is a good showing of stamp collectors in the cities, but the one philatelist there who stands forth pre-eminently is Mr. M. D. Chow, who in the *Philatelic Bulletin* is the contributor of a lavishly illustrated history of Chinese stamp that is appearing serially. On a former occasion, we commended this bi-monthly; and the latest number is deserving of all consideration, devoted as it is to the stamps of China and other eastern countries. China has been coming to the fore in the estimation of not a few collectors and a specialistic journal of the class of the one under notice is welcome. As for Mr. Chow, he is doing his best to bring Chinese philately to a place of prominence and he does not spare effort and expense in his labor of love.

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Under date of September 23, 1926, our correspondent, Mr. P. J. Drossos, Athens, Greece, sent a letter through the Athens-Brindisi Air Mail line which was established in July, which bears the arrival stamp dated the same day at Brindisi, as the sending postmark at Athens. He says that also there is a line from Athens to Constantinople *via* air-way. Mr. Drossos sends a second letter over this route, dated October 26, 1926, and says: "The private air mail company of the above line, Athens-Brindisi-Constantinople has had four stamps printed in Italy. There are four values, 2, 3, 5 and 10drs., used for cards, printed matter letters and registration, respectively. These stamps are sold over the counter freely at the post office, the proceeds, however, going to the company concerned. All letters, etc., have to be franked, of course, with the usual postal fee. As the stamps have not been prepared by the company, there is no control of the issue, officially, nor are any figures of quantity issued available." The stamps are large size lithographs in delicate colors, showing celestial and terrestrial scenes, that will make the chronicler watch his step.

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Here in an authentic little tale that is worth the telling. When Queen Marie was in Chicago, she visited the Hyde Park, Chicago, Y.M.C.A., which has a wide reputation for effective work of constructive kind and is, in fact, one of the sights of that city. It is known to have a live stamp club of boys, incidentally; and when the Queen fared forth there, she was graciousness herself, as always, and spoke to the boys, among whom was William Godfrey, a budding philatelist, who is full of collecting ambition. It was not long before William made known his philatelic leanings and when he did do so, Queen Marie said that her husband, the king, was a real philatelist who busied himself by the hour with his stamps; and she encouraged William to keep up his good work. This red-letter day was Monday, November 15th, and the Chicago *Tribune* of the next morning mentioned how William Godfrey had hobnobbed with the Queen.

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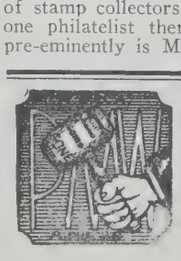

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THE Managing Editor will be very pleased to have contributions from our various readers that will be suitable for the boys' page recently established. Ashley C. LeDuc of Wilmington, Del., has sent in a number of paragraphs and has kindly consented to assist us in making this page attractive.

JUNIOR NIGHT was observed by the Cincinnati Collectors Club on Nov. 18. The young folks had several interesting contests. The prize winners were Albert Pels, Hyman Levinthal, Robert Emicholtz and David Ringo tied for third place, and Miss Dorothy Fisgus. All received appropriate prizes of packages of stamps. Each of the other juniors present received a souvenir packet In the junior exhibits first prize was awarded to D. J. Peaslee. This lad and Carl F. Emicholtz each received a year's membership in the Club for having the best exhibits in their classes at the recent Boys Hobby Week Fair.

AT a regular meeting of the New York Philatelic Society held at the club rooms, 20 East 125 St., Nov. 22, the following officers were nominated:—Pres., J. L. Stroub; 1st Vice, D. Trautman; 2nd Vice, G. Hiatt; Sec., H. R. Stannard; Treas., E. McD. Bendheim; Directors, I. W. Gustaw, H. H. Spring, C. Pfodenhauer, M. Levy, A. Rasmussen. There being no opposition they will be elected Dec. 27. Meetings are held every Monday evening, the average attendance being from fifty to sixty. Our rooms are always open to any who may be inclined to spend a pleasant philatelic evening.—H. R. STANNARD.

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RECENTLY, collectors of Louisville, Kentucky, formed the Louisville Stamp Society with about 20 members, all of whom are men who have been interested in philately a long time and now own large and valuable collections. Mr. L. C. Hassler, widely known among readers of the WEEKLY, and an authority on certain issues of United States, is the President, and Mr. Eugene Converse, Jr., is the Secretary. Regular meetings are held on the third Friday night in each month and at least one special meeting will be called by the President each month. The public who are interested in the subject are invited to attend these meetings.

OUR BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the Southern Stamp Co., Aegis Buildings, Johannesburg, South Africa, a book, "The Adhesive Postage Stamps of the Union of South Africa," by J. Ritchie. With this book is incorporated G. W. Revnolds' handbook of 1921. The book before us is an authoritative work, handsomely printed and illustrated. The frontispiece consists of a picture of the rare error, the ½d double impression, Queen's head issue, which was discovered in Johannesburg in August, 1919. It is reported that there are only five copies of this stamp in existence. The book runs to 72 pages and the price is $1.25.

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Gossip

J. B. W.—The envelope that you send us bearing the postmark "Weehawken, N. J. Term. R.P.O." is interesting enough for you to add to your collection. The abbreviation stands for "Terminal Railway Post Office." In these days all forms of cancellations possess philatelic interest.

Fred Howard has sent us a cover. It bears a 2c White Plains from the corner of a sheet and under the stamp are the letters "U.S.A.," showing that the stamp was from a sheet sold at the New York Exhibition. Curiously enough the Red Cross slogan, "Red Cross Roll Call Join," falls very evenly upon the stamp as if surcharged.

Boys, if you can do anything for this department that will cause your name to be printed in it, we will send you some kind of a stamp souvenir.

Stamps bearing the inscription KPHTH are from Crete. Come again, Arthur Russell.

Robt. Barton—This junior submits two new Canadian cancellations, both unique. One shows Santa Claus handling a parcel with an appropriate "Mail Early" slogan. The other shows a large package and an inscription, "Parcel Post Insurance 5c." We recommend to juniors the forming of a collection of covers with odd cancellations.

Roumania's King a Collector

We have to thank a sharp-eyed boy, Jackson Latham, for an item of news from the Chicago *Tribune*. Queen Marie was visiting a certain institution in Chicago when meeting James Godfrey, ten years old, of 5464 Harper Ave., she praised his stamp collection and "let him in on a secret." The *Tribune* reports the conversation as follows:—

"The King of Roumania," she said to the boy, "is very fond of stamp collecting and he spends much of his time with his collection."

A Live Junior Society

There is a fine stamp club connected with Commerce High School, San Francisco. It publishes a live paper called "The Philatelic News" just bursting with stamp facts. In lighter vein we quote the following:—

"Dorothy S. is certainly a clever girl. Just the other morning she gayly tripped up to our co-ed, and in her pretty little baby voice cried, 'I belong to the stamp club now,' and then proceeded to stamp upon Julian's poor toes. Black and blue marks are still in evidence."

"It's a funny world: Squirrels collect nuts, and nuts collect stamps."

"Yesterday I saw a Bundle moving down the street; above, I saw the postman's head, below, I saw his feet."

"Where our stamp tongs go:—

I had a boy collector in to see me the other evening. Seeing me handle my stamps with tongs, he said, 'My mother has a pair of them things, but she uses them to pull out her eye brows'."

Countries Lost to Stamp Issues

Scattered through the catalogue and the album are a number of countries that have issued stamps at various times, for a few years. Sometimes we are told what country's stamps superseded the local issues; but on other occasions the names just vanish. North Ingermanland, for example, flashed a few issues on us. Then it was re-absorbed into Russia. Stellaland issued five stamps. Then it became a British colony, by plebiscite, to avoid being gobbled by the South African Republic. It was called British Bechuanaland. Later still, it became part of the Cape of Good Hope, ceasing to have its own stamps. But the adjacent Bechuanaland Protectorate, always entirely distinct, still has its own stamps. New Republic has not only stopped issuing its own stamps, but has gone through three sucessive different countries' stamps since then. First it was annexed to the South African Republic. In 1902 it was handed over to Natal. And in 1910, as part of Natal, it came to use Union of South Africa stamps. Even Canada is in a sense a lost stamp-issuing country; for the issues previous to 1869 are of the old colonies, Upper and Lower Canada. Since then, the name Canada on a stamp has meant the Dominion, including far more than the two old provinces.—STEPHEN G. RICH.

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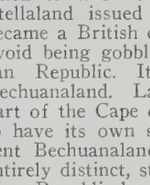

No stamp collector now-a-days glues his stamps down to the pages of his stamp album. He uses a hinge and this illustration shows how it adjusts itself to both stamp and album.

Quetzal

A very beautiful bird found in Central America is called the quetzal. It is not a large bird, but its large amount of showy feathers give it the larger appearance. The feathers are colored green, gold, red, blue, black and white. The tail feathers are about 2½ feet long and with the vivid coloring give the bird a striking appearance. This bird has been regarded with veneration, its beautiful feathers being used only by the chiefs of the native tribes. The quetzal is the native symbol of the Republic of Guatemala, and we find pictures of it on the stamps of Guatemala from 1879 to the present time. For the Latin students we will tell you that its full name is *Pharomacrus mocinno*.

Beach Conger, Jr., On Deck

We have received a copy of the Dearborn *Independent* for Nov. 13, in which the alert eye of Beach Conger, Jr., McKinley School, Monroe, N. Y., espied an article on coin collecting where stamps were referred to. We reprint a marked paragraph that Beach thought worth scoring:—

"What is the lure of the little pieces of paper called postage stamps? Why did a wealthy collector of Utica send an ag all the way to Paris simply to gai 'one-cent red' of British Guiana. 18 What prompted collectors to bid $20.0 then $30,000, then $32,000, finally $32,5 for this rarity? Facts like this indic philately's grip on the hearts and mi of kings and children, financiers a coal-heavers, all over the world. There fun, exercise and profit in coin and sta collecting."

My Jamaicas

Ralph Benkaim sends us a little st on his favorite country. He writes as follows:—

"Jamaica is one of the British W India islands, with an area of 4,4 square miles. In 1921 it had a popu tion of 850,000. The island was covered by Columbus in 1494, during second trip to the New World. In 16 by the Treaty of Madrid, the island w ceded to Great Britain.

Jamaica is my favorite country and appears to be a favorite country w many collectors, because of its picto issues and the great variety of desig It has issued 112 stamps. In 1919 first of the famous pictorials were sued and many boys take very kindly collecting Jamaica stamps, not only the above reasons, but for its nearn to the United States."

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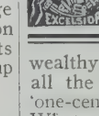

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On July 15th, 1918, the postage rate was reduced to 16 cents per ounce and 6 cents for each additional ounce; this rate, also, included special delivery at its destination. The second aeroplane stamp issued by this government was brought out and used on this flight. It was the 16 cent green.

The Post Office Department decided that the aeroplane mail was no longer an experiment, and, on August 12th, 1918, the War Department turned over this service together with six new planes and eleven others to the Post Office Department. Mr. Benjamin B. Lipsner was named Superintendent of the new service. The postage rate remained at 16 cents, which included special delivery at its destination.

This was, as a matter of fact, the first service under the supervision of the Post Office Department to carry mail on a regularly scheduled aeroplane mail route. New planes manufactured by the Standard Aero Corporation of Elizabeth, N. J., were inducted into service and christening ceremonies were held in the presence of Cabinet Officers, Post Office Department Officials, and Members of the Aviation Corps. The new landing field at College Field, Md., was also opened on this occasion.

December 16th, 1918, the rate of postage on air mail was reduced to 6 cents per ounce and the third aeroplane stamp to be issued by this government was used on this date. It was the 6 cent orange. The special delivery feature was dropped and the letters were delivered as ordinary letter mail.

July 19th, 1919, was the last flight on this route and letters were permitted to go through on this date for 2 cents *per* ounce.

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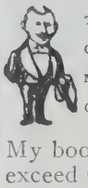

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United States

White Plains Stamps

The Department advises that an extra twenty million, making forty million in all, of the new White Plains stamps in sheets of one hundred have been ordered from the Bureau and are now being distributed. Of the smaller sheets of twenty-five as previously stated, but one hundred thousand of these were printed and all five of the plates have now been cancelled, so that there is no possibility of more of these sheets being prepared.

Color Changelings

Mr. Anthony B. Kunderd as well as Mr. F. A. Snyder have submitted for my inspection a number of stamps of the current and recent United States issues which have been subjected to acid treatment and are in numerous colors different from the normal. The similarity of the class of stamps, as well as the changed colors, indicate they both came from the same source. This party is evidently submitting these stamps on approval to numerous collectors. As has been mentioned in this column several times before, these are not errors of color but nothing more than changelings. We know that the color green is a combination of blue and yellow. As a result, they have taken our current 1c stamp and in one dissolved the blue giving us a yellow stamp and in the other dissolved the yellow, resulting in a blue stamp. Likewise the 3c and 50c of both the current and previous issues have been changed to red. The 8c has been changed to a green resembling the color of the 13c. The 1c green has also been oxidized and changed to black.

Air Mail Notes

I am advised by Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, in charge of air mail matters that the subject of a special cancellation on letters carried on the first trip over the transcontinental route when this route is turned over to private contractors is being given consideration. As mentioned recently in this column, bids for the private carrying of this mail are returnable on January 15th next and the contract will no doubt be signed shortly after the opening of the bids, so that we may look for the Government turning over this service to private contractors during the early part of the year. It is to be hoped, if we are favored with special cancellations, that they will be somewhat different from the cartwheels now being used on first day contract letters. After having seen some of the special cancellations gotten up by some of the cities, such as Medford, we are led to believe that an attractive postmark design for this special service will meet with general approval.

Under date of November 17th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department announces that at the present time the Department is considering various air lines along the Atlantic seaboard with a view to establishing in the near future a contract air mail route between New York and Atlanta.

Three different routes are under consideration and when one of the three is chosen, bids will be invited. There is no question about the location of the northern end of the route, which will run from New York to Philadelphia to Baltimore to Washington and from that point on; the continuation of the route has not been decided upon. Richmond appears to be the next probable stop. The one most favored from the standpoint of business is the route paralleling the Southern Railroad through Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point and Charlotte, N. C., Greenville, S. C., to Atlanta, Ga. Because of the extensive areas of terraced and cut over lands through the Carolinas and in northern Georgia on this route, flying conditions are described as among the worst in the coun Emergency landing fields could be est lished only at great expense.

On the other hand, a route west of mountains by way of Roanoke, Knox and Chattanooga, Tenn., is characteri as an ideal flying route, where there frequent places where ships may be down for emergency landings. If route is adopted, probably Richm would be eliminated. Its potential tr possibilities are not deemed to be great as that which the more cen route would be expected to produce.

The third route being considered r down the coast line through Rale Columbia and Augusta. From a vi point of revenue, this is not believed be as attractive as either of the ot proposed routes.

That one of them will be selected pears certain, so that we will shortly able to send a letter via air from Bos to Miami. I understand that the Ph delphia Rapid Transit Air Corp., wh is at present carrying the air mail fr Philadelphia to Norfolk, is interested extending their lines.

Revenues.

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two colors in which the control numbers appear on the 1917—$30 Documentary. The same remarks apply to similar varieties overprinted "Stock Transfer" and "Future Delivery." On the earlier issue, these numbers were in bright green and on the late ones appeared in blue.

I understand that the Bureau of Engraving & Printing is now issuing the playing card stamps in coil forms for use by five manufacturers who desire them in this condition. Further information as to how these can be told from the normal variety will be given in this column later, that is, just as soon as I can obtain the necessary details.

Philippine Islands

The Philippine Islands, so I am informed, recently placed on sale a special commemorative series of postage stamps of which but twenty thousand sets were issued. At the present time I have no details relative to this series although it will be recalled that this column called attention to the fact a few months back that the Director of Posts was then considering the issuing of new stamps. Data on this issue will be forthcoming in a few days at which time our readers will also be informed of the possibilities of these stamps being sold in this country.

ALGERIA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. copies of the 1fr05c, type of Scott's A3 in brown.

BECHUANALAND PROT.—Mr. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. report the appearance of the ½p and 4p stamps of Great Britain surcharged for use in this colony on the new watermark paper.

FRANCE.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 60c red postage due stamp of 1925. with the surcharge "1fr" in black. The former value is obliterated as in the other surcharged stamps.

GERMANY.—Mr. A. Wagner writing to us from Essen, on Nov. 6th last, informs us of the intended issue on Dec. 1st of another set of Charity stamps similar to those issued in December of last year. The set will consist of four values, viz., 5pf, with coat-of-arms of Wurtemburg; 10pf, with coat-of-arms of Baden; 25pf, with coat-of-arms of Thuringia, and 50pf, coat-of-arms of Hesse. They will be sold at 100% over face as in 1925, thus the price will be 180 pfgs.

JAPAN.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us copies of three values of new design. They are 24½x22mm in size and each shows a different view. The 2s green pictures the usual snow capped mountain, while the 6s rose red gives a view of a native building. The other value, 10s blue, shows another style of native building.

MEXICO.—Whitfield King & Co. send for our information and record copies of the 2nd Pan-American Postal Congress issue. The values, colors and designs are 2c red, inscription "Secundo Congreso Postal Panamericano 1926" in centre; 4c green, Map; 5c yellow, same as 2c; 10c brown red, Map; 20c grey blue, Portrait of Doctor Francisco Garcia y Santos; 30c green, same as 20c; 40c lilac, same as 20c and 1p brown and blue. View of "Palacio Postal Mexicano." Each stamp bears the inscription that describes the issue and also the imprint of "Ofigina Imp. de Hagienda Mexico."

PERSIA.—Another value of the new issue has been sent for chronicle by Whitfield King & Co. This time it is the 15ch pale blue.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. send for chronicle the 2c chocolate and 40c green, in the A64 design.

SAAR.—We have received from Mr. P. J. Kranz copies of the new 1fr50c blue Charity stamps. The central figure is that of a mother holding a baby in her arms while at the top is "Saargebiet" and at the bottom "Volkshilfe". Mr. Kranz adds that the set consists of four values and that they are 20c olive green, 40c chocolate brown and 50c vermilion With the 1fr50c described above, the set has a face value of 2fr60c and are sold for double face. The lower values are of different designs and the following is the number reported printed: 500,000 of each of the 20c, 40c and 50c while the 1fr50c issue is of 200,000.

TUNIS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports that the 1fr, current design, has been issued in blue.

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MIXTURES

Mr. Hans Heuman gave a radio talk on "Why Girls and Boys Should Save Stamps" on the evening of November 18th, at the South Town Economist Station, WBCN, at 7 P. M. Mr. Heuman is interested in the philatelic activities of the Hyde Park Y. M. C. A. and is doing his share to spread the gospel.

The beautifully illustrated article, "Design in the Postage Stamp," in the *International Studio* recently has made a decided impression and we thank several readers who have sent in this splendid article by Gardner Teall, who says that the penny black of Great Britain was a work of art and that "there has not been a more truly beautiful postage-stamp issued by any country since."

Mr. Glover, the second assistant postmaster general, whose address at the Exhibition banquet was one of the high spots of the evening, announces that "in the very near future, the proposed new uniform rate of ten cents a half-ounce for the transmission of mail to all points in the United States will be placed in effect."

Mr. Henry Foster, San Francisco, Cal., sends for inspection a block of four of the current two cent Canal Zone, on which the distance between the "Canal" and "Zone" on the two stamps at the left is 8mm. and on the two stamps at the right, 10mm.

The following clipping came from Mr. C. M. Greene, Manson, Washington: "A novel invitation for a Lincoln's birthday party might have a new Lincoln penny glued in the middle of the card: use notepaper for writing the invitations for a Washington February 22nd celebration and cut the oval picture of George Washington from a one cent stamp and affix it in the middle of the paper." Mr. Greene comments: "Suppose the lady in searching for some stamps with a nice picture of the Father of His Country should unearth copies of the 10c green, No. 36 (and where is there a stamp with a better picture of Washington?) and paste them on her invitations, one of which falls into the hands of a collector, who makes haste to see if the lady has any of these stamps left, by which means the lady learns how much cheaper it would have been to have had invitations printed by the local craftsman! Can you imagine her wrath when she contemplates what a swell party she could have given had she sold her stamps?"

At a recent meeting of the German Stamp Collectors' Club of Chicago, Mr. Julius Loeffler was re-elected president for the ensuing fiscal year. Originally this club's meetings were conducted in the German language but latterly, this rule doesn't hold, as the club has a membership of over fifty collectors of all nationalities. Meetings are held twice a month at the clubroom in Lincoln Turner Hall, Diversey and Sheffield Avenues, Chicago; and a complimentary banquet to members is to be given on January 16, 1927.

Mr. Louis A. Pike, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, writes that the ordinary 1c and 2c precanceled, Bureau print, which was listed in our issue of Sept. 6th, does not exist. All the Bureau prints are coils, 1c, 1½c and 2c, a fact that Mr. Pike verified at the post office.

Mr. H. Carl Jering, Jamaica, New York, bought a package of 500 different stamps at the New York Exhibition for fifty cents; and he was interested enough in the contents of the packet to list and price all the specimens. There was one U.S. stamp that catalogued 15c and the total catalogue value of the 500 stamps was $10.68.

Is there any catalogue of French and Belgian precancelled, foreign revenues and foreign envelopes, a collector asks. We do not know of any catalogue of foreign fiscals since the appearance of the la edition of the Forbin catalogue, b Bright and Senf have catalogues foreign envelopes.

In the Chicago *Journal of Commerc* De Witt Wines, in the column of theat news, tell of a press agent for the pla "Tip-Toes" who discoursed ornithologi ally in this wise: "In the vast reach of the southern continent dwells a litt bird, known as the 'tero-tero' and held great veneration by dwellers in tho lands, even to the extent of being pi tured on the one-centissimo stamp of t republic of Uruguay. This bird is the snipe family, and its function is warn hunted birds and beasts of t approach of enemies, so that it is muc hated by hunters, albeit protected con monly by law.

In Cordova, the Argentine city of th name, the fowl has been domesticate as a superior sort of feathered burgl alarm, which eats less and makes mo noise than a dog, 'Tip-Toes' represent tive avers; and the idea is credited to Scotch banker named Cairncross, wh desired to protect his bank at minimu cost. Nevertheless the keeping of t tero-teor, has spread, even unto the bus ness houses of Buenos Aires, Montevid and Rio de Janeiro, and the fowl's s gacity, faithfulness and vigilance a widely acclaimed."

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(Continued from page 635.)

In class II, section 3, devoted to official Department stamps, the first award of a silver gold medal was received by Mr. George Walcott for his unusual lot of mint singles and blocks. Departmental blocks are becoming more difficult to pick up year by year and the Walcott collection includes some unusually choice pieces, such as the only known block of the 1c Executive. In addition, the collection has magnificent blocks of the Executive 2c and 10c which are excessively scarce, as well as such pieces as blocks of the 7c and 90c Navy.

Th second award went to Mr. Charles J. Phillips, and while his collection includes mint singles and blocks, he is much stronger in his fine array of used shades, covers and unusual cancellations. Of the latter, he has the finest lot gotten together in recent years.

The third award was received by Mr. Edward R. Wood, Jr. This collection consists of many choice blocks, as well as all of the mint singles. One of the finest lot of Department "Specimen" overprints ever gotten together is to be seen here. It includes one of the two or three known sets of the State Department "Specimen" complete from 1c to $20. Of the overprint on the two high values, I doubt whether over two to three each are in existence. Mr. Wood has most of the "Sepcimen" errors as well as an unusually fine lot of cancelled copies.

In this section Mr. E. R. Ackerman exhibited his specialized collection of the State Departmentals. It is only in these important older collections that one may see such things as blocks of nine of the 1c, 7c and 12c, blocks of fifteen of the 3c and 6c, block of ten of the 15c, block of four of the 24c and $2.00. Most of these have not been available for many years even in blocks of four. This collection also contains one of the few complete sets of State "Specimen" surcharges.

In section 4 in which Postmasters and Carriers were entered, the palm of honor went to Mr. Alfred H. Caspary for his lot of Carrier stamps, no doubt the finest collection ever gotten together.

One whole article could readily be written about this collection alone. The student appreciates not only the wonderful rarities but everything, almost without exception, is in immaculate condition. Furthermore, most of the Carriers are on the original cover. I note off hand, fine copies of the Baltimore 1852– 1c green, 1857– 1c black "Horseman" block showing the tete beche variety, both types of the 2c black Boston, practically everything in the way of the Charleston emissions and as far as the Philadelphia Carriers were concerned, I missed practically nothing as he has the 1c black on blue glazed, the 1c on vermilion glazed, the yellow glazed and the black on buff, the latter being unique. There were several Franklin Carriers, including a number used on the cover. This collection was one of the outstanding exhibits on view.

The gold medal in this class was also received by Mr. Caspary for his extraordinarily fine lot of Postmasters. He has the only known Alexandria on blue on the entire cover, as well as the black on buff. The Annapolis 5c on entire was present as was the 10c Baltimore. The Millbury was to be seen on the entire cover—possibly one of the choice copies known to philately. The Brattleboro, New Haven and lesser lights were equally as strong. In the way of New Yorks, Mr. Caspary owns some unusually choice pairs and strips.

The silver medal was awarded to Mr. S. P. Hessel for his .Carrier stamps It is unfortunate that Mr. Hessel had such strong competition in Mr. Caspary for his collection was well worthy of a gold medal, containing as it does many of the rare Charleston and Philadelphias.

Two bronze medals were awarded to Senator J. S. Frelinghuysen for his exhibit, consisting of half a frame of Postmasters and Carriers. The Senator showed a few choice pieces but nothing really rare.

In section 5 covering entire envelopes, the gold medal was received by Col. E. H. R. Green for the collection originally gotten together by Worthington and Mason, the two having been combined by Mr. John A. Klemann and in turn sold to Colonel Green shortly before the Exhibition. It is without doubt the finest lot of envelopes in existence, for it contains the combined varieties of the two largest collections heretofore formed. It would be difficult to mention the outstanding pieces for it has practically everything known.

A bronze medal in the same class went to Mr. Louis A. Missbach, his collection being arranged according to dies and die varieties, as well as papers, but not gotten together according to watermarks or sizes. Mr. Missbach also received the silver medal in the following section for his cut square collection.

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sues of Revenue stamps, the first award, that is, a gold medal, went to Mr. Henry L. Dean. In the way of imperforates, Mr. Dean no doubt owns the finest lot of Revenues ever gotten together. As imperforates are the choicest of our Civil War emissions, we might almost say that his collection is the finest now in existence. His exhibit showed such outstanding imperforate pieces as pairs or better of the 3c Playing Cards, the 10c Power of Attorney, the 50c Surety Bond, the 70c Foreign Exchange, the $1.60 Foreign Exchange, the $2 Probate of Will, the $2.50 Inland Exchange, the $3.50, as well as many other very rare imperforate pieces. Among the perforated stamps, the 2c Proprietary ultramarine in a block of ten from the Eagle collection was an outstanding piece. In the third issue Mr. Dean shows the 2c claret in black, error of color, the stamp originally coming from the Ackerman collection. A choice lot of inverts rounds out the collection, which includes the 15c, one of the scarcer varieties.

Judge Robert S. Emerson also showed a wonderful lot in this same class, not for competition. Judge Emerson was one of the members of the jury who believed that a judge should not compete and there is no doubt in the future that no judge will be permitted to compete. This collection, while exceedingly strong in the later issues, contains possibly one of the finest lot of the early Revenues from 1755 to 1830 inclusive, now in existence. Judge Emerson shows the early Revenue stamps of the separate states, as well as the "Boston Tea Party" Revenue which was the match that started our Revolutionary War. One piece in this collection which especially caught my eye was a superb good sized mint block of the Proprietary 1875 10c blue. I have never seen this variety in a block before and it must be exceedingly scarce.

In section 8, covering Revenue stamps of state and private issues, the gold and silver medals were received by Hon. E. R. Ackerman and Col. E. H. R. Green, respectively. The Ackerman collection of match and medicine stamps is the outstanding lot of these interesting issues and contains practically everything known. It includes such rarities as the Rock Island Match, the Brown & Durling in black, the J. J. Macklin, the Pierce's Volcano unused with original gum, as well as many other pieces, of which but one or two copies are known. Senator Ackerman's blocks are a marvelous lot.

In section 9, devoted to local stamps, the gold medal went to Mr. Henry C. Needham. Mr. Needham's collection of locals is so well known that it is hardly necessary to say that it is the finest collection of its kind ever gotten together. Mr. Needham started in with these interesting stamps at a time when no one cared for them and as a result has amassed a collection mostly of covers that could not be surpassed. Pick up your local catalogue, turn to any page and you are safe in saying, "Needham has it."

In sections 10 and 11, devoted to Telegraph stamps, proofs and essays, I saw nothing that appealed to me of outstanding rarity.

In section 12, we come to a class that is having more followers here of late than ever before, namely, Western Franks. The gold medal went to Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein for his collection, which consisted of about 3,600 franks divided between the two hundred seventy-seven western express companies who did business at one time, in our early days. Mr. Lichtenstein's collection contains the combined strength of the collections of the late Henry B. Phillips of Oakland and Ferrari.

The silver gold medal went to Mr. Ackerman for an equally attractive lot, starting with the Adams & Co. used from "Mormon Islands," containing alphabetically many unusual pieces right through to "Zack's Snow Shoe Express."

Section 13, Confederate States, Provisional issues. In this class two wonderful collections were shown, the first award of a gold medal going to Mr. A. H. Caspary and the silver gold to Mr. George Walcott. The Caspary exhibit was especially strong in original covers in fine condition with the postmark in most cases tying the stamp to the cover—most unusual, in the way of our Confederate Postmasters. The outstanding pieces in the collection are the Athens 5c red, Baton Rouge 2c green with error "Mc Ccrmick," Beaumont 10c on yellow, Emory 5c blue, Greenville, the only known copy of the 10c red and blue, Greenwood Independence 10c dull rose only known copy, Livingston, Macon 2c green, Pittslvania, only known used copies of Pleasant Shade, Uniontown and practically all of the other Provisionals of lesser importance.

The Walcott collection is also exceedingly fine and includes most of the listed varieties, as well as a good number unlisted. In this collection the history and development of the Confederate postal service has been given special attention and many of the original documents relating to postal matters are here shown.

In section 14 the gold medal was awarded to Mr. Edward S. Knapp for his Confederate States, general issues. This collection consists of twelve volumes following the Confederate States postal history from beginning to end. Five volumes alone devoted to the lithographs of 1861 and 1862 contain reconstructed platings of nine stones of which eight are complete. A block of five of the 2c green is shown on cover with red town cancellation. There is also a 10c rose block of four town cancellations, a most unusual piece. Many collections lack the 10c outer line, but here we find an entire volume devoted to this one stamp containing one hundred ten copies, including a vertical and horizontal pair, in addition to one with a red town postmark. Two choice mint blocks of the "Ten" were on view.

The second award in this class went to Mr. Thomas H. Pratt.

One of the most interesting sections from a historical point of view was class X, section 1-A, devoted to patriotic, campaign and historical covers of the United States and Confederate States, postally used. Mr. William S. White carried off the gold medal with his four volume collection, of which three volumes alone are devoted to the Civil War period. The outstanding pieces that I noticed are the 1857, 24c tied to a cover with a red postmark, one on cover with an additional 1d red of Great Britain, as well as a strip of four of this stamp tied to the cover along with a 30c.

The second award was received by Mr. E. R. Ackerman—another collection equally as fine. This collection shows patriotic covers from both the Hawaiian Islands and India, the former having a combination of Hawaiian and United

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Assuming that stamp collecting is beneficial to the body social—there are dissenting opinions, but this is not an argument on the negative side—then the spread of the hobby is to be encouraged. And it is one of the finest attributes of philately that its devotees take such delight in promoting its growth. They go out of the way to start a beginner and keep him going. To the dealer, of course, it is a matter of cold-blooded business, but if it wasn't for the work of the collectors who help the youngsters and the faint-hearted with no thought of financial reward, there wouldn't be much business in a few years.

In this the stamp people are quite different from the more "dignified" collectors of art, antiques, ship models, echoes and such things. Can you imagine the man who gathers those smelly Oriental rugs handing out a Kihghiz and a couple of Bokharas to the humble possessor of a single tattered Kazak (if those are the names) merely to encourage him? Does the youthful assembler of Venuses—marble ones, of course? This is a strictly decent article with mid-Victorian morals—find that the millionaire who has among his assortment of perfect stone ladies some shopworn images with missing hands or noses is willing to pass along these space fillers to less fortunate folks in order to keep up the interest in such things? When the Metropolitan Museum finds that it is long on Holbeins or Dürers or Domenichinos does it pass the excess along to the poor beginner so that he won't become discouraged?

And those seekers after Early Americana, which seems to be anything prior to the World's Fair: do we see them donating spare highboys, pewter or suspicious but empty bottles to the luckless ones?

I trow not.

Now contrast that with the behavior of the man who has a lot of stamps. He throws his "junk" in a box and tells the kids to help themselves, which they do and pass the duplicates along. Why, I have known of one stamp that went down the line through eight pairs of hands before the boy in the seventh grade laid it to rest in his album, and each holder had the pleasure of giving, which is one of the finest sensations there is.

No, it is to the derided stamp enthusiast we must look to find the true altruism. We are a sect apart and above; and as an acolyte in good standing I must admit that this is so.

States stamps. Another item of especial interest was a pair of the 5c buff used from Virginia City with quite an unusual cancellation. The collection hows a number of covers addressed abroad, including quite a few with stamps of higher denominations. In this class I imagine the judges had a difficult time in deciding which collection was the finer one.

Other awards in the same section were received by Harold C. Brooks, D. H. Stafford and Herman Toaspern.

In class XI, section 1, devoted to cancellations, the silver medal for his lot of 3c 1851 and 1857 on covers went to Mr. J. J. Donahue. A green cancellation from Toddsville, N. Y., was most attractive.

Dr. Warren L. Babcock secured the second award for his supplementary mail cancellations. This collection has been written up quite fully in the philatelic press and is no doubt the most important lot of these interesting stamps ever gotten together.

The third and fourth awards went to Messrs. George R. Brown and O. W. Fowler for small but choice collections, the latter being devoted entirely to covers originating in Vermont, this state, by the way, being the first admitted to the Union of the original thirteen colonies.

Among the junior collectors in class XIV, there was shown two very nice collections of United States stamps. The silver medal went to Master H. E. Clements for a general collection from 1847 to date, including postal adhesives, envelopes and revenues. A bronze medal was awarded to Master Wharton Sinkler, Jr., for a collection of the postal issues only, including singles of our earlier stamp and blocks of a great number of the later issues.

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The committee in charge are certainly to be congratulated on their wisdom in catering to the desires and whims of all the varied so-called "sidelines" of Philately. In this regard, so far as Revenue stamps are concerned, they certainly far exceeded in foresight the promoters of the 1923 Exhibition of London. No provisions were made there for the display of any Revenue issues. Not even those of Gt. Britain, while at New York, other than the section for Revenues of U.S.A. we find in Class XVI, section H, "Revenues other than U.S.A." Neither were they stinting in the supply of awards, of which there were three medals.

That the inclusion of this class was justified, may be readily seen by the list of entries of really magnificent collections of Revenues of various countries. Just as pleasing and informative to the non-collector as the most greatly prized of any postal emissions used or otherwise.

It may be worthwhile whilst dealing with the subject of inclusion of Revenue issues in stamp exhibitions, to place on record a few achievements relative to same, from an exhibition point of view.

It may not be generally known that an exhibition of British Colonial fiscals and telegraphs only was held at the Exeter Hall, London, in 1905, and embraced thirteen classes and seventy-five sections. Just think of it!

At the great Paris Exhibition of 1900, Class VII was allotted to Revenues and was divided into three sections: One gold, three silver, and three bronze medals were officially assigned to the Class, in addition to which a British and a French Society, and a Belgian collector, offered between them six supplementary medals, four of them silver and two bronze. Again I say, Just think of it!

For the first time at any International Exhibition in England, a representative exhibit of Revenue Stamps made a very fine display in the great event of 1897.

The most striking Exhibition of Fiscals was that arranged by the Leeds Philatelic Society in 1894. That was the first purely fiscal exhibition ever held and ran for two whole weeks. Once more I say, Just think of it!

From the early days of stamp collecting up to the present time, indications have been, that the collecting of Revenues has one certain advantage over that of Postage stamp collecting, it being almost if not entirely free with perhaps one or two odd exceptions of the faker's art.

As to value from the commercial point of view, one only has to mention the sale of the wonderful Deat's Collection of U.S.A. Revenues, when the total realized well over five thousand dollars, one specimen alone realizing over $300.

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1857. 2d carmine, 2 unused, 3 used.
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" 6d carmine, 1 unused, 1 used.
" 6½d carmine, 5 unused, 1 used.
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No acknowledgment of any kind ha ing been made, I wrote again on Octo 18, making courteous inquiry as whether my former letter had been ceived and when I might expect stamps ordered.

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Right off the bat Mr. Ashbrook's new book enabled me to identify a stamp with which few collectors or dealers are familiar; and that was a beautiful copy of the 1c dark blue, Type IIIa from Plate II. For that I was grateful, and I think all students of U. S. stamps, particularly those who like the issues of 1851-57, who study this monograph of nearly 100 pages, will feel that Mr. Ashbrook has again turned out something to endear him to us.

The 1c stamps of 1851-57 are a tough proposition for all but the very few. I have reasonably good eyesight and a fairly developed faculty of application, but I am free to confess I have found it almost impossible to remember the many little eccentricities of plate and transfer varieties existing on the 12 plates used for the printing of these most interesting stamps. It's easy for the chosen few to smilingly intimate that I am a dumb-bell because after a lapse of a year or so I have forgotten just what ill-luck befell Plate I in 1856; or just what sort of accident resulted in producing a shift at the top of No. 1L, Plate II and split the plate wide open; or how I was instructed carefully and painstakingly to tell the difference betwen Type IIIa copies from Plate IV (which are quite common) and those from Plate II (which are very scarce). I can remember the distinguishing mark on the double inverted transfer No. 91L, but I have to do a lot of thinking before I can remember the identification of Nos. 71 and 81. As Type II lists at $4 and the same showing inverted transfer lists $60, it is worth while from a financial standpoint, as well as that of philatelic pride, to be able to pick such things out. Nor is it any fun to pay $100 for a supposed Type Ia to discover a couple of years later you have paid a fancy price for a stamp from the 9th row of Plate IV, which just misses being the real thing.

For the collector just beginning to study the main varieties of the 1c stamp and who wants to know beyond question the difference between Types I, II, III, IV, V or the man who examines every deep blue stamp with a high-power glass in hope of discovering the minute surface cracks marking Plate III items, Mr. Ashbrook's new book is a veritable gold mine of information.

In narrative form he gives the known, and surmised, history of each of the plates; he describes so simply that the novice can grasp the varieties of type and the reasons for their existence. The style is good, attention being called to the special details by bold-faced type in caps or lower case, emphasizing points that might otherwise be overlooked.

Best of all are the illustrations. They are in a form devised some years ago by Mr. Ashbrook, I believe, and they make the illustrations of shifts, cracks, flaws, type varieties and transfer-roll varieties so obvious that only a glance is needed to secure required information which the actual stamps would only yield after careful study with a glass.

An addition that will be appreciated by those who can afford quantities of the common Type V and who could not go so far with the scarcer types is a detailed description of the outstanding minor varieties to be found on plates 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Many of these varieties are as interesting as those found on the earlier plates and a search for them is far more likely to yield additions of value to one's collection.

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Separate types of the 12c stamps have never been listed, though the existence of recut outer lines, extra and missing frame lines was noted years ago in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY by the present writer, which Col. Tracy tells me started him on his troublous study of these stamps.

Until he first published some notes on the result of his efforts to plate the 12c stamps, the only minor varieties to receive trade recognition were two strong shifts. Colonel Tracy, however, soon discovered many interesting varieties of recutting, a number of important shifts, and other minor varieties of note.

Most of these have been illustrated by Mr. Ashbrook by the same lucid method employed in illustrating the book of the 1c stamps. The reconstruction of Plate I has been completed by Col. Tracy, and his description of it should need little future amendment. Plate III is but partly reconstructed, sufficiently though to make valuable descriptive notes possible.

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TRIALS OF EARLY STAMP COLLECTORS

By CHARLES E. ROE.

The history books say that the first stamps sent from England to the colonies arrived early in 1765, and the date of issue set first at August 1, then November 1. Their reception reminds one of that of the Columbian set; it was so different. Throughout the colonies bells were tolled, flags were half-mast, and mourning crape hung on public buildings and other places. The stamps were burned by mobs and by officials like bellmen and hangmen. Stamp collectors where known were threatened, hanged in effigy, robbed of records, documents and stamps and in some more violent communities their houses were burned. So different from these blessed days of international felicity.

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1c rose	1.75	.45
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a. 10c violet	..	1.25

1859-64

2c rose	4.50	4.00
12½c yellow green	..	1.00
17c blue	8.00	2.00

1868

½c black	1.00	.70
1c brown red	4.00	1.50
2c green	3.00	.90
3c red	5.25	.35
6c brown	7.00	.85
12½c blue	3.00	1.10
15c lilac	1.10	.75

1868, Laid Paper

3c bright red	..	8.00

1869, Wove Paper

1c yellow	..	1.65
a. 1c orange	..	2.20

1869-72, Design Smaller

1c yellow	.28	.01
a. 1c orange	..	.65
2c green	.50	.01
3c dull red	..	.10

1872-73

6c yellow brown	1.85	.20
10c rose lilac	..	.85

1875-77

5c olive grn. (larger design)	6.75	2.10
5c slate green	1.10	.10
15c gray	1.50	.85
a. 15c blue gray	3.00	1.00

1882-90

½c black	.08	.08
2c blue green	..	.10
3c vermilion	.30	.01
5c gray	.32	.04
6c red brown	.95	.50
10c brown red	1.80	.70

1892-93

20c vermilion	1.10	.25
50c deep blue	1.20	.30
8c gray	1.75	.17
b. 8c slate	2.00	.20
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1897, Jubilee Issue

½c black	.60	.60
1c orange	.09	.06
2c green	.10	.06
3c bright rose	.10	.01
5c deep blue	.35	.25
6c yellow brown	1.50	..
8c dark violet	.65	.65
10c brown violet	.75	.75
15c steel blue	1.15	1.15
20c vermilion	1.15	.70
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$1 lake	2.25	1.75
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1897—Leaves in 4 Corners

½c black	.05	.04
1c blue green	.06	.01
2c purple	.09	.02
3c carmine	.09	.01
5c dark blue	.14	.06
6c brown	.48	.40
8c orange	.40	.14
10c brown violet	.85	.75
"Leaf" set to 8c	1.20	.60

1898—Numerals in 2 Lower Corners

½c black	.02	.02
1c gray green	.02	.01
2c purple	.07	.01
3c carmine	.12	.01
5c blue	.25	.08
6c brown	1.00	.65
8c orange	.75	.35
10c brown violet	.55	.12
"Numeral set" complete	2.50	1.10

1898, Map Stamp

2c lavender and carmine	.10	.05
2c blue and carmine	.10	.05

1898, Surcharged 2c

2c on 3c carmine (1897)	.15	.06
2c on 3c carmine (1898)	.12	.05

Regular Issue

2c carmine	.04	.01

1901-2

20c olive green	1.40	.55
7c olive yellow	.40	.18

1903-08, King Edward Issue

1c gray green	.02	.01
2c carmine	.04	.01
5c blue	.12	.02
7c olive bistre	.22	.04
10c brown lilac	.25	.05
20c olive green	.80	.18
50c purple	5.00	.50
2c carmine, imperf.	.07	.07

1908, Quebec Tercentenary Issue

½c black brown	.05	.05
1c blue green	.06	.05
2c carmine	.06	.01
5c dark blue	.20	.17
7c olive green	.24	.18
10c dark violet	.55	.40
15c red orange	.50	.45
20c yellow brown	.75	.75
Quebec set	2.20	2.00

1912-18, King George

1c dark green	.02	.01
2c carmine	.03	.01
3c brown	.06	.01
5c dark blue	.10	.01
7c olive bistre	.12	.01
10c plum	.18	.01
20c olive green	.25	.04
50c black	.80	.12

1914-19, Coil Stamps

1c dark green, perf. 8 horiz.	.15	..
2c carmine, perf. 8 horiz.	.10	..
1c dark green, perf. 8 vert.	.07	.03
2c carmine, perf. 8 vert.	.08	.02
3c brown, perf. 8 vert.	.08	.04
1c dark grn., perf. 12 horiz.	.12	..
2c carmine, perf. 12 horiz.	.12	.04
3c brown, perf. 12 horiz.	.15	..

1917, Confederation

3c brown	.08	.02

1922-23, New Colors and Values

1c yellow	.02	.01
2c yellow green	.03	.01
3c carmine	.04	.01
4c olive bistre	.05	.02
5c violet	.06	.01
10c blue	.20	.02
$1 orange	1.25	.15

1923-24, Imperforate

3c carmine	.05	..

Coil Stamps

1c yellow, perf. 8 vert.	.02	.02
2c yel. green, perf. 8 vert.	.03	.02
3c carmine, perf. 8 vert.	.05	.02
2c yel. green, perf. 12 horiz.	.04	.02

1924-25, New Colors

7c red brown	.10	.02
8c blue	.10	.02
10c bistre brown	.12	.01
50c black brown	.65	.05

1906, Postage Due Stamps

1c violet	.03	.01
2c violet	.05	.02
5c violet	.09	.03

1875-89, Registration Stamps

2c orange	.20	.05
2c scarlet	.75	.30
5c yellow green	.25	.07
8c blue	4.25	5.75

1898, Special Delivery Stamps

10c blue green	.20	.07

1922

20c carmine	.25	.08

1915, War Tax Stamps

1c green	.04	.01
2c carmine	.05	.02

1916

2c+1c carmine	.15	.10
2c+1c brown	.06	.01

Coil Stamps

2c+1c carmine (perf. 12x8)	.12	..
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1860

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1c red lilac	.40	.75
5c green	.10	.15
5c olive green	..	1.40
10c vermilion	.50	.60
12½c blue	.65	.75
17c black	.75	1.25

1863

2c orange	.15	.45

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1857

1p brown violet	4.50	6.75
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1860

2p orange	15.00	..
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1862-63

2p rose	7.50	..
4p rose	1.00	..
5p reddish brown	2.50	..
6p rose	.50	..
6½p rose	4.00	..
8p rose	4.00	..
1s rose	1.10	..

1866, Perf. 12

2c green	2.00	1.75
5c brown	20.00	14.00
10c black	4.50	2.25
12c pale red brown	1.00	1.00
13c orange	1.75	1.75
24c blue	.75	1.00

1868-73

1c violet	1.50	1.75
1c brown lilac	2.25	2.25
3c vermilion	8.00	4.50
3c blue	4.00	1.00
5c black	13.50	11.00
6c dull rose	.35	.35

1876-79, Rouletted

1c brown lilac	5.00	2.75
2c green	2.75	2.15
3c blue	2.75	.75
5c blue	4.00	.60

1880, Perf. 12

1c violet brown	.40	.35
1c gray brown	1.00	1.00
2c yellow green	1.25	.60
3c blue	1.10	.20
5c pale blue	1.50	.50

1887

½c rose red	.15	.15
1c deep green	.15	.15
2c red orange	.15	.15
3c umber brown	1.35	.60
5c dark blue	1.75	.65
10c black	1.25	1.25

1890-94

½c black	.12	.12
3c slate	.65	.06
3c gray lilac	.65	.06
5c bright blue	.60	.30
6c carmine lake	.50	.50
12c puce brown	1.10	1.10

1897, Cabot Issue

1c deep green	.15	.15
2c carmine lake	.15	.15
3c ultramarine	.15	.07
4c olive green	.15	.15
5c violet	.15	.15
6c red brown	.15	.15
8c red orange	.30	.30
10c black brown	.40	.35
12c dark blue	.35	.35
15c scarlet	.40	.40
24c gray violet	.70	.70
30c slate	.90	.90
35c red	1.25	1.25
60c black	1.25	1.25
Cabot set	5.75	5.65
Short set to 10c	1.45	1.35

Stamps of 1894, Surcharged

1c on 3c gray lilac	1.10	1.10

1898-99, Royal Family Issue

1c carmine rose	.08	.06
2c orange	.18	.12
½c olive green	.03	.02
1c yellow green	.05	.02
2c vermilion	.05	.02
3c orange	.10	.03
5c blue	.15	.06

1901

4c violet	.25	.15
Royal Family set	.80	.40

1908 Map Stamp

2c rose carmine	.10	.02

1910, Guy Issue Lithographed

1c deep green	.18	.18
Perf. 12x11	.12	.04
Perf. 12x14½	.20	.10
2c carmine	.15	.10
Perf. 12x14½	.30	.04
3c brown olive	1.00	..
4c dull violet	1.00	..
5c ultramarine	.75	.75
Perf. 14½x12	.30	.15
6c claret, type I (Z reversed)	1.25	..
6c claret (Z normal)	1.80	..
8c pale brown	1.20	..
9c olive green	1.20	..
10c violet black	1.40	..
12c lilac brown	1.40	..
15c gray black	2.00	..
Guy Issue set (11 Values)	10.00	..

1911—Same, but Stamps Engraved

6c brown violet	1.40	1.40
8c bistre brown	3.20	..
9c olive green	3.00	..
10c violet black	3.20	..
12c red brown	3.20	..
15c slate green	3.60	..
Complete set	16.00	..

1911, 2nd Royal Family Issue

1c yellow green	.03	.01
2c carmine	.05	.01
3c red brown	.40	..
4c violet	.40	..
5c ultramarine	.15	.05
6c black	.40	..
8c peacock blue	2.00	..
Paper colored through	1.40	..
9c blue violet	.60	..
10c dark green	.80	..
12c plum	.60	..
15c magenta	.80	..
Complete set (11 Values)	5.25	..

1918, Caribou Issue

1c green	.02	.02
2c scarlet	.04	.01
3c red brown	.05	.02
4c violet	.10	.06
5c ultramarine	.15	.10
6c gray	.75	.75
8c magenta	.75	.75
10c dark green	.25	.20
12c orange	.30	.30
15c dark blue	.35	.35
24c bistre	.50	.50
36c olive green	.75	.75
Caribou set	3.50	..

1920 Stamps of 1897 Surcharged

2c on 30c slate	.65	..
2c on 15c (bars close)	3.25	..
3c on 15c scarlet	.85	..
3c on 35c red	.85	..

1923-24, Pictorial Issue

1c gray green	.02	.01
2c carmine	.03	.01
3c brown	.04	.01
4c brown violet	.06	.04
5c ultramarine	.07	.04
6c gray black	.08	.07
8c dull violet	.10	.10
9c slate green	.11	.10
10c dark violet	.13	.09
11c olive green	.14	.14
12c lake	.15	.12
15c deep blue	.19	.15
20c red brown	.25	.20
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1860-63, Perf. 12, White or Yellowish Paper

1c black (yellowish)	.60	1.00
1c black (white)	1.00	1.25
2c lilac	.60	.75
2c lilac (yellowish)	5.00	2.50
5c blue	5.00	.75
5c blue (yellowish)	..	1.25
8½c green	.80	1.75
8½c green (white)	5.00	5.00
10c vermilion	1.50	1.75
10c vermilion (yellowish)	4.50	1.75
12½c black	1.75	1.10
12½c black (white)	5.00	1.50
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1861, Perf. 9

2p rose	7.50	5.00
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1862-5, Perf. 11-12

1p yellow orange	1.50	1.75
2p rose	.25	1.00
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The management of the Merchants & Manufacturers Exchange, operating Grand Central Palace, the largest exhibition building in the United States, sends the following letter, which furnishes a professional estimate of the success achieved by the Philatelic Exhibition: "The many commendations given by those who attended the Stamp Exhibition which have been printed have been read with interest. It is gratifying that it was such a success and is receiving so much praise. It was the most successful one-floor show ever held in Grand Central Palace, and outside of the Flower Show and the Automobile Show, I do not think that any exhibition ever had so much publicity given it in the New York press; also, the paid admissions to the Stamp Exhibition outranked those of any other one-floor show ever given here. The splendid co-operation given by the WEEKLY in its columns was greatly appreciated, I know, by everyone connected with the Exhibition."

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It may be repeated here that the manager of the Exposition Department of the Grand Central Palace is Mr. Albert R. Rogers, who, as early as 1893, won his spurs as an "exposition expert." He had in charge the stamp exhibit made by philatelists at the Chicago World's Fair in that year and under his tutelage a creditable showing was made. Incidentally, Mr. Rogers perhaps originated the reserve price auction sale as applied to stamps. Mr. Rogers writes: "Your readers may care to know of the interest that has been aroused in the White Plains stamps in sheets of twenty-five. Not only was the demand for them very great at the time of the Exhibition, but there have been coming in to our office at Grand Central Palace, ever since, inquiries for the sheets. The writer sent to a Bazaar held in New York City recently, twenty sheets of the White Plains in question in lieu of a subscription of ten dollars and I told those in charge of the stationery booth at the Bazaar of the prospective value, philatelically, of these stamps if kept in sheets; and they sold them at two dollars a sheet, every one of the twenty sheets having been purchased the first day of the Bazaar." It is undeniable that the souvenir sheets of the White Plains have made a hit, such as even the most optimistic partizan of the sheets did not anticipate. Sad to relate, some of those who attended the Exhibition forgot in the excitement that reigned to buy any of the sheets at all.

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The following expression from Mr. Frank L. Applegate, Medford, Oregon, touches upon a pertinent subject. The millimeter scale is one of the indispensable tools of the philatelist and inaccuracy in it is a grave fault. Mr. Applegate says: "The millimeter scale as a standard of measurement naturally should be an instrument of precision. Otherwise it is useless. To the casual observer, the many scales put out by various firms both here and abroad, seem to be identical, but I have found to my sorrow that such is far from the case. To take two examples: one scale printed on heavy cardboard by a leading firm of dealers in the United States differs as much as two millimeters in 50 from another one printed on celluloid by a foreign firm. Other scales that I have examined come in between, as it were. That this is too much variation is evident; it makes one dubious about the correctness of all scales. Now, who is there in a position to speak with authority and tell us definitely where we can get a scale that may be sworn by or one that will give the same results at all times, under all circumstances. No doubt, scales may be verified as to accuracy by consulting the Bureau of Standards in Washington. What we want to know is whether this has been done by any philatelic publisher in this country; and where an authoritative scale is to be obtained." Millimeter scales have been distributed variously for years and criticism of some of them has been launched heretofore, usually on the charge that atmospheric conditions rendered the celluloid scales variable. We recollect having had a well-finished metal scale that came, if we mistake not, from Providence and it is remembered as having filled the bill. Any discussion on the question raised by Mr. Applegate will be worth listening to.

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A correspondent sends in a clipping from a Washington paper to the effect that the frigate "Constitution" stamp is to be issued and asks if the news is final. No particulars are at hand that would substantiate a statement that this two-cent stamp will make its appearance. The report that the stamp will be issued is based upon the movement that was organized some time ago to promote this memorial stamp.

Mr. Clarendon Bangs, who has been traveling for many months in Europe and Africa will sail for home in January, 1927. Mr. Bangs comments upon the dearth of U. S. seen at dealers' shops and tells of his visits to the Paris Stamp Bourse, concerning which he writes: "It is a unique affair. Every Sunday afternoon, fair weather or foul, beginning at 2 o'clock and lasting until dark, there congregate in the open air on the Champs Elysées, close to the Marigny Theatre, men, women and youths, dealers, traders and collectors of postage stamps. If the weather is fine, there may be on the ground as many as a thousand or more persons. Many of the dealers have stands and these are arranged in from four to six rows. There are many traders and sellers circulating about with books of stamps—some fine, some medium and others poor. While a large proportion seem to be of late issues, French and colonies predominating, rarities such as the 5c New York, 24c of 1869, inverted, and number one of Saxony and others of similar grade are sometimes seen. There were a good many boxes of thousands of stamps for sale at 5 centimes (⅕ of a cent) to 20 centimes each. Generally one buys as is and there is no recourse. Most of the people, men and women, seem to be of the prosperous class. It, indeed, is a gathering well worth seeing and one interested in stamps ought not to miss attending if the opportunity offers." The Paris Bourse has been the subject of countless articles in the newspaper press and collectors everywhere have heard of it almost from the beginning of philatelic time. It is a topic that never grows stale.

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The news of the death of J. Arthur Wainwright, Morgantown, North Carolina, on October 8, 1926, has been received from Mr. Troy N. Huffman of Newton, North Carolina, a gentleman who knew Mr. Wainwright well and who spent many happy hours with him over their stamps. Those of us who met Mr. Wainwright when he lived at Northampton, Mass., and others who came in contact with him through correspondence will greatly regret the passing away of this man whose character was at once whimsical and wholesome. He was sixty-six years of age and succumbed to the disease, pellegra. Mr. Wainwright was intensely loyal to his stamps and looked upon them for solace that they never failed to offer. The *Burke County Journal,* Valdese, N. C., published a two-column notice of Mr. Wainwright, in which this man "of eccentric ways and peculiar habits" is paid a glowing tribute. His life was an interesting one and among his acquaintances was President Coolidge, who had his office in Northampton on the same street on which Mr. Wainwright had his. Mr. Wainwright practiced law for many years at Northampton and at one time was attorney for the American Philatelic Society. His biographer says that no one could persuade Mr. Wainwright to sell a single stamp, no matter how much he needed money.

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(We have been asked for information concerning the Pro Juventute stamps issued by Switzerland. The advent of the new set for 1926 offers us the opportunity of conveying the desired information, and we quote the following article from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. At the same time, by courtesy of A. Koechlin of Berne, we illustrate the new set for 1926. The catalog will give the particulars of the issues following that of December, 1916, which is the last described in this article.—Ed.)

THE SWITZERLAND PRO JUVENTUTE SET FOR 1926

In December each year, the Swiss Postal Administration, in conjunction with the "Pro Juventute" foundation of the Société Suisse d'utilité publique, issue a small set of stamps in special designs "for the children." They come as heralds of Christmas, and betoken the spirit of charity, peace and goodwill, which pervades the season of Yule. The stamps are sold at a surtax of 5 centimes over their postal value, the supplementary *sou* being collected in aid of institutions for the protection and care of children.

This happy idea was originated in 1913, with a single stamp of the denomination 5 centimes in a design by the French stamp artist, Auguste Grasset, who designed the Swiss postal jubilee stamp of 1900, and the French Indo-Chine of 1904. The design shows a half-length female figure, emblematic of Helvetia, with the Matterhorn in the background. It was surface-printed in green on white wove paper, with unbleached red and blue silk fibres in its substance, watermarked cross, and perforated 12½x11½ (not 11½ by 11½ as given in the Zumstein catalogue).

The dates on the stamp indicate the period of their currency from December 1, 1913, to February 28, 1914.

For the specialist there are flaws to be found in the stamp, and a variety in which the letters "PRO" are thick.

At the Geneva Stamp Exhibition, 1922, the "Pro Juventute" Foundation made an interesting exhibit in sheets of 100 of all issues, from which it appears that they issued labels the previous year, showing a group of children, with value and inscriptions expressed in three separate editions, "10 Rp.", "10 Cts." and "10 Cmi," and at the bottom "Viel Sonnenschein im neuen Jahr," "Soleil et santé a tous," and "Un anno di sole." The sale of these, which had no postal franking power, was undertaken by the Swiss post office, and netted 127,000 francs (1,275,939 were printed), for the fund, which was devoted to the work of combating the ravages of tuberculosis among the young.

The 1913 stamp, illustrated above, was printed to the number of 3,314,060; it also sold for 10 centimes, of which half went to the post office for the postal service rendered, and the other half, 165,000 francs, was divided to give 4½c to the "Pro Juventute" fund, and ½ centime to the benefit of the Swiss postal employees. Thus the postal revenue was 165,703 francs, the proceeds for the postal employees' fund F. 16,570,30, while the "Pro Juventute" foundation netted F. 149,132,70, which was devoted to the fight against tuberculosis.

The following Christmas found the whole of Europe in the throes of the Great War, and the Pro Juventute stamps for that year (1914) were withheld on account of the financial stress occasioned by the war. But for Christmas, 1915, the plan was proceeded with, and on December 1st two stamps were issued in designs by Wilhelm Balmer, of Berne, engraved on steel by J. Sprenger of Bienne, were printed in Berne at the Federal Mint on buff paper, perforated 11½. The buff paper for this and all the subquent issues shows tiny fibres of unbleached silk in its substance. The designs show a lad of Appenzel and a maid of Lucerne.

The 5c was printed in the usual sheet form (35,000 sheets), and also with the *tête-bêche* arrangement adopted for the booklets (18,000 sheets).

2,895,951 of the stamps were sold (1,958,593 of the lower and 937,358 of the higher value), netting Frs. 145,000 for the fund, applied to general uses for child welfare. The actual printing of the 10c was 3,000,000.

In 1916 the plan was extended to a set of three denominations, 3, 5 and 10 centimes, in similar designs by Balmer, showing children of the Cantons, by the same engraver and printed at the Mint as in the previous year. On the 3c is a maid of Freiburg, on the 5c a Bernese boy, and on the 10c a vineyard girl of Vaud. The new denomination 3c was sold at 5c, the surtax being only 2c.

There are some plate flaws, including a broken E in HELVETIA in the 3 and 5c.

The total sold of the three was 3,754,655, from which the net receipts for the fund were Frs. 154,000, which amount was devoted to the protection of the young from moral dangers. The figures for the separate values are 1,114,253 (3+2c), 1,754,910 (5+5c), and 885,502 (10+5c).

The period during which the stamps were valid for use in the mails was extended this time — and for subsequent years—to April 30th, though the actual sale at the post offices is still confined to the month of December.

Although chiefly reserved for postal matter circulating within Switzerland, by special agreement with the countries concerned, the stamps were valid for use on letters, etc., passing to Denmark, Italy, Hungary and Portugal.

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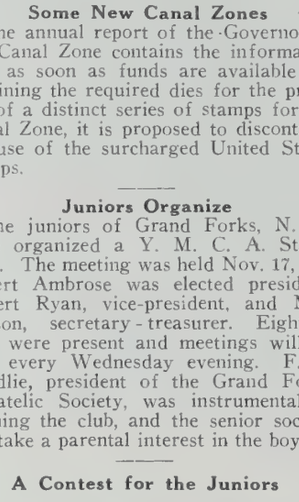
Some New Canal Zones

The annual report of the Governor of the Canal Zone contains the information that as soon as funds are available for obtaining the required dies for the printing of a distinct series of stamps for the Canal Zone, it is proposed to discontinue the use of the surcharged United States stamps.

Juniors Organize

The juniors of Grand Forks, N. D., have organized a Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club. The meeting was held Nov. 17, and Robert Ambrose was elected president, Robert Ryan, vice-president, and Max Benson, secretary-treasurer. Eighteen boys were present and meetings will be held every Wednesday evening. F. C. Bundlie, president of the Grand Forks Philatelic Society, was instrumental in forming the club, and the senior society will take a parental interest in the boys.

A Contest for the Juniors



Our juniors are urged to send in a little story about this set of stamps 50 to 75 words, not over. See what you can do. One or more stamp prizes will be awarded, depending on the number of entries. Contest closes two weeks from date of this paper. Get busy, Juniors.

Ads for the Juniors

Already ads are coming in with the request "Insert on the page for Juniors." In columns one and four will be found lots of bargains and our juniors are urged to say when they order stamps: "Saw your ad in MEKEEL'S.

Louisiana Purchase

At the beginning of the 19th century Spain owned the vast territory west of the Mississippi. Most of Europe was at war on account of Napoleon. France obtained possession of Spain's province of Louisiana. This caused grave concern to the new American nation, as Napoleon was causing so much world trouble. President Jefferson sent James Munroe to meet an envoy of Napoleon's and negotiations were put through for the purchase of this region. This territory was mostly wild and inhabited by only a few white people. With the purchase of this large area the size of the country was practically doubled.

In 1904 the U. S. P. O. Dept. issued a set of stamps commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of this territory from France. The 1c shows a picture of Edward Livingston, one of the pioneers in the development of the Louisiana territory after its purchase from France. The 2c Thomas Jefferson who was president at the time of the purchase. On the 3c is a picture of James Munroe who was the envoy to France to make arrangements about the purchase. The 5c shows a picture of President McKinley who had died a short time before this set of stamps was issued. On the 10c is a map of the U. S., showing the area that was acquired from France.

New Perforations To Be Used

For some time the P. O. Department has been receiving complaints in the case of the rotary press stamps, due to the fact that in tearing them apart, the stamps themselves readily tear on account of the perforations. The Bureau has been experimenting for many months and has now arrived at a perforation with a smaller hole spaced nearer together, which it believes will solve the question. Some of the stamps of the 2c denomination have already been printed and will possibly appear in the near future. I have not seen the variety, so cannot advise at this writing as to its philatelic gauge. The other denominations from the rotary press will appear in short order, providing the new perforation proves satisfactory. Just as soon as a definite date has been announced for the issuing of the 2c variety, our readers will be informed. These sheets will be perforated through to the edge instead of leaving the imperforate margin as at present applies in the case of those perforated 10.—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Teddy Platt Chooses Memel

Teddy Platt, of Pittsburgh, Pa., writes us as follows: "One of my favorite countries is Memel, a seaport on the Baltic, seventy miles northeast of Danzig and with a population of 20,000. Under the Treaty of Versailles, Germany renounced all rights over this territory and pending decision as to its status, French and German stamps were overprinted 'Memel.' The German stamps were overprinted 'Memel Gebeit' for internal service only. I hope you continue the department for juniors. I am thirteen and have most all the stamps of Memel. I collect Hungary, United States, Iceland, first-day and first-flight covers of the U. S., and precancels galore. I wish you good luck."

Pies

At the top of page 729 in the new Scott's catalog are the two words NINE PIES in large capitals. Now this may at first thought be taken for a bakery sign. Not this time. It is a surcharge on one of the reeent stamps of India. There are apple pies, prune pies, custard pies, etc., and India pies. India pies are not like the pies we eat. They are money. The coin of India is the rupee and this is divided into sixteen annas and each anna is divided into twelve pies. That is how we get our India pies. As one anna is worth about 2c in American money, one pie would then be worth one-sixth of a cent. In other words, we could buy six pies for one cent, but not the choice kinds that mother makes!

Tom Tracy and "F18598"

Tom sends us a 5c Ericsson and asks us what the "F." stands for and almost in the same mail came this from Sevard, dealing with letters on panes:—

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The F before an N. E. top plate number is used to indicate a finished plate, one that is hardened and burnished. Mr. Barrett stated this some years ago, but it bears repetition. No doubt, Mr. Barrett's booklet on the 3c violet is being neglected by many."

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TEMPEST OVER THE NEW GERMANS

The Reichs Post Office is about to issue a new series of postage stamps bearing the heads of famous Germans. The head of Schiller is to appear on the new 5 pfennig stamp, those of Goethe, Lessing, and Kant on stamps of other denominations. The 10 pfennig stamp is to bear the head of Frederick the Great. This choice has aroused the indignation of the Republicans, and in particular the wrath of the Bavarians, against Herr Stingl, the Minister of Posts.

The Republicans opened the attack. They declared that the selection of Frederick's head to grace the 10 pfennig stamp was mere pandering to the recent revival of the Fredericus Rex cult on the film screen. The number of cinematograph romances woven round the life of the Prussian hero during the last twelve months has certainly been remarkable. The Republicans were inclined to deprecate the whole scheme, on the ground that the great Germans chosen had no need of such advertisement, and that in any case the idea was no longer original, having been put into effect in various other countries.

The Ministry has made various attempts to defend its scheme. It has explained, for instance, that the most widely used stamp has been ear-marked for Schiller, and that the 10 pf. stamp has been reserved for the head of Frederick the Great because it is used mainly in long distance correspondence within Germany, and is little used on letters with foreign destinations. Apart from the hint that the Ministry does not feel that the stamp would be pleasing to foreign recipients of letters from Germany, this explanation is hardly calculated to appease the Bavarians, whose correspondence from Prussia will presumably be franked mainly with 10pf stamps.

The Bavarian Press is taking the scheme as Prussian provocation. The *Bayerische Kurier* the organ of the Bavarian People's Party, says that the appearance of Frederick's picture on a Reichs stamp would not be understood in South Germany. It thinks there have been other princes whose heads would be better chosen as representatives of the German idea. The only people, it suggests, who have any cause to be interested in the present Fredericus cult are those who are still striving for a "great Prussia." Does the Frederick stamps perhaps mean that everything in the Reich is already Prussianized and that a great Prussia has already taken the place of the old German Reich? What, asks the *Kurier*, in conclusion, would Berlin say if the head of a Bavarian king, say Ludwig I, whose outlook was more German than Frederick's, appeared on a Reichs stamp?

The strangest feature of this controversy is that Herr Stingl, the Minister concerned, is himself a Bavarian, and represents the Bavarian People's Party in the Reichs Cabinet.—*London Times.*

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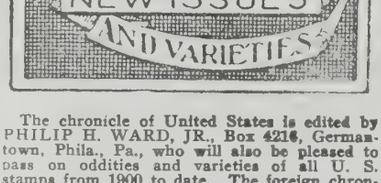

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address

United States

Philatelic Agency

During a recent visit to the Philatelic Agency, I noted the unusual congestion of orders for stamps and on inquiry I found that approximately five hundred orders were for practically all varieties of stamps on hand as a result of circulars passed out at the International Philatelic Exhibition in New York. These orders greatly over-taxed the facilities of the Agency, with the result that at the time of this writing they are two weeks in arrears.

The Agency closes the year with the largest quarter in its history, as the sales will no doubt approximate $70,000.00 for the three months ending December 30th. Arrangements will shortly be made for enlarging their present quarters and possibly two or three more clerks will be added to the force.

They are receiving numerous letters asking for the White Plains stamp from plate No. 18772. I would again inform our readers that impressions from this plate do not exist, as all of the stamps printed at the Exhibition, in addition to the plate itself, have been destroyed.

In writing the Agency for anything, will our readers please bear in mind their over-crowded condition and appreciate that you cannot order stamps today and expect them a few days later? The end of the year is almost here, when it will be necessary to close down a day or two for inventory. Remember that all letters as they arrive at the Agency are numbered and that the first come are first served with no favoritism shown to anyone. Those of us who get our stamps early do not depend upon the Agency direct, but find it necessary to write to an agent in Washington who can pick them up on the day of issue, for cash customers at the window are naturally given first preference.

1c 1922 Perf. 11 Rotary

I doubt whether there is a stamp of the 20th century United States which is more often found on a dealer's want list than the 1c current design perforated 11, the product of the rotary press, Scott's No. 594. So many collectors are writing relative to this stamp that further information at this time may be of interest. This variety along with the 2c were made from the imperforate rotary coil waste, which in turn was passed through the regular perforating machine. The 2c was issued first and the supply, which has since become exhausted, was sold through the Philatelic Agency, as well as the New York post office. The 1c appeared unheralded and having been shown a used copy, I investigated at the Bureau and found that a supply had been distributed many months back. None, however, passed through the Agency, and it is surmised that this supply went through New York and Chicago. Used copies which are scarce have been seen, but as yet none have been turned up in mint condition.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of November 26th, t Second Assistant Postmaster General a nounces that effective at the close business on November 30th, contract a mail route No. 15 between Philadelph via Washington to Norfolk, Va., and r turn will be temporarily suspended. will be recalled that this is the origin Sesqui-Centennial route which was run during the life of the Philadelph Exhibition.

It may interest our readers to kno that on the same day, November 30t the Model Post Office at the Sesqu Centennial Exposition was closed and mail was cancelled after 6 P. M. on tha date. I am informed that about thre hundred last day covers were se through by collectors. This interestin date no doubt slipped the attention many.

Canal Zone

I learn through one of my correspond ents who is well versed upon the subje that in the case of the Canal Zone ove prints, so far we have located the follow ing errors in surcharge on the currer issue of United States: The 1c gree comes both with inverted surcharge, a well as the stamp showing "Zone" i verted. The "Zone Zone" error is foun on the 3c purple, the 5c blue, the 10c yel low, the 15c gray and the 1c and 2c Post age Due. There are rumors from th Zone that the 17c and 20c also exist wit the latter overprint and while this in formation has been given in letters fro a correspondent in the Zone, I know o no one in this country who has definitel seen these two last stamps.

Philippines

Mention was made in this column las week of information that had come t hand relative to a Philippine commemora tive series. The Bureau of Insular Af fairs at Washington who have charge o Philippine matters know nothing abou the issuing of such stamps. If they hav been placed on sale, they were no doub produced locally, for had they bee printed at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, requisition would have gon through the Bureau of Insular Affairs They write me that they have cable Manila for information and when this i available, I will be glad to more fully inform our readers.

BELGIUM.—We have received from M Gisquière the design of the new Charity stamps. This has the inscription "BEL GIQUE" at top, on either side a wide border

IRISH PROVISIONAL ISSUE (All Mint)

DOLLARD OVERPRINT

S. G. No.		Mint
1	½d, black overprint	.02
2	1d, black overprint	.06
4	2½d, black overprint	.18
5	3d, black overprint	.54
6	4d, black overprint	.25
7	5d, black overprint	.60
8	9d, black overprint	.75
9	10d, black overprint	.48
22	2½d, red overprint	.12
23	4d, red overprint	.25
24	4d carmine	.36
25	9d red	.90

THOM OVERPRINT

35	½d black	.18
36	1d black	.06
10	1½d black	.08
13	2d	.09
37	2½d red	.25
38	3d red	.25
39	4d red	.20
40	5d black	.50
14	6d black	.25
41	9d red agate	.84
42	9d olive	.60
13	10d black	1.20
15	1sh black	.75

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HARRISON RIALTAS

26	½d black	.02
27	1d black	.04

HARRISON

67	½d black	.02	Joined pairs
68	1d do.	.04	do.
69	1½d do.	.05	do.
70	2d do.	.07	do.

S. G. No.		Mint
28	1½d black	.12
29	2d black	.07

Joined pairs, 6c, 10c, 60c, 16c.

SAORSTAT OVERPRINT

52	½d black	.02
53	1d black	.04
54	1½d black	.06
55	2d black	.08
56	2½d red	.25
57	3d black	.20
58	4d red	.20
59	5d black	.20
60	6d black	.20
61	9d red	.30
62	10d black	.40
63	1sh black	.50
64	2s 6d black (Thom)	1.00
65	5sh black (Thom)	2.00
66	10sh black (Thom)	10.00
	2s 6d black, S over E	2.00
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WIDE RIALTAS

47	½d black	.05	Long one in pair .10
48	1d black	.10	do. .15
49	1½d black	.35	do. .50
50	2d black	.16	do. .25
51	1sh black	.6	

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47	½d black	.05	Long one in pair .10
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49	1½d black	.35	do. .50
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ith three "holly-leaves," "Belgie" at ot with value on either side, while the ntral figure is a lion holding aloft a ield, one foot resting upon a white tab- t upon which is inscribed "Pro Tuber- ulatis Belli." M. Gisquière also shows the design for the 1.50f. and 5f. values, hich shows the King and Queen of the elgians in the right and left-hand ovals spectively, separated by a crown at top id cross below. Beneath the ovals is the scription "Pro Tuberculatis Belli," in ie two bottom corners the value in fig- res, and in the center at the foot the scription "Belgie." The 1f. yellow is ue for issue on December 6th, and not 5th as stated in our last reference.—*hilatelic Magazine.*

Bulgaria. — *Charity stamps.* — *L'Echo ostal* reports the issue of four new amps. All mail bearing these stamps is elivered specially on Sundays and holi- ays, thus giving them the status of ex- ess stamps: 1l, black on green; 1l, own-violet; 2l, green; 5l, blue.

New issue.—We have to thank Messrs. right & Son for a copy of the new 10 va recently referred to. The stamp ears a marked resemblance to the old ussian series: 10L, orange and brown. -*Philatelic Magazine.*

Cirenaica. — We learn from *Cham- on's Bulletin* that the Italian Govern- ent has authorised the issue of two com- emorative stamps on the occasion of the nexation of the oasis of Guirabub (on ie borders of Egypt and Cirenaica). he values are to be 60c and 1l.25.

Czechoslovakia.—Whitfield King & o. send for our inspection two new amps of oblong format both of the me design with a view of "Praha" the centre. The usual name of the untry is at the top with the figures of lue in each lower corner with "Koruny" tween. The values are 2k bright blue id 3k terra red.

Germany.—The Economist Stamp Co. ave shown us the 3pf light brown, type 41, with the surcharge "Dienftmarke" black as previously overprinted for use s official stamps.

Greece.—Mr. P. J. Drossos sends us a own cover bearing some new air stamps! s the cover also bears the ordinary post- ge stamps, these air labels are presum- bly a private issue. The company had ie stamps printed in Italy, and they are sold over the P. O. counter for use on all letters to be mailed through this air-line. No figures as regards issue are available. —*Philatelic Magazine.*

Guinea.—We have received from H. & G. H. Jopling copies of a 60c rose red and 1e blue, in the type of the 1922 issue.

India.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that three provisionals have just been received. They are described as follows: Some stocks of the old colours De la Rue print- ings are being used up by being over- printed "Service" for official use.

I have received today the following: 1½ anna chocolate, Scott's type A58; 1½ annas chocolate, Scott's type A59, inscrip- tion in plural, and 2as 6 pies blue, Scott's type A57. All overprinted "Service One Anna" and two bars cancelling original denomination of the stamp. All these three are of course printed in sheets of 256, the old form, four panes of 64 (16 x 4) on the old wmk. paper, single star.

Also, a new plate has been made for the 4a denomination printed at Nasik on the new multiple star wmk. paper, the inscription reading "India Postage and Revenue" in the top label of the oval in- stead of the words "India Postage," which was inscribed on the De la Rue plates. The new plate is in unbroken form of 320 subjects (16 x 20), the color is slightly paler olive.

Italy.—The Militia stamps were issued on October 25th, and are to remain on issue, for inland or foreign correspond- ence, until the end of next year. The values, subjects and colors are as below: Designed by Marquis Cavallett, engraved by Prof. Repettati, perf. 11: 40+20c brown and black, Castle of S. Angelo; 60+30c red and brown, Aqueduct of Claudius; 1.25l+60c blue-green and black, Capitol; 5l+2.50c blue and black, Porta del Populo.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Jugoslavia. — Mr. George Soulman sends copies of the following 1926 issue of stamps with surcharges in red; 50p olive brown, "+0.50"; 1d scarlet, "+0. 50"; 3d slate blue, "+0.50"; 4d red orange, "+0.50" and 10d olive green, "+1.—."

Luxemburg. — Mr. Henry Hooreman sends us a complete set of the new series of stamps bearing the portrait of Grand Duchess Charlotte. Denominations and shades are 5c purple, 10c olive green, 20c orange, 25c green, 40c olive grey, 50c

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The cup is at present on exhibit at Mr. C. J. Phillips, 10 West 86th Street, New York, and will be presented by that gentleman to the winner in behalf of the Society. This arrangement is due to the fact that according to the regulations of the International Philatelic Exhibition, "No donations of trophies, other than medals, be accepted and no medal will be accepted for use in any particular class." Therefore, the Chinese Philatelic Society, acting independently, takes this means of arousing interest in the collecting of Chinese and Far Eastern stamps.

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Unfortunately, this Cup did not arrive until the Exhibition was over, as it was detained in the U. S. Customs.

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New Zealand.—Our Melbourne contemporary notifies the 9d value in a dull shade, and the 4d and 5d imperforate, while the following paper varieties have been recently discovered:—Jones paper: 3s long fiscal, 1d Postage Due. Cowan paper: 2s, 3s long fiscals, ½d, 1d, 2d Postage Dues.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Paraguay.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the appearance of the 75c blue, issue of 1913, with the surcharge "Habilitado en 15 ctvos" in three lines in red and the 5c light blue, of 1921, with the overprint "Habilitado en 1 centavo" in three lines in black.

Persia.—We learn from Mr. R. W. Grey (quoted in the *Monthly Journal*) that the design of the new portrait stamps is by Mokhber es Saltaneh, the frame being a poor copy of that of the 1907-8 issue. The engraver is Sani us Sultan, and the printers the Mejliss Press, Teheran. All low values of the 1909 issue with the recent overprint are exhausted in Teheran. Messrs. Gibbons add that Messrs. Enschéde & Co. are preparing a new regular issue, which is not expected for some months.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Tunis.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a new set of stamps of 20 values recently placed on sale in this colony. The colors and values are as follows: 1c orange, 2c olive, 3c greenish blue, 5c light green, 10c magenta, all of the designs picturing an Arab woman, drawn by Verecque and engraved by Mignon; 15c grayish blue, 20c brown red, 25c green, 30c lilac, 40c brown, showing the Grand Mosque of Tunis, designed by Proust and engraved by Delzers; 50c dark grey, 75c red orange, 80c blue green, 1fr lilac brown. Mosque of the Palace Kalfaonine at Tunis, designed by Perdrant and engraved by Daussy; 1fr05c blue and magenta, 1fr25c light blue and dark blue, 2fr rose red and brown; 3fr blue and orange, 5fr orange and green on greenish and 10fr red brown and black on grey, all of oblong format showing the Coliseum of El Diem, designed by Dabadie and engraved by Hourriez. We also learn from *Yvert & Tellier Supplement* that a new set of fifteen values for pre-paying postage on parcels will be issued shortly. All the denominations are in the same design representing "the gathering of dates" designed by Friedling and engraved by Froment. The values are: 5c brown and blue, 10c carmine and lilac, 20c yellow green and black, 25c brown and black, 40c carmine and green, 50c lilac and black, 60c olive brown and carmine, 75c violet blue and green, 80c red and brown, 1fr green and rose, 2fr lilac and violet brown, 4fr carmine and black, 5fr brown violet and violet, 10fr red and green on greenish, and 20fr yellow, green and violet on rose.

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For some months the name of Ashley C. Le Duc has been seen regularly in our columns as an advertiser. Our readers have gotten acquainted with it, and we are very glad that we can make his personality a little more real through the accompanying picture.

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CANCELS AND SLOGANS

By Sevard.

We have had more difficulty filling in our page of White Plains used copies than with other delectable issues. We trust everyone is saving them to help future generations.

Anachronisms are errors of judgment as well. Our gas company can be relied on to produce on its mail almost any issue, and we wonder if many old stamps in O. G. condition are tucked away to be used in later years for gas bills? Our silent area feels a coagulation at seeing an 1869 Franklin cancelled Air Mail Saves Time. The 2c brown and certain Columbians are finding their way to the next generation and depreciated abuse. The old print collector knows this well.

Often we find a single line small cap rubber dispatch mark "Mailed on Rural Route." Such marks are only found on packages which are placed in R. F. D. boxes. Such dispatch mark will account for the unusual rates noted on some packages, including the unusual postage due. I have only noted this mark once as a cancel.

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At times, clerks pick out the wrong cancel and hit an M. O. B. or Parcels Post on a letter. Worse still are those old cancels which come to light during heavy mailing periods. We expect a few Recd and some C, D, R and T machine marks at Christmas time. One wonders where some Chicago clerk found the old 31mm thin-line regulation he used last year.

Which reminds us that targets and corks are still plentiful in the country post offices. All that I have seen are the four-ring 19mm targets and the quadrant, sextant and octant corks. We call them corks, but they really aren't!

And our most prolific stamp—the 2c red—flat, perf. 11, 1923 by heritage, finds itself with only about 1.5% in unwieldy cancels, known as smudges. The 3c green of 1879 shows a 26% figure in unidentifiable cancels, which all tells us how careful the inspectors are these days. Pen cancels today are often found, but they rate about the same as the errors mentioned above.

Since the "Air Mail" slogan box was cut large, one finds more cancels of that slogan than any other, even though the "Address Your Mail" and "Register and Insure" are of longer use.

Clean-up Week is a failure! Efficiency experts decided to tear off the fringes on sheets of stamps to keep the local post office lobby clean, so that local plate numb collectors are worse off than ever! A plate numbers do teach arithmetic!

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OLD AND NEW

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Mr. G. C. Rheinfrank, Chicago, is now much at home in California, no doubt, he having been there for some time, now, since adventuring from Chicago, where he had built up a flourishing stamp business. Mr. Rheinfrank is a former Chautauquan who was one of the best lecturers on the circuit.

The boys are in the saddle and we must keep them there. Mr. Melville said of the recent Exhibition that one result undoubtedly would be an increase in the number of young collectors; and from all sides come the shouts of the boys for recognition. Let us all give the boys and girls real attention.

Hats off to Selby Noel Mayfield, who spreads himself in the *Times-Picayune* of New Orleans with a great stamp article, "Stamp Collecting Becomes Big Business," that not alone is well-written but illustrated with a striking lot of early U. S. cancellations. The time was when we could have made much capital out of an article such as this, but nowadays, publicity in the press is the accepted thing.

Who can help the Secretary of the Sacramento Stamp Society, Mr. Walter N. Baker, 1314 O Street, Sacramento, California, who asks us for papers suitable for reading before his club? We have given away everything of this nature to applicants on our list for material for radio talks; and there are a dozen of requests for matter of the kind that we have not acknowledged, even.

In *Adventure* for September, Mr. H. Bedford-Jones tells of variations from the rules of rigging on the Norse-American with the voice of an expert and shows a deep knowledge of craft and their fittings in his findings.

Writing from Hendersonville, N. C., our sharp-witted friend, Mr. H. R. Faison, has something to say: "As an engineer, I would like a little more light on the forty-eight hour handicap that they are going to hang on the west-bound postal card in the 'round-the-world' race. It reads something like Einstein's Theory of Relativity to us old-timers. My suggestion is to have Dr. Amundsen take one around by the North Pole and the other by the South Pole, along longitudinal meridians, the object of the race being to see whether the post cards get back before Dr. Amundsen starts."

The International Mercantile Marine Company is long on perspicacity. In sending out folders of winter cruises, the company accompanies the interesting literature with a letter, the first paragraph of which reads: "After reading all about the wonderful things of Stampdom on view at the Philatelic Exhibition held recently (perhaps you were as fortunate as the writer to be able to see them), has it not occurred to you what a pleasure and relaxation would be a trip to one of the many corners of the earth from which these treasures were gathered?" Mr. O. G. Reichelt is the philatelist in the general passenger service of the I. M. M. Company.

The *Treasure Chest* is a high-grade publication "for California boys and girls" that should be appreciated. In the November issue there is an announcement that Mr. Norman Shepard will have charge of the stamp page, beginning with the next number, and inasmuch as Mr. Shepard broadcasts every Tuesday evening on Station KTAB, he is a philatelic celebrity on the Pacific slope, where his Radio Stamp Club is not unknown to fame.

The following clipping from a Philadelphia newspaper was received some time ago:

"All local records for heavy postage were broken last night when clerks at the central post office affixed nearly $150 worth of stamps to a package for San Francisco.

Under Federal regulations, the post office authorities are debarred from revealing the nature of the package, the sender or the person to whom it was addressed.

The air mail rate to San Francisco is twenty-four cents an ounce, or almost four dollars a pound, and the weight of the package was about thirty-nine pounds.

The highest denomination stamp is $5, and it was necessary to open the post office safe to get a supply of these rarely used stamps, as none are kept at the stamp windows. When the stamps had been affixed the package was fairly plastered with them. As no San Francisco planes stop near Philadelphia, the package was sent to New York, where it was trans-shipped for the journey across the continent."

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Three officers and a mechanic of the Royal Australian Air Force are making a flight to Samoa, via the southern Pacific Islands. They left Sydney on September 29th, and at the time of going to press, we learn that, passing northwards over Queensland, they had left Thursday Island for Port Moresby, New Guinea, on October 11th.

A sentence of fifteen days under arrest has been passed on an Argentine aviator who, a few hours before the Buenos Aires elections, flew over the city distributing political leaflets, thus infringing, writes Mr. A. H. Davis, an Argentine electoral law.

After an absence of just over two months, the German Lufthansa expedition to the Far East arrived in Berlin, on September 26. It has thoroughly surveyed the route, as far as Pekin, for the projected London-Berlin-Moscow-Urga-Pekin-Tokyo service. It is estimated that the distance between Berlin and Pekin could be flown in two and a half days, as compared with the seventeen days required for the journey by rail. If initiated, the line would first be used for mails, and it is interesting to note that small mails were actually carried between different points during the survey.

An International Aero Exhibition at Prague has been arranged to be held in September, 1927.

The greater part of the bullion conveyed between London and Europe, states the British Air Minister, is carried by air, and the greatest part of the new model dresses come regularly by air from Paris.

The Lufthansa, which is responsible for the service between Berlin and Marseilles, is considering an extension of this line to Madrid. A Spanish subsidiary of the air company would be formed, and seaplanes would be used on the Marseilles-Barcelona section.

In connection with the above proposed route, a scheme has, for some years, been under the consideration of the Zeppelin Airship Works for an airship service from Seville to Buenos Aires, a distance of over 6,000 miles. 1929 is the year suggested for its inauguration. Such a trip could be made in four-and-a-half days, as compared with the present fast steamer time of twenty days.

An air survey is being made of the western coast-line of the Federated Malay States, according to the "Malay Mail." The postal authorities are giving close attention to the possibilities of local airmail developments, especially after the first successful mail flight from Singapore, which they think should be the precursor to a regular Penang—Singapore—Java service.

A correspondent of the "British Guiana Philatelist" reports that a committee has been formed to enquire into the possibilities of a permanent air service, to link up the British West Indies and Jamaica. Letters have also been sent to local corporations inviting their interest and co-operation.

Can anyone supply us with information regarding airmail said to have been carried across Canada, from Nova Scotia to Vancouver, in October, 1920, when the mails were transferred from one machine to another at Lake Winnipeg?

A sum of £45,000 has been allocated by the Peruvian Congress for the establishment of a seaplane service up the Huallaga and Pachitea rivers, with the assistance of a United States Naval Mission. It is thus hoped to improve communications between the capital and Iquitos.

The Acting District Director of the American Immigration Service at Los Angeles states that aeroplanes have from time to time, been captured while smuggling liquor over the border from Mexico. So far, none have been captured during an attempt to smuggle aliens in the same way.

Among the airmail services from London that have been suspended for the winter months are the direct London-Marseilles - Paris - Vienna, and beyond, Cologne-Munich, London-Berlin-Konigsberg, the morning flight London-Paris-Zurich, the Swiss parcels airmail, and the Moscow-Kharkov routes. — *The Aero Field.*

COMERS

Because I entertain a fellow-feeling for collectors of all things, and especially budding ones in the stamp world, I attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Boys' Stamp Club at the Hyde Park (Chicago) Y. M. C. A. on the afternoon of November 19th. This particular meeting was addressed by the Editor of the WEEKLY, and I know he must have felt his effort well rewarded when he looked into the twenty-two eager young faces before him. The blase and opinionated were not present in this group. They reminded me of a handful of live wires spluttering at the ends. The best of us were stumped for a moment when a youthful enthusiast jumped to his feet requesting information regarding a foreign stamp he had recently seen. It was described as having "a cupid with wings on it"—grey in color; a vivid mental album is necessary in order to keep pace with such rapid fire inquiries.

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In *Scott's Monthly Journal* for November, mention is made of the fact that the small sheets of the White Plains stamps printed at the International Philatelic Exhibition, were rushed by aeroplane to Washington where they were perforated in the usual way and were despatched back to New York. They further state that one hundred thousand sheets of these stamps were printed on the hand roller press. Both of these statements are inaccurate and should be corrected before the information becomes general. None of the stamps printed at the International Philatelic Exhibition were perforated nor were they sold to the public either in New York or in Washington. As the few sheets were printed day by day, they were put away in the safe at the branch Agency in New York and at the termination of the Exhibition, each and every sheet so printed was returned to Washington and destroyed along with the plate.

The small sheets that were on sale at the Exhibition were printed, perforated and gummed at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing before the Exhibition took place and were in the hands of the branch Agency at the time the Exhibition opened. They were not produced on the hand roller press but were produced on the standard type of flat bed press used by the Bureau for flat plate varieties.

The same article states that there was pressure brought to bear upon the Department to have these stamps issued in imperforate condition but that they refused. The actual facts are that the Department was willing to place the imperforate sheets on sale and the matter was left in the hands of the committee in charge of the International

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It may be well to go on record in stating that the co-operation between the Department and the committee was such that the Department granted practically every reasonable request made. In printing stamps outside of the Bureau, they broke a precedent and I understand that this is the first time in the history of the Department that a plate for printing securities left the Bureau. The plate was guarded day and night by the Government and every sheet that was printed was carefully watched.

Numerous communications have been received relative to the new 10c air mail stamp which Mr. Warren Irving Glover stated in New York might appear when the flat rate of 10c per half ounce for air mail communications becomes effective. The Department has not officially decided upon such a new stamp as yet and it is quite possible that the current 10c air mail stamp will be at least temporarily used, if not permanently employed.

Right at the present time with Congress convening, the Postmaster General is receiving numerous suggestions for new issues, such as one showing a portrait of Luther Burbank. Of course, every suggestion naturally receives consideration but at the present time there is nothing definite but only rumors.

1910 Plate Varieties

I recently acquired a small collection of plate blocks and similar varieties gotten together by the late General C. A. Coolidge. In the little lot I note a couple of odd things worthy of mention, as I have not seen the varieties heretofore.

It is noted that on star plate No. 5493 which produced the 1c 1910, that in the southwest pane the entire first vertical row of stamps was no doubt produced from a defective transfer roll, for there is a break in the right outer frame line on each stamp. This same plate shows two vertical lines running the entire length of the margin on the left. These are guide lines aiding in the transfer of the subject from the transfer roll to the plate and should have been so light that they would have been unnoticeable. These, however, were no doubt cut by an amateur and are very distinct.

A block with sheet margins from the upper left corner of the 3c 1910, star plate No. 5637 show the initials of the employee who transferred the plate to the left of the first stamp instead of in the lower left or right hand corner as usual. Different markings not only of the one who transferred but the plate printer as well formerly occupied the entire left margin but it is odd to find these initials in such a place on varieties as late as 1910.

Air Mail Notes

Under date of December 2nd the Postmaster General announced that the Department is endeavoring to arrange its transcontinental air mail service so that but one business day will be necessary for mail in transit between the Atlantic and Pacific coast. He states that the feat will be recorded when the entire route is lighted. Already the way is lighted from New York to Salt Lake City and Congress is expected to provide at the present short session, funds for the completion of the last leg.

When this fact is accomplished, planes will be enabled to leave New York and San Francisco at the close of the business day instead of in the morning as at present, to deposit mail on the opposite side of the continent in time for early delivery on the second morning. Saturday's mail on such a schedule would be delivered Monday morning, giving to New York business mail destined to the Pacific coast the same service it would get if addressed to Brooklyn.

During the fiscal year ending June 30th last, planes flying at night carried mail on Government operated lines nearly one million miles. Total milage flown both day and night amounted to an excess of two and one quarter million miles. Contract routes none of which were operated prior to February 15th added a mileage of nearly 400,000 miles. The total excess postage received for air mail transport during the year amounted to $861,-865.05, an increase slightly in excess of a quarter million dollars over the preceding year. During the same fiscal year, United States mails were carried over approximately 230,000 miles of railroad at a cost of $106,656,368.00. Mails were carried over 8,205 miles of electric railroads and 46,871 miles by power boats.

Postage Stamps Used as Revenues.

In my chronicle of November 29th, mention was made of the finding of a 2c 1875 with black printed cancellation reading "Piso's Cure for Consumption."

Mr. F. H. Smith advises that he has the 1c blue, issue of 1882, with a similar overprint.

Canal Zone

Mr. R. C. Carter kindly sends a copy of the "Star & Herald" issued in Panama on November 27th, where announcement is made that at 5:36 P. M., Friday, November 26th, the naval seaplane PN-10 No. 2 gracefully landed at Coco Solo, thus completing their flight seventy-three hours and fifteen minutes after she had hopped off at Norfolk, Va. Commander Bartlett brought with him a package of sixty-eight letters which he turned over to Mr. G. D. Bliss, the postmaster at Cristobal, who hastened to the local post office, backstamped them and arranged for their delivery. The first letter was addressed to the Director of Posts, Mr. C. H. Calhoun, and the last addressed to Commander Bartlett himself. I have not as yet seen any of these covers —hence, cannot advise as to the post markings.

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This week we come to a real "Find," and I'm going to tell you all about the United States section of it right now as I have all the material before me.

Back in the late '50s and early '60s there was a big ship owner company with main offices at Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. There were many ships belonging to the firm, and much of the correspondence bears these ship names in mss. at top left of the covers, or folded letters, the latter being mostly in use at that time.

Among the ships' names, which have quite an appeal to me, were The White Swan, The Airdale, The Telegraph, The Havilah, The Lady Bird, The Oscar, The Aldinga, The City of Hobart, The Royal Shepherd, The London, The Hellespont, The City of Sydney, The Queen, The Governor General, The Shannock, The Rangatira, The Pacific, The Sir John Harvey, The City of Melbourne, The Omeo, The Aldinga, the Yarra Yarra, and the Wonga Wonga, and others.

When one first looks at a large accumulation of these old covers, all bearing old Australian stamps in singles, pairs, strips and combinations, it fairly takes the breath right out of one! First you see the beautiful stamps, of course, then you begin to study the rates, the combinations with issues overlapping each other to make correct rates, the rich colors, and only after a first survey do the mss. annotations catch your eye.

Fancy this fleet of sailing vessels all at anchor in the beautiful harbor of Melbourne, doesn't it make you want to go back to those days, and take a run down to the old Harbor to welcome them all when they are called in to a general meeting of the entire flotilla? I'd like to be there right now, and after the exhibition I would try to book passage back to the U. S. A. on the Wonga Wonga, even if it took me out of the way a few thousand miles, for that name somehow catches my fancy more than any of the other well selected christenings.

Well, we are now back in the U. S. A., and as this Forum is devoted to stamps of the U. S., I will peg along with the very few items that turned up in this correspondence with our own stamps on them, tho' I'll say that early Australians have a very entrancing "kick" to them now.

These old covers are all filed on sheets of heavy ledger paper, and then assembled into big volumes, glued in. Some stamp enthusiasts had access to these many, many years ago; but fortunately they are not the vandals of today, merely cutting a stamp off the cover here and there, it probably not being represented in their collection. So that the accumulation is intact so far as the general run of the stamps go. It is rather disturbing to see a beautiful 24c 1857 hit with thin red bars sitting pretty all by its little lonesome, with glaring holes alongside where the other stamps were removed, and then the lone strip of 15c '69s is a sad souvenir of what it was in its original position on a pretty cover, each hit with a delicate "Cross Roads" cancellation.

The rate to Australia in 1857 period of our stamps was most assuredly 33 cents. There are some strips of the common 10c '57 used with the 3c '57 to make that rate, and then the rest are made up with a single 30c and a 3c, which is a pretty combination, especially with the neat red grids which New York City handed to its covers at that time.

A most pleasing combination is made up of the following on a nice fresh looking folded cover in bright blue paper of the period, at top right is a handsome horizontal pair of that noble 30c stamp of the 1857 issue. There are two 10c '57s, one at left of the pair, and one below the pair, while a 5c T. II '57 is added below the bottom 10c, making 85c postage to Melbourne. The cover bears red due marks, with foreign transit marks, and at top left in mss. is "prSteamer PERSIE, & via Marseilles." I believe that mail at this time going via specified routings required an excess charge, which would account for this cover as a double rate cover, with a plus charge for routing. The crimson due mark is apparently 74, surely an odd charge, one I have never seen at all on a cover.

One of the prettiest covers of this '57 period bears a 30c and a 3c, with mss. note, "Overland via Southampton." The mailing mark is Richmond, Va., and the obliteration across the two stamps is a cross grid with no outer frame. It appears as tho' this grid were made as shown, for each stamp is struck by the same identical form of grid, which would not mean a double hit on each stamp. It is a very odd cancellation, and one I have never seen used from this town.

Always the best thing is held till last, this is a cover starting from Lynchburg, Va., with a printed PAID 10 at top left. (If it were at the right it might(?) be a Local, so they say, in articles on How to Tell Confederate Locals.) The letter reaches Louisville, Ky., in a way which we are permitted to surmise as not being in the regular line of mail at that time! There is a 3c '57 with black circular pmk. reading "ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, LOUISVILLE" with date under the second 3c '57 which was applied by that same Adams Express Co. at Louisville. This stamp is hit by a blue grid of seven splashy bars, and no outer ring. Whether it was applied by the Express Co. or the Post Office, I do not know; but I imagine it was applied by the Post Office, as the P. O. pmk. is alongside, reading Louisville, Ky., Aug. 10, while the blue Adams Express Co. pmk. does not touch the stamps at all, and is dated Aug. 3, presumably the day it got through to their office. Thenceforth all was plain sailing to the office of this Shipowners Co. in their New York office. These "Thro the Lines" letters were carried somehow by Adams Express Co. There is no doubt that their being carried thro the lines was illegal, and very few have been noted. One other that I have record of shows that it went thro Louisville on July 8th, '61, having started from New Orleans. Quite possibly this exchange of mail was stopped by the U. S. government soon after this letter ran the gauntlet, for I have no records of any going thro at a later date.

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It looks as tho this letter had been folded just twice, it would make a little wad of paper about 1¼" by 2½" if it were so folded, and it was perhaps so small that it was "overlooked" by the inspector who examined such incoming effects in Louisville at that time.

The postage shown as having been paid is 10c at Lynchburg, and then the two 3c stamps, both at Louisville. Total, 16c. That's not all, there is a mss. note "Paid," and a funny curlicue that looks like 2, and a slanting bar, with a C under it. I rather doubt if the C means "Centuries" ($100.00); but no 16c ever took that letter from Lynchburg, Va., thro the lines to New York! It would be most interesting to find an authentic record of the workings of the Adams Express Co. at that time.

That ends up the '57s in this find. The 1861s are represented by a nice looking cover, being mailed with a 30c, a 10c, and a lively shade of the 5c mustard, you see the rate has now been raised to Australia, being 45c. The 5c mustard with the deeper color of the 30c on a blue cover, mixed in with a green stamp, and red grids all over the stamps, makes a picture!

And to complete the picture, we see a lightly cancelled copy of Commodore Perry, his unclouded visage keenly eyeing the vast open spaces to the westward, as tho still on the lookout for a hostile sail, even from the postage stamp! Tis a pretty picture. Enough.

3c 1851 COVERS

By W. W. McLAREN.

During the past six years I have found over 4,000 of these, all but two lots being from original source, and frequently along with the unstamped mail of the same period. It should be kept in mind that during the years this stamp was in use, the prepayment of postage was optional, also that many people did not take kindly to the use of postage stamps, and the result was, that on a large portion of mail, stamps were not used.

This was especially true during 1851, while the orange brown was on sale. A large lot of business mail, which I picked up last March, contained 644 3c covers, and 279 covers without stamps of the same period.

The orange brown is much scarcer than the catalog value indicates. My observation is that they run only about 2% to 3%.

Fully 90% are ordinary so far as cancellations are concerned. These run as follows:—black town 60%, pen 25%, black grid 10%, blue town 5%.

I would divide the 10% as follows:—Red town 5%, odd postmark 3%, remaining 2%, green, orange, and odd cancellations.

Unusual cancellations, such as stars, straight line postmarks, steamboat, railroad, etc., are very unusual, and run less than 1%. My best find of these was made five years ago, seven Acadamia, Pa., with fancy star. So far as I can learn none of these have been seen before.

I have found but one 1852 year da and only two of the New York 1853. have some unusual and odd shaped po marks, but strange to say, none of th came in duplicate.

Plate varieties run, of course, in t same proportion as in unpicked lots loose copies.

Basing the following estimate on se eral large lots covering all of the '50 I believe it is fairly accurate as to t relative scarcity of the various yea printing—'51, 2%; '52, 5%; '53, 10 '54, 18%; '55, 22%; '56, 28%; '57, 15

As to condition, run of mine, or found" lots average as follows:—Fi 5%, good 20%, fair 40%, poor 20%, ve poor to worthless 15%.

Dr. Chase agrees with me in claimi that *less* than 5% come with margin all four sides.—*Stamp Hunter.*

NEWFOUNDLAND

I have just purchased a superb collection of Newfoundland formed by a Boston collector during the past twenty years.

The collection is in three Oriel Albums and is right up to date. The owner specially collected unused stamps and where he could obtain them, included of every stamp a single, pair, strip of three and a block of four. In the rare early issues he took fine used copies as well as unused. The following list gives but a small idea of the wealth of material in this collection:

1857. 1d on thick paper, 6 singles, 2 pairs, 2 strips of three and block of four.
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1862. 1d reddish brown on thin paper, Die II.
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1857. 2d carmine, 2 unused, 3 used.
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" 6d carmine, 1 unused, 1 used.
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"RECENTLY I received from Czechoslovakia a registered cover bearing a pair and single of the new 40h 'Orava' and a single 30h 'Pernstyn' perforated vertically only, possibly issued in coils, however my correspondent did not inform me. The cover also bore two new stamps, 2 and 3k values, about the size of our Liberty Bell stamp. The 2k is of a brilliant blue, while the 3k is a rich carmine, both have the same view of Praha, and very excellent engraving. I do not know whether these two new values are watermarked, as I have not removed them from their original cover."—PAUL BURGESS.

"IN the November 22 issue, page 637, there is an article on a new type of meter indicia. I have one of these, same permit, meter No. and company but with an earlier date, October 1."—GEO. BRETT.

THE PASSING OF THE SESQUI

WILLIAM M. MCFARLAN.

Now that the Sesqui is about to close we can look back and see just what part stamps had to play in the International Exhibition in Philadelphia which no doubt was visited by many stamp collectors both large and small.

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While we are not prepared to say that the boys and girls have been neglected as factors in philately in the past, we do know that a realization has come to some of the leading workers in our pursuit that the young people deserve more consideration than has been their portion at times. Recent proofs have been so convincing that the juvenile field is worth cultivating in an intensive manner that surely further efforts surpassing in effectiveness those already made will be launched to start the boys and girls off on the right foot and then to see that they do not lose the path. It is a revelation to us to learn of the relatively large number of adults who in the positions of instructors encourage their charges to become collectors. Those who make a study of children by reason of their vocations recognize the qualities that an appreciation of stamps stimulates and others who by inclination engage in work for the benefit of the young see in collecting, a fascinating pastime that has the merit of instructive benefit.

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Our intention to give a small part of the paper to matter that appeals to the boy and girl collector has resulted in some interesting developments. Not alone do the young collectors read the page but the adults do so in many instances as well. One father writes that he has four collectors among his children and that they have a family stamp club. Mrs. P. A. Bonney says: "The idea appeals strongly to me. For several years I have had charge of a Children's Stamp Club, during which time I have enrolled nearly two hundred boys and girls. It has given me an excellent idea of their likes and dislikes and an understanding of their requirements." Mrs. Georgia Stenger, Sorosis Club Service, New York, says that the Beginner's Page is her incentive to say that she "wishes we could make more girls enter the army of youthful collectors; and too, the bunch, very small, of women in the stamp business. It is so adaptable to woman's tastes, habits, system. I hope that you can make the teachers see this."

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Something must be done to relieve the difficulty, if not the impossibility of getting, on immediate application, material for radio talks, readings suitable for boys' societies and addresses before clubs and similar bodies. Every week we have requests that we cannot fill for service in this direction. We have asked for help before and Mr. Konwiser and one other reader sent in matter that was in demand by a half-dozen applicants. We have used up everything that we had on hand even to the extent of denuding our store of clippings and files, but in doing so we have satisfied only comparatively few of those who have asked for assistance. Of course, there are handbooks that would provide the basis for any talk but when material is wanted by the one who is anxious to serve, it is needed instanter. Several synopses of talks would fill the bill temporarily; and then some one who realizes that the void should be filled could prepare a brief treatise in a leisurely manner.

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So much interest has been shown in the souvenir sheets of twenty-five of the White Plains 2c stamp, the sale of which was a feature of the International Philatelic Exhibition that we shall set forth a few observations that have been verified by our informant. There were one hundred thousand sheets printed and among them four different plate-numbers, No. 18770, No. 18771, No. 18773 and No. 18774,—plate No. 18772 having been held as an emergency plate. There is a real variety of a constant character in the form of a dot or period above "S" of "States" in the lower left pane of plate-number 18774. Mail orders for the sheets were honored at the Exhibition during its life but remittances calling for large numbers of the sheets may not have always been filled completely. Money sent to Washington for the sheets secured sheets from the stock that was not wholly exhausted at New York. The full stock of one hundred thousand sheets was not sold at the Exhibition and those left on hand were returned to Washington where they were placed on sale. The stamps sold at both New York and Washington could not exceed the one hundred thousand sheets in consequence.

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One of the most interesting articles in the outside press as a consequence of the New York Exhibition was that which appeared in the *Publishers' Weekly*, a magazine for bookmen. Under the head, 'A Neighboring Industry," about the best review of the business aspects of the Exhibition that has appeared was printed. At the outset of the article it is said frankly that "it would be well if all booksellers, especially those in the second-hand field, could go to such an exhibit as the one at the Grand Central Palace last week, to study the selling methods of stamp dealers. The extent and volume of this business always seems amazing to those just getting acquainted with it." We have nothing to say of the estimate of two thousand dealers in New York but seize upon the words: "Probably no field of merchandising gives a more striking picture of the natural collection habits of men. Stamps are easy to handle, easier to know well than prints, pottery or books and are so widely traded in that they have a fairly stable value with enough fluctuations to give the speculators an interest in buying." This is a fair and favorable finding from an expert in another division of trade; and now we shall quote the final paragraph of this significant article: "An exhibit, such as the one just closed, with its large attendance, indicates that the booksellers of this country will have to increase their activities to a very large extent before they can match in totals and effectiveness the field of stamp selling." Here we have commercial philately recognized as being on a par with other businesses and it behooves all dealers to press any advantage that they have in their own profession by a strict adherence to the best rules of conduct, so that any suggestion of "irregularity" about stamp dealing may be given its *conge*.

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The American Stamp Dealers Association is girding on its armor in order to enter the lists to proclaim the sovereignty of square stamp dealing. The new president of the association is Mr. Hugh M. Clark and the new secretary is Mr. Tom V. Binmore of New York; and the other officers bear respected names in the stamp trade. We know of the great possibilities of this organization and were it to expire from inanition, a real misfortune would befall business philately. However, this remark is beside the question as it is confidently predicted that when the new administration gets into the saddle, the charge on the unsavory element will be made to the dismay of the tricky ones who, while few and far between, yet manage to upset our best dealing traditions, on occasion. Dealers should support one or both of the two trade organizations that have been working with earnest effort for some years. It is unthinkable that a business in which so much money is invested as in stamps should not have a powerful body to safeguard the interests of this capital.

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It may interest our readers to know that a series of stamp talks entitled "Stamp Collecting as an Education" will be given by Mr. Sig. I. Rothschild through radio broadcast station WOR, L. Bamberger & Co. of Newark, N. J., Friday evenings, December 17 and 24, and January 6 and 13, at 9.15 P. M. We shall appreciate hearing from any of our readers as to how they received this program and what they think of it.

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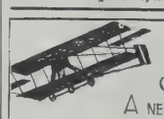

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For some months past W. H. Avery of lavana, Cuba, has been advertising in ır Adlets department and for the next :w weeks one of his announcements will)pear displayed. He expresses himself s well pleased with the business he has :cured from our publication. He now ıkes his place as a member of our lonor Club with a remittance of $5 for ve years' renewal. A hearty welcome, lr. Avery.

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The United States section of Mr. Eugene Klein's next auction sale has been on exhibit at the office of Mr. B. L. Voorhees, Chicago, where collectors of that city availed themselves of the opportunity to see an attractive array of stamps.

Mr. Tom Binmore, the new secretary of the American Stamp Dealers' Association sends for inspection what he calls the farthest north in advertising cancellations in the form of Dominican Republic current issues canceled with the injunctions to use different products of the country even to frijoles as witness: "Consuma Frijoles Negros Dominicanos."

On the other hand, we find another angle to national advertising, public and private promotions, as revealed in the following editorial from the New York *Times*, headed: "British Postmark Advertising:"

"After obtaining authority to place advertisements on the postmarks of letters, the British Postmaster General has given up the plan. It was intended to raise revenue by allowing private concerns to announce to the letter-receiving public that their sausages, beer or what not was the best that could be bought. It had been estimated that a handsome sum could be raised on this sort of rubber stamp. Letters are always welcome; they should be no less so because they come bearing a legend 'Pedigreed Puppies from Packham, Piccadilly.'

In the House of Commons there was almost no protest against this clause in the Economy bill. But presently strong opposition was heard outside. The firms that it had been supposed would leap at this chance to get their names and business into all the places where letters go were the first ones to criticize the scheme. They suggested that it was unworthy of a governmental department; that it took liberties with private property; and, worst of all, that it was bad salesmanship. They saw prospective customers annoyed or offended instead of persuaded by advertising on a letter. They pictured their rivals in business gnashing their teeth in unethical rage because the contract for letter advertising had been given to a competing concern. Letters carrying the name of one merchant into the office of another in the same line of business might be regarded as a good joke if both of them happened to be blessed with an extraordinary sense of humor.

On the whole, it had to be admitted that the plan was not going to receive serious support from the people who were expected to profit by it and pay for it. So, out of consideration for the dignity of the Government, the private rights of citizens who do not want to be forced to give publicity, and the shying away of the contractors for stamp-canceling advertising, the whole project was dropped. The Government came to be a little ashamed of it, as it had exposed the postoffice to ridicule."

We trust that a stamp club was organized in North Adams, Mass., as indicated that it would be in the North Adams *Transcript* some time ago. The first meeting was scheduled at the Y. M. C. A. and all interested in stamps, boys and men, were asked to foregather at the place.

The clippings on the subject of the row created by the inclusion of Frederick the Great, in the portrait gallery of stamps recently issued by Germany show a diversity of expression that is somewhat amusing. One account reads: "The more radical members of the reichstag committee sought to have the Frederick stamps withdrawn but the proposal failed and the stamps are already on sale."

A reader shows us the correspondence from a large stamp firm in which the dealer said that he did not know of any second Pan-American Postal Congress issue of stamps for Mexico. It was suggested that Sweden may have been meant by the inquirer. It ill-behooves us to chortle at this bland ignorance because we have done as badly at times.

Mr. Smith Hamill of Keokuk, Iowa, was in Chicago recently where he mingled with kindred philatelic spirits.

The New York *World* article on "Pigeon Post Films at Stamp Exhibit" which was published recently was a most interesting one and would make good reprint matter for us, if the demands for space in our reading columns was not so urgent at present. The Franco-Prussian postal relics shown at the International Exhibition were the subject of the spirited story.

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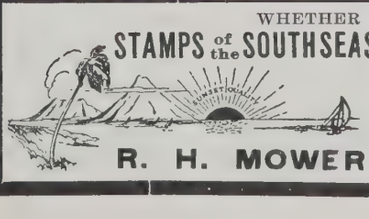

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Stamp News for the Juniors

Is there anything you want to know about stamps or stamp collecting? If so, write the editor. What would you like to see in this department? We have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Mr. Senior Collector, can't you give the boy collector about 50 words of encouragement along practical lines?

Gossip

Chas. Roberts—"Franco Bollo" which appears on the various stamps you refer to means "free stamp" as related to their official, or departmental use.

Troy, N. Y.—The 2c Pan-American is printed in two colors. This explains the "differences in distances" referred to by you. They are caused by improper or careless registration in running the sheets thru the press.

Harold Sherman wants to know about our Dictionary. Well, it's cloth bound, 230 pps., and defines and describes almost everything connected with stamp collecting. Suggest to Santa Claus the book for Xmas.

Tarrytown, N. Y., will have a Stamp Exhibition for Juniors Jan. 14-15. Tell us more about it, Mr. MacMahon. We are interested.

There are 12 postoffices in Canal Zone, the best known Ancon, Balboa, Cristobal and Pedro Miguel. This is for Geo. Brett. In Guam one only. Hawaii, too numerous to record.

CAVE comes to life once more, but we are very pleased to tell Doak Blassingame that the name is that of a Ceylon firm of merchants whose name is printed on the stamps to prevent petty pilfering by employees. Call again, Doak.

C. T. R.—Your query as to the stitch watermarks will be answered in an early issue.

Enjoyed at the Exhibition

E. Sperman, N. Y. City, tells us that he is 14 years old and is very glad that we have started this page. Here is what he says in regard to the Exhibition:—

"The thing I enjoyed most at the Exhibition was to see Mr. Hind's valuable stamp, the 1c British Guiana, the only one of its kind in the world."

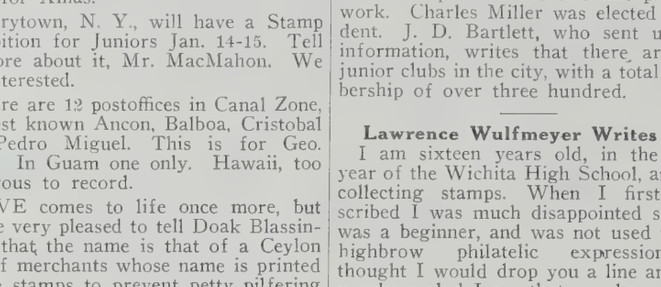
Master Sperman receives a stamp reward for writing us his opinion.

Junior Club at El Paso

A boys' stamp club was organized at El Paso, Texas, December 1, with sixty members. H. E. Bailey of the senior club is responsible for this fine piece of work. Charles Miller was elected president. J. D. Bartlett, who sent us this information, writes that there are five junior clubs in the city, with a total membership of over three hundred.

Lawrence Wulfmeyer Writes Us

I am sixteen years old, in the third year of the Wichita High School, and am collecting stamps. When I first subscribed I was much disappointed since I was a beginner, and was not used to the highbrow philatelic expressions. I thought I would drop you a line and tell you how glad I am that you have a Junior Department. Many of my friends are not interested in stamps and the real reason is because they do not understand how to collect them properly.



A STUDY IN WATERMARKS

The watermarks pictured above are found in British Colonial stamps:— No. 1 shows a Crown and C. C. representing "Crown Colony." No. 2 pictures a larger Crown with CA for "Crown Agent." No. 3 is called the multiple type "Crown CA." No. 4 is the current and familiar Script type. Do you want any information, juniors, on watermarks?

Jack Faunce wants to know what an "original cover" is. Substitute the word "envelope" for "cover" and the term will be readily understood. Used by dealers it refers only to stamps upon envelopes as originally mailed.

Juniors are earnestly urged to contribute to this page. Write along any line you please, not over fifty words, and if your letter appears in print there will be some kind of an award for your stamp collection.

Crosby Gray 3rd, Winter Haven, Fla., sends us a clipping from a local paper announcing the fact that four Boy Scouts of the city recently sold more than two thousand 10c airmail stamps in four days and, as a reward were given an airplane ride over Tampa.

Alexander Zoesch, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., saw something at the Exhibition that escaped the eye of the editor. We will let Alex describe it:—"A stone plate of four stamps about twelve inches square, and two inches thick. This plate was of a Persian country and the stamps in the center of the plate appeared to be cut by hand."

Mr. Dealer — Does This Mean You?

I am very much interested in your page for Juniors. It is a great incentive to those who know little but whose ambition and desire for knowledge is great. The beginner is usually shunned and little interest and some discourtesy is shown him by not a few dealers. I refer to personal experiences in New York City; unless one is willing to buy the more expensive stamps one is apt to get little or no attention and in some cases one is told that there is no time to look over the cheap stuff.—CHAS. T. RAMSDEN.

A Stampic Torch Bearer

George Hopkins, Jr., of Paw Paw, Mich., writes us a fine letter and we quote:—

"I am 14 years old and much interested in U. S. and British Colonials. These are standard varieties and offer a good opportunity for study. I would rather have a few good stamps than a lot of junk. Your Junior Page is the best thing that has ever appeared in your paper, and you say it will be all the better if we boys take an active interest in it. Well, you can count on me. It has always been my ambition, and that of other boys, to have our names in the WEEKLY. The 'big guys' in the stamp world should give us young enthusiasts a chance. It will be our work in future years to carry the torch of philately that they have lighted."

Essay by Robert Trumbull

Robert Trumbull, who resides in Kittanning, Pa., takes Liechtenstein as one of his favorite countries, and this is what he writes us:—

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Perf. initials do make damaged copies, an influence not encountered in the Bank Note issues, or even in the triangle days. This later term does not refer to moving pictures.

Fourth class permits are non collectible from a special viewpoint, in that all who have tried, have quit for "newes feldes," as Chaucer has it. The permits differ with the period, notably in the box types and rough copies of post office cancels. The permit numbers change annually, so that in New York City we might have a collection of 8,000 permits for each year. In most cases the permit number remains the same thruout the years, and Parke Davis of Detroit has a record, as far as we know. They maintain their number since the old "Paid in Money" days.

Fourth class permits are mostly set-ups, and naturally are at the pleasure of the printer, as long as they contain specified legends. Even so, today, many box permits lack the required "U. S. Postage" legend, and no one seems to bother fourth class mailers to have the prescribed legend in the box. Philatelists usually bring these things to notice.

In Chicago a die cutting firm has been busy and has sold quite a standard permit, which closely resembles an old type D meter. Rubber stamp fourth class permits are common, but such as 96c and 47c are unusual. Doubleday, Page & Co. have a splendid series of unusual rates for mailing book sets.

There are some very artistic permits, too, and a number of oddities also. A furniture company in designing its mail advertisements had the artist design a permit too! Then again hand drawn permits to be run off on a mimeo are seen. These are so crude that they look early Icelandic.

The Pepsodent Company uses a 1½c meter in green, an error truly. A local wit offers an objection to using brown for tooth paste as that would destroy the advertising psychology. A peppermint flavor suggests green, whereas brown would detract.

We wonder what the sales are on the 3c post card?

Heard tell of the chap who had never known of a stamp catalogue, and so constructed a check list of his own? When someone sent him a catalogue, he quit collecting. Our A.P.S. poet laureate could manage iambics with that lilt!

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The new 2c rotary print stamps with special perforation were placed on sale in Washington almost unnoticed, but as usual, I was fortunate in getting some few covers used on the day of issue. The supply cannot be large, for it was not known sufficiently in advance of the issue for the far away collector to get in his first day covers. This interesting variety is offered at 50c.

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CANADA.—Mr. Henry A. Kiehl reports the appearance of the 3c envelope stamp with the surcharge "2 CENTS" in black. Mr. Kiehl further adds that this is due to the reverting to the 2c postal rate.

CEYLON.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new 9c value. It is red on yellow and is printed in sheets of 60, a second printing being made in sheets of 240.

CHINA. — *Overprints.* — According to the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* stamps of ½c, 1c, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 30, 50 cents, 1 dollar and 2 dollars, bear a surcharge signifying "for the exclusive use of the province of Yunnan."—*Philatelic Magazine.*

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. — The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the color of the 60c, type of A9, has been changed to lilac.

EGYPT. — The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us copies of the official stamps noted a few weeks ago. The denominations and colors are 1m yellow, 2m black, 3m brown, 4m green, 5m red brown, 10m red, 15m blue, 20m olive green and 50m dark green. The 20m and 50m are of the same design but of larger size.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Whitfield King & Co. call our attention to two new colors that have been issued but have not been received by them up to the time of writing. They are the 4c orange and 6c red, both script watermark.

FRANCE.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. the following new items of this country: 30c green, Pasteur design; 45c grey violet, Sower type; 35c violet, Sower type surcharged "25c"; 75c blue and 1fr25c blue, both of the Pasteur issues overprinted "50c". All surcharges are in black and two parallel bars obliterate the former value.

GUATEMALA. — *Official stamps.* — We learn from Mr. R. Alcock of the impending issue of a set of seven triangular stamps for official use. The stamps are to be printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in the following denominations, all of which will be in a design bearing the national coat of arms: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 25 centavos.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

ITALY. — *Volta Commemoratives.*—The Fascist Government will issue next year a series to commemorate the centenary of Alessandro Volta, the Italian physicist, and, according to the *Morning Post*, sketches are being prepared by Professor Cisari.—*Philatelia Magazine.*

JAIPUR. — *Provisionals.* — Mr. Oswald Marsh reports two new surcharges on the Perkins, Bacon Chariot design:—3a on 8a, bright yellow and 3a on 1r, yellow.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

JUGO-SLAVIA. — Messrs. Yvert & Tellier's information, on the strength of which we chronicled the Danube Flood Relief provisionals last month, was not correct according to our Special Correspondent in the country, for Mr. Eugen Arkhangelsky contributes the following:—

Issued November 1st, 1926. Surcharged on current postal adhesives in carmine-lilac: 25p on 25p green, 50p on 50p brown, 50p on 1d carmine, 50p on 2d black, 50p on 3d blue, 50p on 4d orange, 50p on 5d lilac, 50p on 8d grey-brown, 1 on 10d olive-brown, 1d on 15d olive, 1 on 20d orange, 1d on 30d green.

Mr. Denton Hepworth shows us postally used copies in confirmation. Contrary to Messrs. Yvert's advice, ou Jugo-Slav correspondent tells us tha these provisionals will remain curren until December 1st only, when they wi be withdrawn; they will thus have ha only one month's currency.—*Stamp Collecting.*

NEW ZEALAND.—In an interesting lead ing article, published in its issue date September 30th, the *New Zealand Herald* (kindly sent by Mr. Ernest H. Gough says:—

The official determination to continu the issue of the 2s and 3s stamps, whic have provoked so much criticism in re spect of their designs and colors, is re grettable. With this evidence that th Post Office is uncertain in its artisti judgment and unwilling to repair its mis takes, a keener interest, with some degre of apprehension, will be created by th official announcement that the forecas new penny stamp will be issued in abou two months. Its most striking featur will be the incorporation of a portrait o King George in the uniform of a field marshal. Thus, for the first time fo nearly thirty years, the sovereign's effig will be presented on the stamp having the largest use.—*Stamp Collecting.*

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. ad vise of the 4c type of A64, which ha been issued in yellow.

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Other fine specimens in the Ackerman collection were the 8- and 12-cent circular stamps of 1850 on original envelopes, a block of four of the 1-cent, 1852, being the first issue with the ship design; a magnificent lot of the 1862 provisionals and an entire sheet of forty of the 1-cent surcharged on 12 cents, 1881, with several odd varieties.

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John N. Luff, Chairman of the Jury of Awards at the recent exhibition, commented in the current issue of *Scott's Monthly Journal* on the criticism made by some collectors of jurors exhibiting their stamps in international events in competition for the various medals. In previous large exhibitions jurors were permitted to show their stamps but not to receive awards. That policy was changed this year and some members of the jury won medals. Mr. Luff said:

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This month will be unusually active with auction sales of fine stamps. Of chief importance in respect to value will be the first part of the large William Wolters collection of Honolulu, including only United States stamps. This will be held on Dec. 15, 16, 20 and 21 by J. C. Morgenthau at the Collectors Club, 51 West Forty-eighth Street. The second part of that collection, including the Hawaiian stamps, will be sold in January.

Percy G. Doane will sell next Friday and Saturday at 154 Nassau Street a choice lot of United States and British Colonial stamps, and on Dec. 13 and 14 George B. Sloane will sell at the Collectors Club the collection of British Colonials owned by Fred J. DeWitt of Chicago. M. Ohlman announces a sale of United States and foreign issues, including many rarities on original envelopes, on Dec. 17 and 18 at 116 Nassau Street. In Philadelphia on Dec. 17 there will be a sale by Eugene Klein.—*N. Y. Times.*

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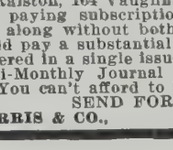

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French Stamps At New York

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By DR. AVAZON.

AT half past eleven of the morning of October 16, 1926, the members of the Association for the Stamp Exhibition met at Grand Central Palace and viewed the numerous collections gathered from all corners of the globe. They gathered together to see these rare treasures which represented fabulous sums of money and endless hours of searching and study.

At two o'clock the pilgrims from all parts of the United States and foreign lands arrived to pay homage to this unusual exhibition.

As the members entered the great exhibition hall the first thing that met their eyes was the exhibits from the Norwegian, Swedish and Austrian governments. Directly opposite was the United States exhibit under the auspices of the Post Office Department, with a full size postage printing press such as is used in the printing office at Washington.

Then one's eyes saw the World's most famous rarities, including the 1c British Guiana of 1856. This is perhaps the most famous and talked of stamp in existence. Mr. Arthur Hind secured it from the Ferrari sale upon the payment of over $32,000.

Mr. Hind exhibited another great rarity in this frame, France, 1849, a strip of five 40c orange having two stamps with a wide four. In a previous article I explained the appearance of the wide "4", two 20c; the cliches were erroneously introduced into a plate of 40. Instead of removing the 20's, they fitted the cliche with some zinc, and the 4 was re-engraved. Hence we have the term retouched 4.

Another French rarity, belonging to Mr. Hind, was a block of four 1 franc pale orange-vermilion (Vervelle), including a tete-beche pair. If I am not mistaken this is the only block of four Vervelle with a tete-beche in existence and was part of the Ferrari collection.

Still another French rarity exhibited in this frame by Mr. Hind was a 1 franc beautiful carmine pair tete-beche. This is certainly another great treasure in the line of the classic stamp.

My interest naturally lies in French stamps, and my attention was immediately drawn to the next frame in which was a beautiful copy of one franc vermilion used on a letter in Algeria.

Next my eyes caught sight of a perfect copy of a 20c black 1849 issue tete-beche used in Algeria on a complete cover.

There was also a one franc carmine empire 1853 issue reprint. Truly this was an unusual pleasure and words can not express my joy.

Mr. Warren Colson of Boston was the owner of these three last mentioned tiny bits of precious paper exhibited among his fifty pieces of rarities.

On the other side of this frame was the exhibit of Mr. Robert Walzer, one of the judges from France. His exhibit consisted of fifty common used stamps, in uncommon condition, of the classic imperforated issued prior to 1865. In this case this term uncommon condition means stamps with unusual margins.

Among these stamps were the following French stamps: 5c 1870-71 Bordeaux Issue in block of 4; 20c black 1849 issue tete-beche in strip of 3; 25c blue 1852 with an extraordinary sheet margin.

In examining these stamps I recollect a statement made by Yvert & Tellier in their official mouthpiece, *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, that from 100,000 copies of the imperforated French stamps from 1c to 1 franc they secured 39 copies in superfine condition, 125 copies in perfect condition. One thousand nine hundred eight copies were good, that is, they had a margin all around, and were not completely covered by the cancellation. Superfine means stamps in perfect condition with wide margins. In fact, such a stamp claims as its own part of the two or three or possibly four neighboring stamp margins. Perfect condition signifies stamps, with perfect and even margins on all four sides. In the 100,000 French imperforated stamps one finds 97,856 damaged ones cut close and are saleable at about one-quarter catalogue price.

This statement of Yvert & Tellier makes the collection of Mr. Walzer take on unusual interest and value.

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marks. This was a very fine exhibition and an interesting sight to a specialist.

While looking over these exhibits I met one of the United States foremost advanced collectors, Mr. Lamborn of Montclair, New Jersey, who personally showed me his collection listed under No. 289, and entitled, Mexico Thacotalpan Provisional Issue. Among these stamps were two very attractive covers, one of which was a 1 franc carmine strip of seven Empire 1853 in a very fine condition on original cover. In this condition this strip is considered a great rarity. His other French rarity in this frame was a 25c blue pair 1849 issue with a red grille cancellation. One-half of the cancellation appeared on the stamp, and the other half on the cover. Surely there could be no doubt of the genuineness of this stamp, or its beauty from a philatelic point of view.

For thirty-four years this cover had lain in a storage warehouse in New York City among many other covers, and was brought to light about two years ago.

Later I viewed Mr. Lamborn's exhibit No. 324 which consisted of the 19th C. France and Colonies. Among these stamps there was a beautiful unused block of four 5c Bordeaux Issue of 1870-71 and a block of six 30c of the same issue, and a block of nine 80c of the same year. There were also other fine blocks in French Colonies which appealed particularly to a lover of French stamps. For this exhibit Mr. Lamborn received a bronze medal.

Mr. Gustave De La Chasse exhibit marked in the catalogue as No. 302 consisted of selected pages of precancelled French stamps. This was certainly a fine exhibit and well worthy of careful study. I am glad to say that Mr. De La Chasse returned to France with a bronze medal.

There was also a very fine exhibit called exhibit No. 461 by Mr. George Angers of Mass., and it was undoubtedly one of the best I have ever seen. It consisted of a collection of balloon letters carried by each balloon released during the Siege of Paris 1870-71. Among the collection were letters to foreign countries, letter journals issued by prisoners of war, private and official letters carried by the carrier pigeons and aeronautic cancellations.

As I turned around it was my great good fortune to encounter Mr. Prevost of Springfield, a man of many years of stamp experience and truly a great lover of the wonders and beauties of French stamps.

I spent several hours conversing with him and viewing that increasingly popular Balloon Monte. Mr. Prevost's enthusiasm was contagious, and he expressed his great philatelic ambition as that of securing Nos. 1, 31 and 32. I was very much pleased to learn when the medals were awarded that Mr. Prevost received a gold medal. His years of labor and search in collecting this unique exhibit, and his efforts in advancing the interest n French stamps, deserved nothing less.

No doubt many of my readers would have been interested in Mr. Michel Van Gelder of Uccle Belgian collection of 37 European countries imperforated stamps showing the emissions in chronological order. One frame was devoted to French stamps and there were some strips, blocks and pairs. The most attractive feature about this exhibit was the very fine condition of the stamps.

Every country's stamps exhibited by Mr. Van Gelder were in the same condition and complete from the commonest to the greatest rarity of the 37 countries. It was the unanimous opinion of all that this exhibit was truly worth the highest award, that of the palm of honor.

The writer of this article also exhibited his collection, and will give you a full account of it, and some of the unusual block, pairs and strips and rare cancellations known and unknown in his next article.

THE ZONE-ZONE ERRORS

Emil J. Rall sends us a clipping from the Panama *American* describing the burning of a number of Canal Zone stamps surcharged "ZONE-ZONE." The stamps destroyed were of the 5, 10, 12 and 15c values, and 2 and 10c Postage Due. The first discovered was the 3c value in July, 1925, after one hundred sheets had been regularly issued to the Canal Zone post-offices. The four hundred remaining sheets containing the error were held up and the imperfect stamps subsequently destroyed. Only ninety of the one hundred issued could be positively accounted for, and of the ninety errors about sixty were located after the error was discovered and before the remaining stamps were withdrawn from circulation.

W.P.S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society the following officers were elected: (the first eight were re-elections). Pres., Wm. A. Johnson; First Vice President, J. F. Duhamel; Second Vice President, Wm. N. Sahm; Secretary, Albert E. Gorham; Treasurer, Philip S. Warren; Board of Governors, Pres., First Vice Pres., Sec., Treas., Valdemar Weiergang, Col. W. N. McKelvy, B. H. Howard; Librarian, M. G. Skinner M.D.; Sales Mgr., T. E. Forbes; Auctioneer, J. D. K. Smoot.

Charles E. Nickles and Charles Kohen were elected members. Plans were perfected for the establishing of a junior branch and much interest was manifested. About a score of the members attended the International Exhibition in N. Y. City last October. The members were pleased to greet two, who have been absent for some time, Charles W. Burnham, Louisville, Ky., and Fred H. Gichner, who has recently returned from an extended trip abroad.

The Governing Board held a meeting Dec. 9, to consider the advisability of conducting a public exhibition, such as was given in the Public Library in February of last year. Particulars of this meeting will be given later.

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EMIL J. RALL sends us the Panama *Star and Herald* for Nov. 27, which gives the particulars of an airmail flight from Norfolk, Va., to Coco Solo, Canal Zone. The flight took place Nov. 26, and a package of sixty-eight letters carried by the plane received the back stamping of the Cristobal Postoffice.

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IT was recently reported that a 25c airmail stamp had made its appearance at the Boston post-office and that it looked very much like "an ordinary 2c postage stamp." Roland M. Baker, Postmaster at Boston, writing to Albert E. Gorham says:—"The only 25c stamps known to me are the 25c special handling and the regular 25c postage stamp. There must be some misunderstanding, for no such stamp as indicated has been placed on sale at this office."

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FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB

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Our first application for membership in the Honor Club this week is from Turner D. Bottome, 2934 Shriver Av., Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Bottome is a member of the A. P. S. No. 8242. We thank him for his remittance of $5 for five years' renewal of subscription.

We also welcome to the Honor Club Roy S. Barker, 619 Chestnut St., Springfield, Mass. Mr. Barker is an old friend of the WEEKLY and his application for membership in our Club is very welcome.

In one of the 16-page numbers to be issued this winter we shall publish the entire membership list of the Honor Club. It is a notable list and we feel warranted in giving it the space that will be necessary. We suggest that those of our readers who are planning for membership in the Club shall send their applications in at the earliest date possible.

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Who at the International saw the great rarity—the 1907 Red Cross Seal shown in exhibit 321? There are two types of this seal, but only one was shown. Them as writes philatelic history says that "the notion of issuing private Red Cross stamps originated with Miss E. P. Bissed, Secretary of the Delaware Chapter of the American National Red Cross, who prepared the design of the first issue, consisting of a small Geneva Cross between two sprays of holly leaves, together with the words "Merry Christmas." They were issued in December, 1907, one hundred thousand copies being originally printed in red and sold in Philadelphia and Delaware. The demand "seemingly was so great that a second issue came forth with an addenda "Happy Year" so that the seals could be used after Christmas.

Other interesting exhibits attracted our attention, but we would have liked to have seen more lock-seals, tinfoils, hydrometers, beer stamps, snuffs and tax-paids, precancelled revenues, post cards, and what have you's!

Anyone that has sought the Nesbitt heads on the early envelopes surely lingered before Mr. Bartels' array with awe and admiration. In looking at a collection like that, one should feel disappointed in not being the one to have had the amusement, enjoyment, pleasure, profit of forming such an exhibit. same with Mr. Coulson's work with 2c Columbian! What fun we've miss. We often feel that everyone should working with their stamps, culturing th associations with them, prodding th on to yield a fantasy if but to nurtur gratification of quasi-erudition.

"Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see, but what we choose—
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness."

How did that get in here? Speak of postmarks, one noted the two stars the town mark of the Exhibition mach cancellation. This is the first time t has been seen. Which brings to m many of the old town marks show stars at either end of the town name. T habit of ornate stellar embellishment town mark still continues in foreign po marks, such as Germany, Holland a Italy.

If you note one of the half-dollars the previous mintage, you will obse the six-pointed star on the obverse a a five-pointed star on the reverse. A if you can discern the stars in the L partmentals, you will note, too, that t variation exists with its solution. Sh really don't have points and the Book Knowledge knows!

PAQUEBOATS and French railroads a quite common, and our SEA POST canc too, make an interesting addition to t usual marks. We have seen a few c lections of battleship marks, mostly all one type, and then again—a machine ca cel and some registereds. Oh! the moderns!

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settled by "he who take it as he may," any of us are left without a checkmate our delightful arguments wherefore rmine are carmine. Someone showed a lake shade in the 2c flat, and after uch tutoyer over this and that, we said e'd wait until we got a sheet of them the P. O. That is Brisbane's philosoy, isn't it? A stamp is something you ay at the post office, but never from a ealer.

We saw an advertisement in the S. E. , which in body contained "for the oneer Chicago, Burlington & Quincy ailroad, which brought the mail to St. oseph, had conceived and put into serve the first railway mail postoffice." I ve not received word from my demand r primary evidence to such claims, nce we believe they must have left wn, and forgot to leave a forwarding ldress. Another good White Plains amp wasted!

The advertisement slogans on foreign ail are so plentiful that one wonders if ere are any collectors who pay any attention to them. We love this one "für erz Rheumatisious, Gicht, Nerven u. rauenleiden." And as for kicking mules, ke Baden-Baden's slogan showing a nning horse "Baden-Badener Rennen" the two oxen on the Nurnberg Ausellung Juni, 1922. The Wembley lion the machine cancel of BRITISH EMPIRE XHIBITION is quite interesting. For the ost part, foreign slogans are intricate, t PISAJTE V ADRESE ULICO a CISLO OMU and COLLER LE TIMBRE EN HAUT & DROITE DE L'ENVELOPPE and PREGATE I OSTRI CORRISPONDE TI di AGGIUNGERE ALL' NDIRIZZO IL NUMERO DEL QUARTERE POSTLE and SKRIV TYDLIG ADRESS GATA O USN-R and STADTADRESSEN STRASSE u AUS-NUMMER BEIFUGEN are well worth ving. And to some, WEINACHTSPOST EIZEITEN AUFGEBEN with two Geneva rosses from Bern might be luring. hese Egyptian things, however, — me e!

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Thirteen post offices were in operation in the Canal Zone, on June 30, 1926 (according to the annual report of the Governor of the Panama Canal), there having been no change during the year in the number or location of the offices. Owing to the evacuation of the villages of San Juan de Pequeni, El Vigia, and Tranquilla, in the Alhajuela Basin, the postal service for this area, which had been provided by special messenger (and not by opening post offices in the area), since February 1, 1924, was discontinued on Feb. 15, 1926. The Alhajuela Basin, with an area of 21.2 square miles, was transferred from Panama to the U. S., as provided for in article II of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty, and incorporated in the Canal Zone, effective Feb. 1, 1924. This land will ultimately be flooded and a dam built to provide for additional water storage.

The total receipts of the postal service were $178,324.02, as compared with $168,958.22 for the year preceding, an increase of 5½%. The total disbursements were $177,241.27, leaving a surplus of $1,082.75 for the year. Since it is estimated that 60% of all mail handled locally is dispatched under official frank, from which the Bureau of Posts derives no revenue, the fact that the postal system operated on a self-sustaining basis during the past year is deemed highly creditable.

The sale of U. S. postage stamps and postal cards surcharged "Canal Zone" was continued throughout the year, but stamped envelopes were manufactured at the Panama Canal Press. *As soon as funds are available for obtaining the required dies, for the printing of a distinctive series of Canal Zone postage stamps and other stamped paper, it is proposed to discontinue the use of the surcharged U. S. stamps.*

There were 142,047 Money Orders issued during the year, amounting to $2,777,603.61 on which fees amounting to $12,999.09 were collected. During the year 41,211 Money Orders amounting to $1,244,683.19 were paid. The total amount on deposit at all Post Offices on June 30, 1926, including deposit Money Orders, old postal savings accounts, and unpaid fee Money Orders in favor of the remitter, was $466,996.65, as compared with $536,939.68 at the close of the previous fiscal year.

In the registry division of the Post Offices 261,195 letters and parcels were handled, of which 44,396 were official mail under frank and accepted for registration without fee.

During August, 1925, two German hydroplanes made a pioneer flight from Columbia via the Canal Zone, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Cuba to the U. S. in the interest of a proposed air mail to be established with the co-operation of the governments concerned.

Postage stamps valued at $113,657.74 were sold in 1926, as compared with $110,014.08 in 1925 and $95,458.07 in 1924.

In June, 1926, a census was taken in the Zone disclosing a civil population of 27,692 (7,990 Americans and 19,702 'others" mostly West Indians), and a military population of 9,296, making a total of 36,988.

As potential users of the Canal Zone postal system, there must also be taken into consideration a certain percentage of the population of the adjacent cities of Panama (59,635) and Colon (31,285), many business houses in which, and private individuals as well, dispatch and receive their mail through the Zone Post Offices, either on account of convenience, or lack of confidence in the National system. The letter rate from Panama and the Zone to the U. S., and vice versa, is the same, 2c, but the registration fee from Panama is 5c as compared with 15c from the Zone to the States. Box rents produced almost as much revenue in 1926 as Money Order fees, $12,167.10 and $13,021.27 respectively.

Ancon and Balboa in the Zone are practically suburbs of Panama City, and a newcomer is often at a loss to know where one ends and the other begins. Although the cities of Colon and Panama are excluded from the ten-mile strip of territory (five miles on either side of the Canal route), leased to the U. S. for the construction and operation of the Canal, the eastern boundary line of the Zone, at the south, is diverted to the west so that a narrow strip along the shore of the Bay of Panama serves as a corridor through which Panamanians living in the eastern suburbs of Bella Vista and Sabanas, and those from the eastern half of the Republic, may enter and leave the City, without passing through Zone territory. Thus it is that the tram line, whose eastern termini are at Sabanas and Bella Vista, is wholly within Panama territory except at the west, where after passing through the Balboa section of Panama City, it enters Balboa of the Zone, on its way to the docks, its western terminal.

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW

Edited by FREDERICK W. ALLEN, 815 Delaware, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

JACKSONVILLE FLA. | **CINCINNATI OHIO.** | **ROCHESTER NEW YORK** | **DAVID CITY NEBR.** | **PAGNIA COLORADO**

Jacksonville, Fla.—Along the same order as the new electroplates for Kansas City and Los Angeles, is the Jacksonville design pictured above. It is interesting to note that these four cities together with Cincinnati have all recently pre-canceled with the identical style of lettering, which is known as Universal Style III, and have now similar plates of a design which is a radical change.

Cincinnati, O.—The illustrated type is a new plate, but may confuse the novice as Cincinnati employed an almost identical overprint four years ago. The lettering of the new pre-cancellation is somewhat thicker, and the lines above and below are easily contrasted with the old.

Rochester, N. Y.—A very striking overprint is now current, having superseded the Universal Style X. Rochester pre-cancels are printed with care, and because of superior workmanship, make a splendid showing when grouped in sets. The new type has appeared on the 1½d, 3c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c and 20c stamps of the current series.

David City, Nebr.—Has received an electroplate similar to those in use at Wichita Falls, Texas, and Union City, N. J. I believe the 1½c to be the only stamp overprinted at this office. *Staten Island* has had a similar plate for some time, and has pre-cancelled a number of current set with it.

Paonia, Colo.—Dr. Mitchell sends me specimens of the current series with a new overprint, which is typeset. Everything from the ½c to 50c inclusive has been pre-cancelled in the new type, as well as the 10c, 15c, 20c Special Deliveries, the 25c Special Handling, and ½c 1c and 2c postage dues. There are plenty of the $1 and $2 left with the old type cancellation, so it will be some time before these appear in the new. Paonia pre-cancels are mainly employed on fruit shipments.

Bureau Precancels.—The newest varieties to look for are as follows: Atlanta, Ga., 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c. Dayton, O., 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c*. Houston, Tex., 7c, 8c, 9c. Jersey City, N. J., 1c*. Salt Lake City., 1c*, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c. Bloomfield, N. J., 1½c* coil. Janesville, Wis., 1½c* coil. Coalgate, Okla., 1½c* coil. Westfield, Mass., 1c* coil. Cleveland, O., 4c coil.

* These varieties have been seen by the editor.

The Coalgate coils were all used locally, and are bound to be extremely scarce. Salt Lake City items will be hard to get, too. The Westfield coils seem to have had a general distribution and also the Bloomfields.

In a previous list the following were overlooked: Saint Paul, Minn., 8c, 9c. Columbus, O., 8c, 9c.

The impression seems to exist that the number of towns using the Bureau's precancels will rapidly grow until the Bureau supplies the majority of offices in the country, but this is most unlikely with existing limitations and regulations.

The cost to the Bureau for rolls, setting up press, storing and shipping places a limit on the number of different towns that can be accommodated. It is questionable if the requirement that orders should be for not less than 500,000 ordinary and 250,000 coil stamps can be materially reduced to make greatly extended use possible.

In the 28 months that the Bureau has been supplying precancels 107 towns have placed orders. In the first 18 months there were 88 towns that had ordered rolls. In 24 months, 16 were added and in the last 4 months, but 3. This seems to indicate that the growth will be but slowly in the future.

It may be of interest to note that 51 out of 69 cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more use the Bureau prints; 32 out of 218 of over 25,000, and less than 100,000 are users, leaving but 24 towns of less than 25,000 population that are customers of Washington.

Certainly it would seem that the number of towns to be considered would not be a burden during the next ten years or so, unless the size of each order is materially reduced.

Sunnyvale, Calif.—Mr. E. P. Anthon shows me a 2c, current issue, bearing the overprint in two lines of block caps, with serifs between thick bars. An inverted "A" is used for the "V". I believe the affair to be the result of a single subject locally produced, handstamp.

Elberfeld, Ind.—Comes handstamped in two lines of thin caps between lines. Mr. A. C. Le Duc has shown me the 3c with the overprint reading down.

Atlanta, Ga.—Mr. Charles Metz calls my attention to the fact that this office is using a new plate, which differs from the old in a few minute details. The best check upon the differentiation is found in comparing the respective positions of the last two letters in each word. The lower "A" is to be found immediately under the second "A" of Atlanta in the new plate, while it is a little to the left in the old.

Lodi, O.— Is a newcomer. Mr. Chas. Metz reports it on the 1½c, handstamped in red ink. The type is said to be Universal Style 56.

Miscellaneous.—Mr. Metz also reports Sabetha, Kansas, 9c inverted, purple ink, Universal Style 51.

Rankin, Ill., 8c, Universal Style 56 but between lines instead of bars.

Port Arthur, Texas, 11c, Universal Style 51.

Conclusion.—The editor of this department has on hand cardboard charts showing the different styles of precancellations, which he will forward to interested readers on receipt of ten cents. Also a number of copies of the official catalog of the U. S. stamps precancelled by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. The latter will be sent on receipt of sixteen cents.

AIRPOST COLLECTORS' CHRONICLE

Austria.—The extension of the Vienna-Munich airmail line to Stuttgart was opened on October 16th, three registered and seventy-eight ordinary letters being despatched on that day, writes Mr. G. Sobetzky.

Canada.—We hear that the Rouyn service is now run by the Fairchild Co., which J. V. Elliot recently left. A new charter has been granted to this firm, who have now superseded the stamp chronicled last month by one of a similar design, of the same face value, but inscribed "Fairchild Air Mail Service," and printed in indigo. It is issued in sheets of ten stamps, each pair being tête-bêche.

Fiji.—A private pigeon-post service was operated between two of these islands just over forty years ago, which is believed to have been very short-lived.

France.—The Pekin flight mentioned last month took place in the summer of 1925, not 1926, as suggested by our paragraph.

Great Britain.—A Berlin correspondent has shown us a cover flown from London in the autumn of last year, the franking stamps on which are cancelled by two violet "Air Mail" cachets, as illustrated on page 280 of Champion's catalogue.

Greece.—The promised airmail labels made their appearance at the end of October. Though the profits go entirely to the private company, they are freely sold over the postoffice counters, we are informed. They seem to have been brought into use on October 22nd, none being sold over the counter, as they were affixed by the officials only; but after disappearing for a few days they were openly placed on sale. Since they came into use, the large cachet (No. 17) shown last month has been withdrawn from use by the officials at the Post Office. The labels, attractively designed and printed in two and three delicate tints, represent a seaplane flying over famous Greek landmarks, on the 2, 3 and 10 drachma values, and over a map of the Archipelago on the 5dr value.

Japan.—We find that the rare cards carried by rail from Osaka to Tokio after the breakdown of the flight of October 3, 1919, were not mentioned in the Notes on page 94 of our July number. These are of the same types as those issued from Tokio, but the air cachet is dated "8.10.6" instead of "8.10.4."

Poland.—On October 17th, a commemorative balloon post left Warsaw, carrying special cards, to which private vignettes in two colours were attached. One hundred and thirty-two copies of these vignettes appeared without perforations. We cannot see that any useful purpose has been accomplished by this flight.

Portugal.—A first official airmail flight was undertaken by the Latecoere Co. between Lisbon and Tangier on September 18th (reports *The Stamp Collector*). A special cancellation was used for this flight, the die being afterwards destroyed.

Sarawak.—On the return of the air survey expedition, Mr. Fred Raynham carried a bag of mail from Kuchung to Sibu—the first airmail in Borneo.

Switzerland.—There is no abatement in the airmail activities of the Swiss flying men. Our friend Dr. Vogner sends us two new aerogrammes, one bearing an official cachet in black depicting a biplane which is inscribed with the route of the Lausanne Comptoir special flights; the other, carried on the first Leysin—Lausanne airmail, has an official circular cachet and a large violet triangular cachet over a commemorative vignette. The latter cachet bears the inscription of the Society for the Development of the Aviation Fete, Leysin, 1926.—*The Aero Field.*

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1903, 2sh (28)	2.50	1.40
2sh (29)	1.75	.95
5sh (30)	8.00	5.00
1908-12, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 1sh (31-8)	2.65	1.40
1921-2, ½d-3sh (42-8), 7 v. ..	2.72	1.45
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Ascension 1922, ½d-1sh (1-6, 9)	5.15	3.00
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Bahamas 1912-8, ½d-1sh (49-54), 7 v.	1.84	1.00
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Special Del., 3 var. (101-2-3)	6.40	4.00
War Tax, 13 var.	6.69	3.30
Barbuda 1922, ½d-2sh (1-6,9,10), 8v.	5.66	3.00
1922, 3sh (7)	3.50	2.00
4sh (8)	4.50	2.75
5sh (11)	6.00	3.75
Bermuda 1910-9, ¼d-1sh (40-8,), 9v.	2.43	1.25
1921, ½-1sh (71-9), 9 v.	3.13	1.75
B.C.Africa 1903-4, 1, 2, 4, 6d, 1sh (60-4)	5.35	2.70
1903-4, 2s 6d (65)	4.00	2.20
4sh (66)	6.00	3.30
1907, 6d (73)	8.00	5.00
B. Guiana 1901-3, 48c (158)	4.00	2.00
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Br. Honduras (1904-6), 1-50c (62-8)	8.00	4.50
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1908-11, ½d-1sh (8-15), 8 v.	3.75	2.00
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Cayman Islds. 1909, 5sh (28) ...	5.00	2.75
1912-14, ¼d-3sh (32-42,49), 11v..	6.32	3.30
1913, 1sh (44)	1.00	.50
1921-3, ½d-3sh (50-8), 9 v....	3.19	1.70
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1912, 5r (214)	5.00	2.80
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* 1903, 4r (12)	8.00	4.60
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* 1904-7, ½-8a (17-24)	5.85	3.20
* 1r, 2r (25-6)	4.50	2.50
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* 1912, 1c-1r (40-9), 10 v.	4.37	2.40
* 1r (49a), emerald	..	1.00
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* 1914, 25c, 75c (59,60), white backs	1.65	1.00
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***German E. Af.** 1917, 1r, 2r (220-1)	3.75	2.00
* 1917, 1r emerald (220a)	..	1.00
* 2r (221)	2.50	1.50
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***Gold Coast** 1902, ½d-2sh (38-45)	11.49	6.40
* 1904-7, ½d-6d (49-54), 6 v. ..	6.90	3.75
* 2s 6d (55)	7.50	4.00
* 1907-13, ½d-6d both, 1sh, 2s 6d (56-62, 64)	8.03	4.60
* 1913-6, ½d-2s 6d (69-77)	5.36	3.00
* 2s 6d (77)	..	.90
* Dues, ½, 1, 2, 3d (301-4)	..	.75
***Gt. Britain (Morocco)** 1907-10, 5c-1p (1-8), 8 v.	5.45	2.75
* 3p on 2s 6d (9)	2.00	1.00
* 5p on 5sh (10)	5.00	2.50
* 12p on 10sh (11)	8.00	5.00
* 1907-12, 2s 6d (19)	5.00	2.50
***Gt.B. Levant** 1903-5, 12pia on 2s6d	3.00	1.50
* 1903-5, 24pia on 5sh	5.00	2.50
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A little sheaf of letters has been received treating on the subject of the souvenir sheets of twenty-five of the 2c White Plains that signalized the International Philatelic Exhibition and while some of the writers are a bit testy in the expressions they make, no damage is reported. What is said now on the subject may not have applicability by the time the words are in print, but in order that all may know what there is to be said about the sale of the sheets, we shall consider them again. The number of sheets printed is said to have been one hundred thousand, and there is no room for argument on that score. The sheets were sold to the number of much over half that quantity at New York, and the unsold part of the run was returned to Washington, where the sheets were placed on sale at the Postal Agency. Those who sent to New York were supplied if their orders came during the life of the Exhibition. While we cannot say that every request for the sheets that was made at Washington was filled entirely, in the case of wholesale levies, it is known that requisitions were filled when they called for a reasonable number of the sheets. The chief circumstance is that the issue was limited to one hundred sheets. If any statement has appeared in print to the effect that the sheets were not sold after the Exhibition, when ordered from Washington, it is false. While there may have been some warrant at first that no sheets were being sent out from Washington, the coming of sheets from that city disproved any hasty report of the kind.

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One of the possibilities in the train of the New York Exhibition is that of the promotion of exhibits in other cities through the instrumentality of some of those who had a share in the making of the memorable International Exhibition. Roughly, the plan would revolve around a superb, if compact, exhibit that would be sent from New York under the charge of experienced men, who would work in conjunction with the local philatelists. While the visitors would have a hand in the technical arrangement of the display, the local men would be concerned with the preliminary publicity for the exhibit and with the directing of the enthusiasm of the local collectors into practical channels. The idea is one that is worthy of attention and it is possible that in time a plan to achieve the desired end will take shape.

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On Saturday, December 11, 1926, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society held an exhibit in the Milwaukee *Journal* Auditorium, when hundreds of persons outside of the club members embraced the opportunity to examine the contents of sixty frames of stamps, including representations of Cape triangulars, Brazil, first issue and other attractions. Prizes were given for the best junior collections entered into the contest. Mr. W. O. Staab writes: "We had an exceptional attendance, which again shows our possibilities for the future in that there are plenty of young people to take our places in the future." Mr. R. L. Hustis was the chairman of the exhibition committee and it is evident that he labored to good effect. The Milwaukee *Journal* covered the feature by illustration and news articles.

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The expansion of general interest in philately during the past few months has been attended by several developments, one of which may be spoken of at this juncture. From remarks that have come to us from instructors and directors in the work of cultivating the latent qualities of boys and girls, it is seen that stamp collecting is having a place in the thoughts of these men and women as a worthy means of furthering their aims. Several letters have been received from private and professional workers in social welfare as affecting the boys and girls, in which tribute is paid to stamps as agents for encouraging youth in its forward movement. Inquiries have come from others dedicated to this line of endeavor asking how a trial may be made of the potentialities of philately as applied to their purposes. In the past there have been indications that serious workers in the cause of training the young, in order that their natural impulses may be directed along useful channels, have been weighing philately as a vehicle for attaining good results and have not found it wanting. It is recognized that stamp collecting is adapted to filling the want for a hobby that is a natural attribute of a host of boys and girls and now there is some general acceptance of philately as a pursuit. In the course of time it is fair to say that stamp collecting will be chosen more definitely for a place in the practical training of the young, aside from any value that it may have in any sentimental or instructive way.

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The Principal of the Evening High School, Central Y. M. C. A., Chicago, Howard L. Beck, in an address, "Ethics and Education," speaks of Babbitt, the successful business man of middle-age, who was well off in a material sense but who was disturbed by longings that did not shape themselves concretely enough to allow them to be satisfied. Happiness eluded him and he was not acute enough to pursue it to good purpose and the result is that he accepts the drab routine of life, from which he feels he cannot escape. Now then, if the aforesaid Babbitt takes to stamps, for instance, he has an outlet for his dreams and imaginings, with the consequence that he gets away from the obvious and the uninteresting and enters the field of romance. Thus it is shown that if he has a spark of philatelic fire it may become ignited and he will find that he is no longer ticketed as a standard product.

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Here is a paragraph that reflects the feeling of the philatelist who tries to promote stamp collecting and to bring it to the attention of all manner of men. The quotation is from A. Edward Newton's "Amenities of Book Collecting and Kindred Affections," published by the Atlantic Monthly Press, 1918, and it has been sent to us by Miss Constance Wilmerding of Tarrytown, New York. Miss Wilmerding says: "You may have read this book—if not, I recommend it as worth even a busy man's time." While we have made use of this extract from Mr. Newton's book some years ago, it will bear repetition as it is about the best snap-shot of the psychology of the collector's desire to make recruits for his chosen pursuit that may be found: "We collectors strive to make converts; we want others to enjoy what we enjoy; and I may as well confess that the envy shown by our fellow collectors when we display our treasures is not annoying to us. But, speaking generally, we are a bearable lot, our hobbies are usually harmless, and if we loathe the subject of automobiles, and especially discussion relative to parts thereof, we try to show an intelligent interest in another's hobby, even if it happen to be a collection of postage stamps. Our own hobby may be, probably is, ridiculous to someone else, but in all the wide range of human interest, from postage stamps to paintings,—the sport of the millionaire,—there is nothing that begins so easily and takes us so far as the collecting of books."

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At a recent meeting of the London Stamp Club, Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, proprietor of *Stamp Collecting*, related the story of his trip to Canada and the United States to an interested audience His journey here was described as "virtually a triumphal procession." We are sure that our friend kept the members of his audience awake by the interesting "asides" that he must have incorporated into his address.

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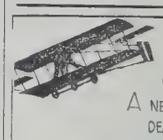

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Under date of December 10 came a rst-day cover from Washington, D. C., rough the courtesy of Albert E. Goram, bearing the 2c U. S. with experiental perforation. Mr. Gorham accomanied the sending with some information hich we deem wise to print as being of ublic interest:—

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NEWFOUNDLAND 1c ON 3c 1897

By HERMANN FOCKE.

In the Fall of 1897 there was issued by this interesting country a provisional stamp about which only inexact data have been given up to the present day.

I refer to the ONE CENT surcharge on the 3c stamp of 1890, with miniature portrait of Queen Victoria, Scott's Nos. 75-77, catalogued as gray-lilac, or in Stanley Gibbons' gray-purple in color, with the surcharge in three types.

Having had the good fortune of gathering a fair number of this provisional, I would like to give to the philatelic world a short sketch of my findings:

In Stanley Gibbons catalogue there appears under the respective Nos. 80-82 the foot note: "One sheet was surcharged in red, and as this was indistinct, it was further surcharged in black; we have seen two copies of type 36 (or type I, the common variety) and presume that all three types exist." Kohl's Handbuch (manual) cites after the respective Nos. 64a, b and c, a No. 64-I red and black and gives the further more detailed information: "Of the total issue of 40,000 there are in type I 32,000, type II: 6,400 and type III: 1,600, each sheet of 50 containing 40 of type I, 8 of type II, and 2 of type III; No. 64-I (i.e., with surcharge in red and black) is known in lesser numbers and may be an essay; of type II one may distinguish a minor variety, in which the space between the words ONE and CENT is larger, making the entire surcharge abt. 1¼ mm. wider, this being the first stamp in the fifth row." The color is given by Kohl as gray-lilac.

This is about all that the general collector knows about this very interesting provisional which in the latest catalogues has enhanced in value and most likely will continue to advance as the years roll on, as dealers' supplies do not seem to be large, particularly in types II and III and less so in used specimens.

Citing from Kohl there existed only 1,600 copies of type III, so that Scott's present price of $20.00 is rather modest (and it is much higher in European catalogues) and a good used specimen is in my opinion worth fully this much, if not more.

But now to come back to the color of the stamp: by looking up the unsurcharged value of 1890, Scott's Nos. 51 and 52, it will be seen that there are readily five distinct shades recorded, and in my little collection there are four of these with the surcharges in question; I have of type I a strip of four, on a cover posted to St. John's on Ocboter 29, 1897, in the slate shade, and type III in the same shade on a cover, posted April 27, 1898; in gray lilac I have all 3 types, I and III used and II mint; in slate violet I have type II on a cover and type III on part of cover, both having date of Dec. 22, 1897, and in plain lilac I have a used copy of type I surcharged in red and black.

Furthermore I have a used copy on part of cover in Stanley Gibbons' purple-gray color with red surcharge only, in type II.

Regarding these latter two stamps I have it on the authority of my late friend, Mr. Peter G. Tessier of St. John's, one of Newfoundland's greatest collectors and specialists, and also from a Mr. Reichardt who resided at St. John's at the time when these provisionals appeared, that both, the stamp with only the red surcharge and the one with surcharge in red and black were issued in the regular way and obtainable at the P. O. in the first days of October, 1897, which seems to contradict Kohl's contention or belief that only one sheet (of 50) had been surcharged in red and black, and that the stamp had regular franking value has been proven to me by the fact that I have seen in the past at least two covers franked with only the stamps having the surcharge either in red or the one in two colors.

Now then, it appears to me that Scott's catalogue should in the future append the foot notes:

(*a*) that the stamps come in the various shades as given under Nos. 51, 52, 52-b and 52-c and probably 52-a.

(*b*) that the stamp appears with red surcharge and

(*c*) that it appears with surcharge in red and black.

in fact the latter two varieties deserve as much of their space in the catalogues as those which we find under Nigeria on page 1063, the 20sh provisional on 1sh of which No. 40 was issued in 5 copies and Nos. 41 and 42 in 2 copies only, see Stanley Gibbons' note after their No. 37, whereas of the above Newfoundland provisionals there should have been issued at least 40 copies in type I, 8 in type II and 2 in type III, both with the red, and the red and black surcharge.

The stamp appears to me of greatest interest and worthy of more attention both from cataloguers and collectors in general, and it may not be too late for the latter to get at least a fair-sized collection of the black surcharge in the various types and shades, too many years having already gone by since the issue of the provisional, to hunt for the red surcharge with any marked success.

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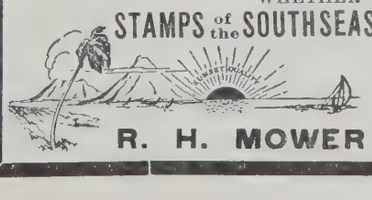

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Gossip

Mrs. L. L. A.—The Philatelic Agency may be reached by simply addressing it at Washington, D. C. Upon application a list of all the stamps in stock will be sent you. It is a printed circular and quite an assortment of U. S. stamps is offered at face value. You may buy one or more stamps as you please. We thank you for your approval of this page and trust your seven-year-old junior will enjoy it.

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No matter what your question, we will try and answer it, even though it has been answered a dozen times before. This page is for you Juniors, and we want to make your collecting a delight.

Bob Burns.—Go to your local Y. M. C. A. and see the Boys' Secretary. Ask him to organize a junior stamp club and help him do it. The rest will be easy.

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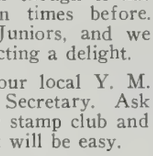
A New King George Stamp



We introduce to our juniors a new stamp in the 1d New Zealand with a fine profile of King George. It will make a handsome addition to your stamp collection.

Trading at a Stamp Club

Definite rules must be made and adhered to. Have a systematic method of keeping duplicates. Stock books and cards are splendid. Some prefer to keep them sorted in envelopes,—either according to country or value. Ordinary note books are satisfactory. Stamps all jumbled together in a box are not going to please those who have to look them over. A gust of wind or a sneeze will result in further confusion. They are handled more and apt to become damaged.

A satisfactory rule for exchange is to give stamp for stamp for those cataloguing less than 10c and trade according to value for higher priced stamps. It is wise to complete each trade at the meeting and not have one party owing stamps to another. If agreeable to both parties, one may hold stamps in reserve for another until the trade can be completed. And only perfect stamps should be offered. If a rare stamp is imperfect it should be presented as such.—Eva R. Bonney.

Paderewski

Whenever one hears the name Paderewski one associates the word "piano" with it, as he is best known to Americans for his musical work. However, he is an ardent Polish patriot and has done a great deal for his country, particularly in recent years. He is a native of Russian Poland. During the Great War his sympathies were with the allied side. He was actively engaged in helping the defeat of the German forces and the liberation of his country from the domination of the Russian and German governments. He was one of the leaders in the formation of the government of the new Polish Republic. He was premier of Poland in 1919.

Altho Ignace Jan Paderewski is best known to Americans as one of the great performers at the piano, he is beloved by his countrymen for his patriotic activities in their behalf. To show their interest and appreciation of his work, a stamp was issued by the Polish Republic in 1919, which shows a picture of their noted citizen. It is the 15 filler, Scott's No. 130.

Junior Club at Pau Pau, Mich.

Jerome B. Warner, president of the Pau Pau, Mich., Philatelic Society informs us that this club for juniors was organized two months ago. The following officers have been chosen: President, Jerome B. Warner; general business manager, G. E. Hopkins, Jr.; secretary, L. M. Salisbury; treasurer, David G. Warner. The meetings are held every Friday night at the homes of the members. Auction sales have been held with good success. Pres. Warner would like to correspond with other club officials and get some pointers for his organization.

Harry Lebow Takes Barbados

Barbados is the most easterly of the B. W. I. and was first occupied by the British in 1626. It is twenty-five miles long and approximately thirteen and one-half miles wide. Most of the land is being cultivated. The capital is Bridgetown. The island is subject to violent hurricanes.

The stamps of Barbados are very interesting because of the distinctiveness of their design and the many shades, varieties, etc. There are many specialized collections of this colony and with general collectors it is also very popular.—H. Harry Lebow.

Do You Belong to a Stamp Club?

You will be surprised to see how much more rapidly you can collect, and more cheaply, too. Boys and girls who have relatives in foreign countries get quantities of stamps for trading and often are glad to pass some on. Others have parents or friends who are in business houses where they can obtain stamps. Those whose allowances permit can buy packets and sets and have worth while duplicates for trading. A catalogue, magnifying glass, and watermark detector are quite necessary. Dues will enable the club to purchase such articles.

A stamp club is an excellent means of exchanging ideas and learning from one another. One boy may discover a difference in stamps which the others may not have noticed. Another may have learned some item of general interest which he passes on. One can compare methods of arranging and mounting stamps. Experiences with stamp dealers are discussed. If one boy makes a mistake he is glad to tell the others so that they will not do the same thing. Let me urge the boys and girls to get together and organize clubs in their schools and communities. The time is coming when the many small clubs will be recognized by the large philatelic societies.—Eva R. Bonney.

Curtis High Stamp Club

George Woldt writes us as follows:—"A Stamp Club has existed in Curtis High School, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., for many terms and still exists. Officers are appointed at the beginning of each term and several auctions are held. The club visited the Exhibition in New York and their album was shown there. Results of the election of officers and of auctions are published in the *Curtis Monthly*, the school publication."

Any Andorras? No? Why Not?

Andorra is a small republic situated in the mountain fastnesses of the Pyrenees between France and Spain. It is one of the oldest commonwealths in Europe, having preserved its independence for more than eleven centuries. At the present time it is nominally under the suzerainty of France and Spain. Although it has a well organized postal and telegraph service, it has not issued stamps for the simple reason that it has no use for them. Within the borders of the little state letters are carried absolutely free, while those sent to the outside world are franked with French or Spanish stamps.

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Hubert Lively on Tunis

Tunis is one of the French possessions in Northern Africa. It has an area of 45,000 square miles and the population is nearly 2,000,000. It is inhabited now by Bedouin Arabs and Kabyles. It is an old land, strewn with the ruins of long-vanished civilization. The Phoenicians had established their trading posts along its shore long before the time of the Romans. When the Romans gained power, they drove the Phoenicians out. Later, the Vandals drove the Romans out and the Vandals were driven out by the Byzantines. Today Tunis is owned by France. They have issued 7 regular postage stamps, two air postage stamps, 46 semi-postage stamps, 21 postage due, and ten parcel post stamps.

Hubert gets a stamp prize surely.

Danzig

During the settlement of affairs after the European War, the area in and around the city of Danzig was a source of much trouble. The territory was claimed by Poland and by Germany. It was finally set aside as the "Free City of Danzig" under the protection of the League of Nations. This city-state has an area of about 2,000 sq. miles, is located at the mouth of the Vistula river and has a population of 384,000.

This country started issuing stamps soon after its establishment in 1920. The first stamps used were the old German stamps surcharged "Danzig." This area was formerly a part of the German Empire and had used German stamps there for a long time. Beginning in 1921, this city-state began to issue distinctive stamps for its use, but still continued to use the German money system. As time went on and the value of the German mark went down and down in value, it was necessary for the country to put out new stamps very often. We find some stamps of Danzig up in the hundreds of millions of marks. As this could not go on indefinitely, it was found necessary to change the kind of money in use in the country. This was done and we now find of the mark.

Altho Danzig has been a stamp issuing country for about six years, we find that Scott's catalog lists 317 major varieties of stamps. This includes all the regular postage, air mail, charity, official and postage due stamps. Some showing for six years!

EEN AND HEARD:—

HERE has been formed in and around Elmira, N. Y., what is to be known as the Southern Tier Stamp Society. Ten charter members have met and organized with Dr. Charles Haase as President; H. J. Worth, vice-president; . P. Colegrove, secretary-treasurer; Walter F. Kline, sales manager. A junior stamp club is to be organized.

THE firm of R. L. Ferraro, 4312 Pilling St., Philadelphia, Pa., is sending out "Phila-Telia" a monthly house-organ. A goodly number of lots by countries are offered for sale. From John P. Cooper, 38 Peters Place, Red Bank, N. J., comes a wholesale list of United States stamps. It is a very comprehensive pricelist. Either of these two offerings may be obtained upon request.

THERE will be an exhibition of stamps by the Lansdowne (Pa.) Stamp Club on January 15, in the Parish House of St. John's Episcopal Church. Eugene Klein and Joseph A. Steinmetz have already been secured on the board of judges. Special attention will be given junior exhibits. Clipping from Robert H. Thomson, Sec.

ALBERT E. GORHAM has submitted drawings of the old and new 2c stamps showing the comparison of perforation measurements. In the old stamp there are 10⅞ perforations horizontally and 12¼ vertically, while in the new stamp there are 12 3/7 horizontally and 14 vertically. Benjamin R. Stickney of the rotary press perforating machine and A. W. Hall, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, approved the drawings sent for our inspection. We may add that the perforation on the new stamp according to our perforation gauge measures 11x10½.

ON December 10 the Hackensack Philatelic Society elected their officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Pres., J. F. Christensen; Vice Pres., J. H. Bennett; Treas., Dr. H. E. Crocker; Sec., . C. Steiger; Sales Mgr., H. S. Dunlupt; Ex. Mgr., W. C. Steiger; Auct., . T. Willcox; Lib., E. Roberts, Jr.; Trustees, A. Simionescu, G. E. Mandadle; Directors for United Stamp Societs: H. S. Dunhaupt, H. A. Bullard.

THE annual meeting of the New York Stamp Society was held in the rooms of the New York Philatelic Society, 20 West 125 St., December 2. President . R. Hoover was in the chair. The present membership, paid-up, is 87, a net gain of 15 in 12 months. The treasury contains $119.62. The following officers were elected for 1927:—Pres., Dr. E. W. Lawrence; Vice-Pres., H. M. Konwiser; Cor. Sec., C. H. Fournier; Rec. Sec., . R. Stannard; Treas., Baldwin Schlesinger; Trustees, A. M. Tannenbaum, N. Hoover.

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As the anxious broker awaits the ticker's tale of the moment, so do many collectors await the newsy enfold of stampic prance contained in our gazettes. Too often does one read without cerebral disturbances, and he that readeth, but readeth not, claims the indictment of the editors. They spread a panoply of news and are called upon to print what only appeared an issue before. In this, as an action Winklereid, we grasp the onrushing spears to defend many who may feel attacked. Yet queerly does one note that the best conviction is the guilt of those who did not read MEKEEL'S Exhibition Number! Full grown collectors not deriding the de luxe edition, fit to be bound in half-morocco, boards 'n everything? How come? Just that they gave away their copies, sent them out without reading them, spreading the influences of stamp collecting and seeking proselytes among those who have been bacchants without sipping the nectar! The Hindu of poesy who had two loaves, sold one to buy hyacinths, but those who have one MEKEEL'S, sent it out on errands to buy publicity, to engender approbation and to acclaim their belief in the adolescence of playing with stamps. If you have not your Exhibition Number, get it, and if you have two, get one more to use as a messenger of the faith you bear to philately.

The Sesqui slogan on a 2c Liberty Bell is an idea! Those who have sought Pan-American triangle cancels on the Pan-American stamps, those who sought World's Fair cancels on the Louisiana Purchase stamps, or even so lately, Pilgrim slogans on the Pilgrim stamps, do appreciate the kindly idea set forth.

How many are helping Ward in searching for the rotary press booklets from the experimental plates? "They also serve who stand and wait," said Milton after he was blind.

Whenever the word "cachet" is used to designate a townmark or dispatch mark, one recalls his French History with its detestable "letters de cachet." One recalls a Gallicism heard which may refer to our etymologists and best quoted as "Les cachets ont du cachet" or rather, cachets are quite stylish.

Which recalls a rencontre an A. P. S. member had in Rome last summer with an Italian dealer. Neither could understand the other, but in two hours, what the eye don't see, the heart can believe, as the Great Hermann prestidigitated. Whatever the Esperanto word for stamps is, becomes of little consequence when stamps are shown. And who is so dull as to misconstrue a guttural "Avion oopsite down."

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"IT WAS A GREAT SHOW"

(We find in the Panama "American" of Nov. 6 by courtesy of Emil J. Rall an article "Pro and Con" by John K. Baxter. Mr. Baxter puts into the mouth of one of his friends the matter quoted below. It is a bright and breezy bit of comment on the Exhibition and we pass it on to our readers. Perhaps some of them will feel that we might well have omitted the final paragraph.—Ed.)

"During the next week, the wolf at my door growled so vigorously that I was frequently compelled to leave by the rear exit. Just as the sheriff was about to collar me, Old Man Kismet came galloping up the street with a job, a temporary one to be sure, but nevertheless welcome. It seemed that the International Philatelic Exhibition was to hold forth for two weeks at the Grand Central Palace; that philatelists from all over the world were to display their wares. It was requested that I assist them.

"You see the whims of fortune? Philately is nothing more or less than stamp collecting as an art. And who was better qualified to help stamp collectors than your correspondent whose training in the intriguing process began at Balboa Heights, and ended at the same place?

"It was a great show! Philatelists from all over the world as I have told you. Long, rangy Englishmen dropped their H's knee deep on the floor; dignified Latins bowed to me from the waist down; pompous Nordics with tremendous mustaches that drooped to their collars peered thru magnifying glasses at choice specimens. Stamp collectors are most enthusiastic fellows. They buy for investment. That is, whenever they hesitate to spend the money for a valuable stamp, they remind themselves that it is certain to increase in value with the years. If it doesn't, they hold on, waiting for the rise; if it does, they hold on because it has become too valuable to sell.

"Incidentally, Canal Zone stamps and envelopes were very much in evidence at the show. I saw Mr. "Pop" Gilkey's name on one envelope; I saw Mr. Harry Dion's on another. They had been sent by submarine mail during the Liberty Loan drive in 1919, and are considered rare specimens today, being owned by Hetty Green's son. And while performing one of my many varied duties one day—I chanced to be collecting tickets at the door—I stopped Mr. Dion, for he had no pasteboard and I believe was trying to crash the gate. He failed to recognize me with my ornate cap and decorations, said he was not interested in stamps, and merely wished to talk with a friend. When I showed him his contribution to the exhibit, he was pop-eyed and lost a great deal of faith in the human race, for he had given away the envelope, little realizing its worth.

"That's all, except that I am living in Brooklyn. You will remember that Steve Brodie jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge; after living here a month, I can understand that very easily."

FUTURE GREATS!

FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS IT HAS BEEN MY CUSTOM TO MAKE OCCASIONAL OFFERS OF STAMPS THAT I BELIEVE HAVE THEIR FUTURE MOSTLY IN FRONT OF THEM — THAT IS, NOT STAMPS WHICH HAVE REACHED A PEAK PRICE, BUT STAMPS THAT SHOULD ADVANCE MATERIALLY IN VALUE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

I DO NOT ALWAYS STRIKE IT RIGHT —OF COURSE I DON'T!

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MY WEEKLY LISTS MAKE THESE OFFERS QUITE FREQUENTLY, AND SOME OF THE STAMPS THAT HAVE BEEN EARNESTLY RECOMMENDED TO MY CUSTOMERS THRU THESE LISTS AT THE TIME THAT THESE STAMPS COULD BE BOUGHT "RIGHT" WERE SUCH CLASSICS AS MALTA NO. 65 (OFFERED & RECOMMENDED AT $10), CYPRUS NOS. 87 & 88 (OFFERED & RECOMMENDED AT $9.00 PER PAIR), ST. KITTS TERCENTENARY AND MANY OTHERS.

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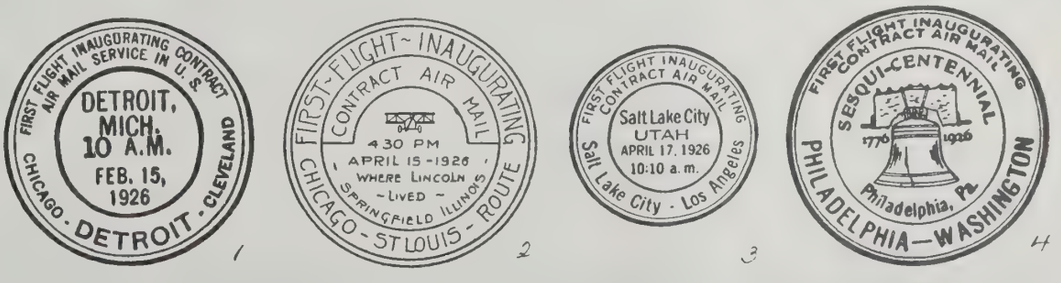

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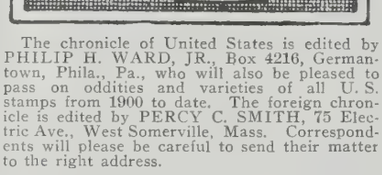

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa., who will also be pleased to pass on oddities and varieties of all U. S. stamps from 1900 to date. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 75 Electric Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States

New Rotary Perforations, 2c II x 10½

In MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS for December 13th, my prepared chronicle mentioned the new perforations which the Department was about to place on sale. This information was placed in the Junior Department and perhaps did not come to the attention of our readers who are interested in new happenings. Since these notes were written, the new stamp has been placed on sale, making its first appearance in Washington on December 10th. One machine at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing has been changed over and if the twenty million copies that have been mailed to New York meet with approval, no doubt the balance of the machines will be changed in due course. The Bureau, however, moves slowly in such cases, for the perforating wheels are costly pieces of apparatus, it being necessary to have all the pins the same size and evenly spaced.

The denomination which has made its appearance is the 2c and is perforated exactly 11 x 10½, that is 11 horizontally and 10½ vertically. I say exactly, because the stamps which we now designate as perforated 11 are really 10¾, whereas this new stamp shows a true 11. The stamps which we have heretofore designated as perforated 10 are really 9¾.

The new variety is made from plates of four hundred subjects and the perforations run through the margins, differing from the former rotaries where the perforations ran to the edges of the stamps only and left the margins imperforate.

I wish to thank Mr. H. M. Southgate for a first day cover from Washington.

Stitch Watermarks

In a recent chronicle mention was made of the discovery of a 90c 1873 Continental print with stitch watermark. Dr. Carroll Chase kindly writes that he now knows of all values of the 1857 with stitch watermark, as well as all values of the 1851 from 1c to 12c, inclusive, that is excepting the imperforate 24c, 30c and 90c.

In speaking of the Carriers, Dr. Chase writes: "Rather strangely I have never seen either the Eagle or Franklin Carrier with a stitch watermark, although there is no reason why they should not exist."

He reports having located the 3c 1875 reprint of the 1851 design with stitch watermark running vertically in the paper.

Oddities

Mr. Alfred H. Benners calls attention to the fact that on the second stamp in the northwest pane of plate No. 18773 of the White Plains variety, there is to be seen a small dot in the white shirt of the center gunner. This dot is very small and is not seen as easily as the one over the "S" previously described.

Mr. Willis M. Pott calls attention to the fact that there is a slight difference in size between the stamps produced in sheets of one hundred and the small sheets of twenty-five. I find that this difference is not constant.

Mr. Albert L. Adams has shown me a copy of the 2c Sesqui-Centennial envelope, Dayton type, in which the figure "6" of 1926 is missing. The cover was used from New York City, where the variety no doubt appeared on sale.

Playing Card Stamps

Mr. H. M. Southgate kindly furnishes some interesting information regarding playing card stamp issued in coil form, which was mentioned in this column a couple of weeks back. He writes that they are printed from the one hundred seventy subject plate, perforated and coiled sideways in one hundred subject coils, presumably perf. 10.

Precancelled rolls have been made for five firms, their initials appearing in a red surcharge without date. The precancelling is done in the same way as for the Bureau printed precancelled coil stamps for towns using such varieties.

The initials of the five firms now appearing are:

A. D. Co. (A. Dougherty & Co.)
R. P. Co. (Republic Playing Card Co.)
S. P. C. Co. (Standard Playing Card Co.)
U. S. P. C. Co. (United States Playing Card Co.)
N. Y. C. C. Co. (New York Consolidated Card Co.)

As the first supply of these stamps were delivered to the manufacturers sometime back, there is no doubt that they will be available on playing cards by the time these notes appear.

Louisiana Tax Stamps

A detailed list was recently given in this column of revenue stamps prepared by the State of Louisiana in order to collect a tobacco tax for the benefit of local schools. The denominations and colors were given in each case with two exceptions. Mr. A. T. Witbeck kindly sends copies of these two stamps, namely, the 10c in a yellow brown and the 50c in a bright purple.

Canal Zone

In my Chronicle for December 13th, mention was made of certain errors of the Canal Zone surcharges which have so far been noted. Mr. J. J. Klemann, Jr., of the Nassau Stamp Company, kindly adds to this list the 12c Cleveland overprinted both with the "ZONE" inverted as well as the error reading, "ZONE ZONE." He writes that he has never seen or heard of any of these varieties of overprint appearing on the 17c and 20c, although there were rumors of these stamps existing sometime back.

Mr. R. S. Carter advises that the Republic of Panama will surcharge with the

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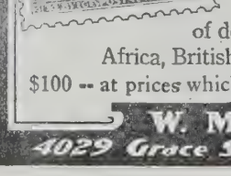

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words "EXPRESO" Scott's No. 210 and No. 211, which will be used as Special Delivery stamps until other stamps of special design can be prepared. If the present American Congress acts favorably upon the treaty with Panama, it is quite possible that these stamps may appear overprinted "Canal Zone."

CAMEROONS.—*Stamp Collecting* print the following: "Another bonfire has been made at Duala, where, by official decree dated August 14th, the stock on hand of all stamps overprinted with the single word 'Cameroon' was burned."

EGYPT.—*Messrs. Yvert & Tellier's Bulletin* informs us that, in connection with the official inauguration of the new port named after King Fuad (early next month), two provisionals are about to be created by the overprinting of the 50pi, large portrait type, and one value of the International Navigation Congress series with the words "Port-Fouad," these to be on sale on the inauguration day only.

FRANCE.—The Economist Stamp Co advise of the appearance of a 75c magenta, Sower type, and 90c brown red, Pasteur design.

GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a set of four values of Air Post labels. They are the 2dr blue, red and yellow green, airplane flying over lake while sun sinks behind the hills; 3dr blue, green, brown and other half shades, airplane flying toward a city on a hill; 5dr blue and red, airplane flying with a bird's eye view of the country below, and 10dr blue, brown and green, airplane about to fly through a narrow arch. The 2dr is for use on post cards, the 3dr to prepay printed matter, the 5dr for letters and the 10dr for registered letters.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. has received copies of the 30c and 60c special delivery stamps surcharged "Cent 70" and "Lire 2.50," respectively. Each stamp bears an overprint of native characters on the right side and the former figures and native inscriptions in the lower corners have been obliterated. The former surcharge is in black, while that on the 60c is in red.

ITALY.—*Fascisti Militia Stamps.*—According to *L'Echangiste Universel* a set of four stamps have just been issued in aid of the funds of the Fascisti Militia. The stamps are oblong rectangulars in the same size as the St. Francis stamps; each has a different design. Values and colours:

40+20c, brown and black.
60+30c, red-brown and brown.
1.25l+60c, green and black.
5l+2.50l, blue and black.

Later.—The designs represent the Chateau St. Ange, the Claudian Aqueduc, the Capitol with the Forum in the foreground, and a view of the "Porta del Popolo." The stamps are valid for internal and external use. *L'Echo* gives the quantities as 200,000, 200,000, 150,000 and 100,000 respectively. Mr. Melville states that the stamps were engraved for *taille-douce* printing by Professor A. Repettati and were printed at the Government printing works at Turin in sheets of 50 (10×5) stamps.

20c shade. From the same source we learn that the 20c green is now appearing in yellow-green.

2l Express will be withdrawn from circulation on January 1st, 1927.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

KENYA.—*High values.*—We are officially informed that the 2s 50c to £100 values (Gibbons' Nos. 101-109), which were issued last year, are not on sale at the post offices in the Colony, the reason being that they are intended primarily for fiscal purposes. They are, however, obtainable by collectors and dealers on application through the usual channels.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

MEXICO.—*Stamp Collecting* reports that the *Amiens Echo* publishes the following total printings of the Pan American Postal Congress commemoratives: — 2c, 750,000; 4c, 75,000; 5c, 400,000; 10c, 1,250,000; 20c, 60,000; 30c, 45,000; 40c, 45,000. The 1 peso stamp of this series is to be found in two shades, brown and grey blue and red-brown and blue.

MOROCCO.—The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us copies of the 1fr postage due stamp in brown on fawn and 2fr purple. Both are of the same design as the previous issue.

NEW ZEALAND.—Wilcox, Smith & Co. have sent us a specimen of the new 1d stamp issued Nov. 12. It shows a handsome profile of King George and the firm comments as follows:—"It is a vast improvement on the recently issued shilling values." It is a handsome stamp.

PERSIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle the 1ch green, in the new design.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.—*Stamp Collecting* informs us that the 30c is about to appear in a new color.

SWITZERLAND. — *Pro Juventute.* — The 1926 series will be issued on December 1st and on sale until the 31st. The values are 5, 10, 20 and 30 centimes and they will be available for postal use until 30th April, 1927.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

TOGO.—*10fr and 20fr.*—*L'Echangiste Universel* says that stamps of the value of 10 and 20 francs are due for issue on November 29th.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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BRITISH COLONIALS

		Cat.	Net
32	**Antigua**—1d scarlet	.15	.07
43	1d rose, Geo.	.12	.06
*103	1½d orange, War	.15	.07
50a	**Bahamas**—2d gray	.10	.05
52	4d orange	.25	.13
54	1sh black and red	.60	.30
75	6d brown, Script	.24	.15
202	1d War Charity	.10	.05
*308	1d War	.10	.05
*310	1sh red & black, War	.75	.35
*311	3d brown on yellow	.50	.25
*316	3d brown and black	.20	.10
60	**Barbados**—½d green	.10	.05
61	1d rose	.12	.06
62	2½d blue	.20	.10
65	4d brown	.30	.15
73	2½d ultramarine	.10	.05
79	¼d Victoria	.12	.06
80	½d Victoria	.10	.05
81	1d Victoria	.25	.12
82	2½d Victoria	.35	.18
101	½d Nelson	.25	.12
*102	1d Nelson	.35	.17
*108	1f Nelson, Mult. CA	.35	.17
116	¼d brown	.15	.07
117	½d green	.12	.06
120	2½d blue	.30	.15
131	2½d ultramarine	.25	.12
151	1d Victory script	.25	.12
155	2d gray small	.25	.12
156	2½d ultramarine	.30	.15
158	6d claret	.75	.38
1	**Bermuda**—1d dull rose, CC	.60	.30
15	½d brown	.50	.25
17	1d dull rose, CA	.80	.40
17a	1d pale rose	.65	.35
20a	1d rose red	.60	.30
26	½d green & black, CA	.40	.20
27	1d rose and brown	.08	.04
31	½d green & black, mult.	.35	.17
37	1d carmine, mult.	.10	.05
43	2d gray	.25	.12
44	2½d ultramarine	.15	.08
45	3d violet on yellow	.35	.17
47	6d claret	.45	.25
73	1d carmine	.15	.07
75	2½d ultramarine	.35	.18
85	2½d apple green	.10	.05
*301	1d War, large schg.	.20	.10
*110	**Br. Guiana**—6c brown, CA.	1.00	.50
129	2c lilac	.25	.12
130	1c lilac-gray	.12	.06
*131	2c lilac-orange	.15	.07
*134	8c lilac-rose	.75	.35
*140	1c green	.20	.10
*143	1c on $1.00	.25	.10
*144	1c on $2.00	.30	.12
*145	1c on $3.00	.30	.12
*146	1c on $4.00	.75	.30
148	2c Waterfall	.30	.15
*152	2c on 3c	.30	.15
*153	2c on 10c	.40	.20
*154	2c on 15c	.30	.15
182	6c gray and black	.15	.08
43	**Br. Honduras**—1c on 1d	.20	.10
73	5c ult., Edw.	.35	.17
78	5c ult., Geo.	.25	.12
135	**Ceylon**—2c on 1c	.12	.06
*152	2 on 5c	.30	.15
212	1 Rupee, K. Geo.	.40	.20
51	**Cyprus**—2pi, K. E.	.10	.05
* 95	¾pi, script	.15	.08
49	**Dominica**—2½d ult.	.25	.12
50	3d violet	.25	.12
58	1½d on 2½d orange	.12	.06
60	1d rose, script	.12	.06
*152	½d green, local schg.	.50	.25
*154	3d violet, red schg.	.25	.12
*155	1½d on 2½d, War	.15	.07
* 18	**E. Af. & Uganda**—1a red&b.	.15	.07
37	**Egypt**—20pa on 5pi	.50	.25
86	20m, green schgd.	.12	.06
87	50m, maroon schgd.	.12	.06
* 13	**Falklands**—½d green	.25	.12
*103	1sh bistre, War	1.00	.50
* 52	**Fiji** ½d black	.12	.06
* 52a	½d gray	.35	.17
* 56	2d green	.25	.12
59	½d CA, Edw.	.25	.12
60	1d red	.20	.10
70	½d green	.15	.07
71	1d red	.15	.07
73	1d carmine	.08	.04
83	3d gray	.12	.06
*104	**Gambia**—1½d red and blk.	..	.05
12	**Gold Coast**—½d green	.12	.06
13	1d rose	.10	.05
15	2½d blue	.25	.12
82	**Grenada**—2½d ult., MCA.	.20	.10
83	3d violet on yellow	.35	.17
89	3d white back	.50	.25
92	1d rose, script	.15	.07
37	**Hong Kong**—10c green	.20	.10
116	12c violet, white back	.40	.20
117	50c green, white back	.60	.30
23	**India**—2a orange	.20	.10
* 37	9p rose	.25	.12
* 2	**Chamba**—1a brown	.18	.09
* 6	3a orange	.35	.14
7	4a green	.40	.15
15	2a 6p ultramarine	.50	.20
51	½a Service	.12	.04
52	1a brown	.15	.05
53	2a ultramarine	.25	.09
74	1 rupee	1.00	.40
89	9p on 1a	.60	.20
23	**Cochin**—2a gray	.12	.05
64	**Gwalior**—9p on 1a	.20	.08
134	Same "Service"	.20	.08
74	1 rupee	1.00	.40
99	1½a George	.30	.12
2	**Leewards**—1d lilac	.10	.05
3	2½d lilac	.30	.15
20	½d Edw., CA	.12	.06
49	2d gray, mult.	.18	.10
50	2½d ult., mult.	.15	.08
17	**Ireland**—1½d brown	.20	.10
23	6d violet	.60	.25
38	6d violet	.25	.13
39	9d green	.40	.20
53	6d violet	.10	.05
54	9d violet	.20	.10
104	**Levant**—15pi on 10d blue	.18	.09
105	18¾pi on 1sh	.25	.12
*101	**Malta**—2d, Britannia	.18	.10
*112	1½d brown, Britannia	.15	.08
* 84	**Mauritius**—2c on 4c rose	.25	.12
*104	4c on 16c brown	.25	.12
*112	5c lilac on violet	.75	.35
176	12c rose red	.15	.07
* 28	**Morocco Agencies**—15c on 1½d	.30	.15
39	2s 6d brown	2.00	1.00
41	1½d green	.15	.07
49	1sh bistre	1.00	.50
58	25c on 2½d	.10	.06
63	**New Zealand**—3d orange	.15	.07
66	8d blue	.65	.30
67	1sh brown	.10	.05
68	2½d blue Queen	.15	.07
74	2½d blue Pictorial	.15	.07
536	3d Official (Edw.)	.10	.05
* 1	**Penrhyn**—½d green	.20	.10
3	**St. Vincent**—6d green	3.50	1.75
42	1d rose red	.25	.12
45	2½d on 1d lake	1.25	.60
72	1d violet and rose	.25	.12
80	½d violet & green, MCA	.20	.10
115	**Sierra Leone**—1sh	.50	.25
12	**S. Rhodesia**—2sh	.50	.25
13	2s 6d	.75	.38
47	**Straits**—5c ult.	.15	.07
49	24c blue green	.40	.20
69	10c on 24c green	.25	.12
78	25c violet and green	.75	.38
79	50c green and carmine	.75	.38
82	8c ult.	.10	.05
97	8c violet on blue	.18	.10
104	$5 green & brown, CA	5.00	2.50
143	$2 green and red	2.00	1.00
*161	10c violet, white back	.50	.25
164	$5 white back	3.00	1.50
166b	85	1.25	.65
23	**Rhodesia**—4sh gray & red	2.00	.90
79	2s 6d gray	1.25	.50
81	10sh bluish green	3.50	1.50
*138	½d on 1d rose	.75	.38
* 28	**Sudan**—4m blue	.25	.12
* 61	**Tasmania**—2d green	.60	.25
* 66	**Togo**—½d green, Local	.12	.07
* 67	1d scarlet, Local	.20	.12
* 68	2d gray, Local	.50	.28
* 69	2½d blue, Local	.75	.40
* 70	3d violet, Local	.50	.28
* 71	6d violet, Local	.75	.40
* 72	1sh green, Local	1.00	.55
82	2d gray, London schg.	.12	.06
83	2½d blue	.15	.08
84	3d violet	.25	.13
85	6d violet	.30	.16
86	1sh green	.75	.40
87	2sh green	1.50	.85
48	**Trinidad** 1d red	1.00	.50
57	1d carmine	.20	.10
80	1sh green	1.00	.50
* 84	2d violet brown	.15	.08
4	**Turks Islands**—1d lake	.35	.18
* 54	2½d ultramarine	.50	.25
4	**Turks & Caicos**—2½d blue	.85	.40
10	½d green, mult.	.30	.15
* 23	¼d claret	.12	.06
*101	1d red, War	.25	.08
*102	3d violet	.25	.08
*103	1d red	.10	.03
*107	1d red	.12	.04
*108	3d violet	.30	.10
*110	1d red	.12	.04
*111	3d violet	.35	.12
*112	1d red	.12	.04
* 21	**Virgin Ids.**—½d green	.18	.10
* 29	½d violet and blue	.20	.10
* 30	1d violet and scarlet	.50	.25
* 32	2½d violet and ult.	.50	.25
* 39	1d scarlet	.15	.08
4	**Zanzibar**—1a brown	.50	.25

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CANAL ZONE POSTAL REPORT

(Continued from page 705)

hill from Avenida Centrale (at the base of Ancon Hill and the principal thoroughfare of Panama City) and about half way between the Tivoli Hotel (Ancon, Canal Zone) and Santa Ana Plaza, Panama City. The National Post Office in Panama City is on Cathedral Plaza, about a mile distant, and is housed in the old French Canal Administration Building, which was used also as the American headquarters between 1904 and 1908.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, the following quantities of postage and due stamps of the U. S. overprinted "Canal Zone" (sharp "A" type) were received on the Isthmus from Washington:—

	Sheets.	Stamps.
Postage stamps,		
Series of 1922-23—		
2c Washington,	10,000	1,000,000
2c in books:		
25000-25c (12-2c),		300,000
5000-49c (24-2c),	1,166⅔	120,000
5c Roosevelt,	5,000	500,000
20c Golden Gate,	500	50,000
Series of 1925—		
17c Wilson,	1,000	100,000
1926 Commr. Series—		
2c Liberty Bell,	3,000	300,000
	20,666⅔	2,370,000
Postage due stamps—		
1c Numeral type,	500	50,000
2c Numeral type,	500	50,000
10c Numeral type,	500	50,000
	1,500	150,000

During the year two new varieties were issued, which would account somewhat for the increased sale of stamps, i.e., 17c Wilson, and 20c Golden Gate, on April 5, 1926.

The 2c Liberty Bell was received on the Isthmus during June, but not issued until after the close of the fiscal year. It was in the hands of all postmasters July 3d, and sale authorised from July 4th, but as all Post Offices were closed for the double holiday (Sunday the 4th and Monday the 5th) in the ordinary course of events, it would not be on sale until Tuesday, July 6th. However, through some misunderstanding of the instructions, the Postmaster at Balboa sold a number of these stamps on Sunday, July 4th, and they are known with the Balboa cancellation of July 4, 1926. In a circular to the Postmasters, dated Sept. 9, 1926, the Director of Posts calls attention to the fact that the official date of issue of this Sesqui-Centennial stamp was July 6th, and that the sale and cancellation of these stamps on July 4th had been without his authority.

COLONIAL NOTES

By "CALABAR".

MALTA.—It is interesting to note that the 10s Self-Govt. with CC wmk., of which 7860 were overprinted, is selling at £5 in England and $35 on the American market, whilst the 2s MCA of the same series, of which only 3240 were overprinted, rarely fetches over £2 in England, and $15 in the U.S.A. This discrepancy between market value and numbers issued is by no means of recent date; the former stamp, readers will recall, was quoted at 40s in 1923, and the latter at 5s in the same year. Curiously enough, the 10s Self-Govt. script is now changing hands at approximately the same price as is asked for the 2s, whereas the numbers overprinted of the former are 12,690. All of which should be carefully noted by those who are looking round for "stamps with a future," as the 2s is bound to go higher ere long, to the surprise of many, who have neglected this variety.

The s. values of the "Melita" series are rising fast, and already they are selling at twice face, even higher in the case of the 2s and 2s6d, which are really scarce—many of these being bought up and impressed with forgeries of the "Postage" overprint. Another stamp which is quite scarce is the second printing of the £1 with sideways wmk. (issued early in 1925). Very little attention was given this variety at the time, as it was superseded almost at once by the upright wmk. printing, and has since been rather neglected. Although quite distinct from the 1922 printing, it is ignored by Gibbons and Scott, which may account in a measure for the obscurity into which it has fallen at present.

DOMINICA.—The 2s and 2s6d old type script wmk.—long overlooked—are beginning to be appreciated at something like their true value. Around $8 is being asked for the pair, and whilst this figure is slightly higher than in England, the top has still to be reached. At the present moment Dominica is not enjoying a very fair share of popularity, due, no doubt, to her abstention from the practice of burdening collectors with wmk. varieties, since the current set was issued. This state of affairs, however, must ultimately come to an end, when we may expect startling rises in several stamps of t Colony, notably the 5s K.G. and the and 2s6d MCA, in addition to the abo mentioned duties.

TANGANYIKA.—Those who have re Mr. J. T. Malony's interesting and he ful book, "Colonial Stamps as an Inve ment," will find in the current high v ues of this Protectorate an excell opportunity to put into practice his sou advice re. the desirability of purchasi current stamps which are shortly to come obsolete. The 10s and £1, w sideways wmk., are, of course, the b of the lot, and even now it is difficult find these offered at less than £3 pair.

Speaking of high values, the pres rate for current stamps—32c per sh (which, in the case of a £1 duty—$4.8 amounts to $6.40) is rather a stiff p centage over face, and it is surpris that more collectors do not avail the selves of the opportunity to buy curr West Indian stamps direct from Colonies. M. O's cost no more than Domestic blanks, and a considerable sa ing is effected if this policy is follow consistently.

AFTERMATH

By CHARLES E. ROE.

Itte was a woefull weary Wight,
Who battered atte ye Doore;
Ye Nighte was black as any Catte,
Ye Winde didde bite fulle sore.

Thenne uppe & spake ye Housedwellérr
"Avaunt! Skidoo! Gette hence!
No tramping Folk are needed heere,
And eke no Bookke Agénts!"

"No Trampe am I, butte Santa Claus,
My Yearlye Ways I jogge.
My Packe is fulle of Albummes, Stamp
& Scotte, hys Catalogge."

"Now wellcome! wellcome! Santa Cla
Heere mayest thou abide!
Shake offe ye Snowflaykes fromme t
Cloathes,
& heave thy Packke ynsyde!"

"Nay, take these Giftes, and lette m
notte,
I may notte lingere heere,
Butte quickly on my Waye must goe
To give ye Christmasse cheere!"

& thenne ye Saynt didde lay a Curse
Onne those who mayde to goe,
Withinne ye Citie of Newe Yorke
Ye Postage Stampe ittes Showe.

"Whenas I bore light Drummes & Doll
No Wayte was inne ye Poke;
Butte nowe 'tis Stampes & heavye Book
Alack! Mye back is Broake!"

Thenne shouldered hee hys grievou
Loade,
A shortte Farewelle spake hee,
And through ye Snowe ye Saynte didd
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Upon recommendation of a member of the Collectors Club and Fellow of the Hot Stove League, A. E. Pade, the Postmaster General of Denmark has decided to open a Philatelic Agency in Copenhagen along the lines of our Agency in Washington.

There has for some time been considerable criticism about the way new issues were put out in Denmark. A new stamp might be on sale at a small Post Office, although it would not be available in Copenhagen due to the fact that the old issue had not been exhausted there. This made it difficult for stamp collectors and dealers to obtain supplies of the new issues as promptly as others who happened to live in the town where the new stamp first appeared. It sometimes takes months before a new issue is on sale at some post offices even in the larger cities.

For instance, the color of the current 20 ore stamp was recently changed to red. The new stamp was first on sale in a few small towns, but was not obtainable at the General Post Office in Copenhagen until much later on a day in March. The day following the placing of the stamp on sale the 75 year Jubilee issue of three different values, 10, 20 and 30 ore, was placed on sale at all Post Offices and the previous stamps of these values were withdrawn all over the country until the sale of the Jubilee issue ceased on May 31st, thus preventing Copenhagen dealers from getting their supplies of the new 20 ore stamp for almost three months, unless they had happened to go to their Post Office that one day.

The distribution and sale of the recent series of 7 ore provisionals also caused much comment and criticism in stamp circles and even in the daily press, as some of the scarce values were not for sale even at large Post Offices in Copenhagen or were snapped up by speculators who had advance tips from Post Office Officials. A Copenhagen daily, *Extrabladet*, charged Postmaster Magius, a member of high standing of the Copenhagen Philatelist Club, with having bought the supply of the scarce values of his own office and distributing them to friends and dealers. Mr. Magius was ordered to sue the newspaper by the Postmaster General, and several prominent dealers and members of the Copenhagen Club testified during the trial. Mr. Magius was acquitted.

A. E. Pade, who is of Danish birth, wrote at length to the Danish Postmaster General complaining of these conditions and the letter was forwarded through and with the recommendation of the Copenhagen Philatelist Club. In his letter Mr. Pade explained the successful work of the Philatelic Agency in Washington and gave statistical information (showing the big increase in sales since the start of the agency) furnished by Third Assistant Postmaster General R. S. Regar for that purpose.

In his reply the Danish Postmaster General advised that the suggestion would be followed and carried out this fall. The office will be located in the information bureau of the General Post Office in Copenhagen. All current stamps and entires will be carried in stock and stamp collectors and dealers will be permitted to send in orders for expected new issues in advance.

The Danish Postmaster General, Mr. Mondrup, has previously gone on record as being friendly towards stamp collectors, when he issued an order to Postmasters to comply with the wishes of stamp collectors as far as possible in regard to supplying stamps in good condition, blocks, etc. Now Mr. Mondrup has gone one step further and has fully recognized the hobby.

Incidentally it may be mentioned here, that the Danish Postmaster General has also promised that the stamp issuing activities of Denmark, which of late have threatened to endanger the good name of Denmark in philately, will soon be curbed. Danish Exchange is now practically at par, thereby making unnecessary the many changes of color and the provisionals which have been required during the past few years, owing to the frequent changes in rates.

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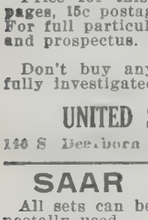

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U. S. STAMPS "USED ABROAD"

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A PHILATELIC by-path that does not seem to have been explored by American stamp students to anything like the same extent that its counterparts have been by their European confreres is that concerned with the national postage stamps "used abroad."

Much attention has been devoted to the cult of British, French, German, Austrian and Italian stamps bearing extra-territorial postmarks which indicate their use by postal agencies of those countries established in alien lands. As a result many pages are devoted by the principal stamp catalogues published in Europe to the enumeration of these much sought-after varieties.

On the subject of United States postage stamps employed under similar circumstances American catalogues and philatelic hand-books are disappointingly uninformative, whilst not even a Check List of known examples has yet been compiled.

Attempting to get together a reference collection of extra-territorially used specimens of U. S. postal issues, the present writer was surprised to find how hard they were to come by—and that was long before the boom in early U.S.A. had set in. Modern examples of Colonial cancellations are comparatively plentiful, excepting those of Guam and Samoa, but everything prior to the Twentieth century usually takes a lot of finding.

The postage stamps of the United States that are known to exist with overseas postmarks form a small but philatelically important group, and as such are highly prized by the few enthusiasts who are alive to their interesting character and potential value. Opportunities for acquiring "used abroads" are, however, few and far between, so that it behooves the wide-awake collector to take prompt advantage of any offers in this line that may be made to him. Even now the earlier issues cannot be picked up cheaply, nevertheless prices to-day are far below what they will be when these varieties of U.S. stamps are admitted to the American catalogues in the same way as those of other countries. Owing to the fact that they are indistinguishable from the home issue, save for the foreign postmark, they are often passed over, so that collectors will be well advised to keep a watchful eye for them.

Introductory.—At one time or another contemporary postage stamps of the U.S.A. have been "used abroad" in Hawaii (prior to 1882 and after 1899), China and Japan (U.S. Consular post offices), Samoa, Guam, Porto Rico, St. Thomas, Alaska, Cuba (Guantanamo Bay), etc., and by U.S. military post offices in Cuba and the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, in China at the time of the Boxer Rising, as well as in Mexico, Hayti, San Domingo under American occupation.

In attempting the present compilation the author has had to rely upon some tentative notes gathered in the process of forming a modest collection of covers bearing the U.S.A stamps used abroad (which has since been dispersed) and upon spasmodic references culled from various philatelic periodicals. It is not claimed that the facts given are in any way conclusive, and the object of their publication at this juncture is suggestive, rather than comprehensive. Readers to whom the subject may appeal are cordially invited to communicate any information in their possession that will tend to amplify or modify the statements contained therein.

The earliest instance of the use of United States postage stamps outside the country of their origin is in the

Hawaiian Islands.—When the first Hawaiian postage stamps were issued, in 1851, Hawaii was still an independent native kingdom, and, as in the case of numerous other countries at that period, her stamps possessed local franking power only. Since the bulk of the foreign correspondence of the group was destined for the United States however, an arrangement was entered into with the U.S. Government whereby the distinctive postage stamps of the Hawaiian Islands were recognised and accepted in prepayment of mail matter arriving by sea at San Francisco and other ports of the Pacific Coast. But upon letters which had to be conveyed overland in the U.S. mails or those intended for other countries forwarded via the U.S.A. the prevailing American postage rates were levied in addition, and had to be prepaid in U.S. postage stamps of the requisite denominations. To this end a supply of the then current U.S. stamps was kept on hand at the principal post offices of the Hawaiian group, the values in most general demand being those of 2, 3, 5 and 12 cents. A considerable proportion of early Hawaiian covers bear United States stamps in addition to the native issue in accordance with this system, which continued in operation until the year 1882, when on January 1st, Hawaii was admitted to full membership of the Universal Postal Union, and her own stamps became valid for prepayment of international postage.

The postmark most commonly found upon early U.S. stamps used in Hawaii consists of a large single-line circle, inscribed round its circumference "Honolulu—U.S. Postage Paid," with the day and month (but not the year) of posting in two lines in the centre, struck in red ink.

Another mark that is occasionally encountered upon such letters takes the form of an elongated oval, also impressed in red, and containing the designation "Hawaiian Steam Service."

On one or two occasions, during temporary shortages of local stamps, foreign correspondence was franked exclusively with those of the U.S.A., the Hawaiian postal authorities collecting their charges in cash, and marking the letters to this effect either in manuscript or by means of a handstamp comprising the word "Forwarded" in tall, thin sans-serif capitals arranged in the shape of a semi-circle with a large figure beneath to denote the amount of postage paid. This procedure was adopted in 1862, when a consignment of stamps for the Hawaiian Post Office was lost through the burning of the S/S "Polynesia," by which they had been forwarded.—*Stamp Collector.*

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